

# The Fridman Family



This is my family. From right to left are: my father Yosif Fridman, my mother Blanche Fridman and their three children: my younger brother Faivel, me and my older brother Ruben. The photo was taken in Sofia in the 1940s.

My father had come to Bulgaria from Russia, coming to Sofia most probably through Vidin. In Sofia he met my mother Blanche Israel Baruh, who then worked as a clerk at a good position (but unfortunately I have no information where). After her second marriage (to my father) my mother stopped working. She was a housewife. But I know nothing about how my mother and my father had met. I know only that my mother was divorced then and had one kid. I can't say anything for certain about her first husband, Yosif Levi. Once I saw him from the back in a street. He seemed to me dirty.

My parents both moved to Israel and are no longer alive. They were relatively religious, which means that they observed the Jewish traditions, but not every single detail of them. My father was of Ashkenazi origin, that is a Russian Jew, and my mother Blanche Israel is of the Sephardic Jews in Bulgaria. After they left for Israel, they lived in the town of Yagur.

My brother Faivel [Shraga was his nick-name, used by his friends. His official name was Faivel] Fridman still lives there. He worked as a construction technician and now he is a pensioner. The only information I have about his family is that he has two daughters and a son: Hanita, Pnina and David. They have a lot of grandchildren. He was relatively religious [also].