

Family Picture



This picture was taken in 1988 at a family gathering. From the left, my husband Nesim Ers, next to him me, behind me Perla Ers (Benveniste), and next to her my younger son Izzet Ers, seated next to me Arlet Ers and Salvo Ers. We had a wonderful night that evening, if I am not mistaken it was the wedding of someone in the family. That evening we saw everyone is taking pictures, we took this one as a souvenir. We always talked in Turkish with our children, tried to raise them according to Jewish traditions, celebrated the Jewish holidays all together. In the first years of my marriage, all of the mothers and fathers and siblings, we would have a wonderful evening all together. We would gather at my home or my sister-in-law's home. We would gather in my home the first night, at my sister-in-law's the second night. My children only went to the synagogue on holidays. But my younger son Izzet now goes continually. He started going continually after his father's death. The older one never goes anymore. I did not have any problems with my children as far as raising my grandchildren according to Jewish traditions. I still gather the family and cook food.