

Anjel, Ester, Suzi And Sami Sharhon At Walk In The Taksim Gardens



This photo was taken in 1951 inside the Taksim gardens. My brother-in-law, Alber Sarhon, was the one who took the photo. In this photo, you can see my sister-in-law, Anjel Sarhon on the left; then beside her, my mother-in-law, Ester Sarhon, myself and my baby son Sami Sarhon, who was 9 months old at the time. That year, my brother-in-law, who lived in Avignon, France, came on a visit. That was when I met him for the first time. We went on an outing on that day and then came home.

My elder son, Sami, finished his secondary school at "Tarhan Koleji" [a private Turkish school] in 1967. He then went to Israel to study lycée there. It was fashionable those days; everyone was sending their kids to Israel to study. Sami also wanted to go, so we sent him and he left with a few of his friends. He went to study electronics there. He studied for one year but he was not happy because they taught him not electronics but carpentry. So after a year, he came back. He finished the lycée at Tarhan Koleji. Then later, he was able to get into university and he studied economics at the İktisadi Ticari İlimler Akademisi [Economics Academy in Osmanbey].