

## Isak Levi With Neighbors



This is a photo taken in June 1950 in Sofia with two neighbors of ours. At that time we still lived in the Jewish neighborhood Iuchbunar. The picture was taken near Kniazhevo at the foot of the Vitosha Mountain, near Sofia. At that time I worked as a textile technician. I got back to my old job in the silk textile factory upon my return to Sofia after 9th September 1944, the day of the communist takeover in Bulgaria. There I worked in shifts until May 1945. During the same year I enrolled in the party school, which prepared its organizational cadres. I attended the school for seven months and finally I took the exams. In 1946 I graduated from the school and started working for the communist party. At that time the preparation for nationalization was set forth. I was involved in the preparation process and was appointed director of a big enterprise in my capacity. In the course of three years I was director of a large textile enterprise. Yet, a problem occurred, as a result of which I was fired. In the process of textile production there are strictly specific requirements. Water steam at fixed temperature is being used in order to dye the textile. There was a problem with this steam. So, in order to be economical, the enterprise started using steam at a lower temperature. Thus the coals used for preparation of the steam were economized. However, I did not agree and protested against it, I even ordered on my own responsibility the steam temperature to be increased for the colors to be fixed better in the textile. Yet, this was considered by the higher circles of the Bulgarian Communist Party to contradict the party's policy and I was fired as a factory director, as well as expelled from the BCP.