

Romano Wedding Day, Leaving The Synagogue



The other people in the photograph: my mother and older sister on the right. The wedding was over. As we were leaving the Edirne synagogue. It was very windy, Luna's veil had flown off. My mother Ines Romano was born in Edirne. I do not remember the birthdate. She was a very humble woman. She would not attend meetings a lot. Because my father had a principle. When my father came home from work, he wished to see my mother across him. When my mother went somewhere, she would come half an hour earlier. When my father arrived, my mother had to be the one opening the door. But this was a habit based on love and respect. My mother was slender and graceful and her hair remained black till she died. Every mother views her child differently. But she spoiled me excessively, even my spouse complains about this. My mother and father never let me want for anything in my life. My mother was even a big support when we went out with friends, as a group. When my friends got fifty pennies, I would get a hundred pennies. My mother is a highschool graduate, I do not remember which highschool. My father on the other hand graduated from university, he studied in Istanbul, I do not know which university. But I think it was either economics or math. He would solve all of our math problems. I know very well that he studied in university. Their mother tongues were Turkish and Judeo Spanish, they would speak Spanish and French among themselves, they would speak Turkish with us. Because we did not speak the Judeo Spanish language very well, they would speak Turkish with us. We are three siblings. My older sister Ida (Nee. Romano) Kasuto was born in Edirne in 1929. She is married to Sami Kasuto. Sami Kasuto was a grocer and seller of candy in Edirne. He was from Babaeskili. My older sister has two sons. One is Hanri Aaron Kasuto, the other Yuda Kasuto. They left for Israel in 1964 and 1966. Henri worked in Turkey quite a bit. He still comes and goes. Ida Kasuto currently lives in Israel. Her son Aaron died in Israel during the six-day war. My second older sister Rejina (Nee.Romano) Sarfati, was born in Edirne in 1932, she died in Istanbul in 1994. She studied in Ismet pasha elementary school. She attended junior high and highschool there too. She married Samuel Sarfati She had two daughters and a son. Meri and Ines are the daughters, Modi the son. Ines lives here. She is on the board in Goztepe Kultur dernegi(cultural association) now, Meri and Modi live in Israel. My older sister's husband worked in shipping in Edirne. Later he came to be with us. When my sister died he

left for Israel and lives there. Our wedding was a little sad. My wife's father had passed away before the wedding. We were in mourning because of that. In our family, mothers and fathers are above everything. We were raised in formality, but attachment was more prevalent in my wife's family. In a family where everyone is so close, our wedding took place in an atmosphere of melancholy due to the absence of the father. Normally one would organize an evening for a wedding. We could not have the wedding even though we were wealthy. We were going to have fun but there would be sorrow in us. We married on September 9th, 1962 in Edirne Synagogue, we went to Istanbul by train that night, we stayed at the Hilton hotel.