

The Saltiel Family On Vacation



My wife and I with two friends of ours while on vacation at the sea coast. I am standing in the middle, to the right is Juliet and next to her is our elder son Solomon. Sitting below are our second son Yosif and our daughter Ani. The photo was taken in Sozopol in 1966.

We have three children: Solomon, Yosif and Ani. They were born in Sofia where they live now. Solomon is professor, doctor of sciences, working in the area of quantum electronics. Yosif is automation engineer, has a private company. Ani is an architect and is not working at the moment. They have families and each of them has two children.

I even have two great-grandchildren from Ani. Ani's children are Nikolay and Elena Mladenov. Nikolay works in Canada as a computer specialist and Elena is an engineer in the Water Supply and Drainage company. Yosif's children are Georgi and Monica Saltiel. Georgi graduated the in chemistry at the Chemical Technical Institute, but he also works with computer technology. Monica is a student in the tenth grade in the Sofia Natural and Mathematical High School. Before that she studied in the Jewish school on Pirotska Str. near the synagogue in Sofia.

Solomon's children are Juliet and Kalina Saltiel. Juliet is a third-year student in Economics and Finance Management in the American University in Blagoevgrad. My great-grandchildren - Mladen and Anton Mladenovi - seven and two years old, are sons of my grandson Nikolay and grandsons of my daughter Ani.

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During World War II when I went to prison, Juliet was interned to Asenovgrad and occasionally she would send me postcards secretly from her parents. When I returned from prison we renewed our friendship. She started work, we became close, and we got married in 1947. We married before the registrar, that is, we did not wed in the synagogue in accordance with the Jewish ritual.

She had a bed and a chest and I had another bed, quite different. But we put them one close to the other and made a double bed out of them. But we had no stove for heating. There was nothing in the shops to buy, everything was distributed in rations. To buy a stove, we had to get a special note from the Supply Commissariat. Since my wife got pregnant, we went there and asked them for such a note. They gave it to us to keep the baby warm. We bought a cooking stove to use it for various purposes. We have three children: Solomon, Yosif and Ani. They were born in Sofia where they live now.

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