

Solomon Saltiel In His Workshop In Sofia



This is my father Solomon Saltiel (first from left) in his workshop in Sofia. The photo was taken in Sofia in the 1930s.

My father was a cobbler. He had a workshop where he repaired shoes. We were not very well off financially. We were not very poor, but we were not rich either. I do not know what my father did before he got married.

My father had four brothers and one sister. His sister was called Tamara and the brothers were called Meshulam, Yosif, Benjamin and Mois. None of them is alive any longer. Mois died in 1921 in Sofia; he did not have a family.

Benjamin and Yosif were merchants. They had a shop on Nishka Street where they sold materials for cobblers. They had secondary education and many heirs, who now live in Israel.

We kept in touch with most of our relatives, but we met most often with my aunt Tamara and uncle Benjamin. They did not come to our house often, because we were poorer. They were all better off financially and we were the ones to contact them. My aunt Tamara gave a plot near the entrance to her house on Stamboliiski Street to my brother Haim so that he would build a shed and start repairing shoes there.