

Yosif Levi And His Family



This is a photo of my family taken in the 1930s in Sofia. I'm on the left, the next are: my brother Isak Levi in the first row, my mother Rashel Avram-Nissim Levi (nee Isak Behar) and my father Avram-Nissim David Levi. To the left in the second row is my brother Mordechai Levi, then my sister Adela Naftali (nee Levi), my other sister Oro Frank (nee Pilosof) with her husband Morits Frank and my brother David Levi.

My mother was from Dupnitsa. She had been married before but her first husband perished on the front during the First Balkan War. Thus she remained a widow with one daughter. From Dupnitsa she moved to Sofia, where her brother lived. There she searched for an opportunity to get married. And this is how my parents met. My father learned somehow about her, likewise she learned about him and he took her to Gorna Dzhumaya. They got married and every two years my mother gave birth to a child: she gave birth to six children.

I have three brothers and two sisters. My eldest brother is called Isak Levi and he is a textile technician. He is a widower already with a daughter: Ema. They both live in Sofia. My second brother is Mordechai Levi and he used to work as a printer. My sister Oro Morits Frank didn't have any special profession and she used to work in a glass shop as a laborer. She finished secondary school and had no other qualifications. She married in 1938 and her wedding was a disappointment for us because in accordance with our traditions, when a girl is getting married she is supposed to bring a dowry into her new family. We had no money and had to take loans. Mordechai had to work for a whole year in order to pay off the loan.