

The Family Of Milka And Rofat Revah



This is the family of my sister Milka and her husband Rofat Revah. The photo was taken in 1940 in Plovdiv.

We were four children. I was born on 11th November 1924 in Samokov. My sister and my brothers are Milka Benjamin Revah, Sinto Benjamin Kohen and Miko Benjamin Kohen. We have always been best friends. The four of us were born in Samokov where we studied in the same school (there was no other high school). Our parents spoke in Ladino to each other. Of course, since we had to go to a Bulgarian school and when we were among Bulgarians, we spoke Bulgarian and learned Bulgarian very well. So, we spoke Ladino and Bulgarian equally well, though our Bulgarian vocabulary was richer. My parents did not know Ivrit, though they both were very religious, so in our home we observed kashrut on Pesach, fasted on [Yom] Kippur, celebrated erev Sabbath and all other high religious holidays such as Rosh Hashanah, Chanukkah, Sukkot, Lag ba-Omer, Tu bi-Shevat, Simchat Torah.

Milka became a social worker in Israel (she had a university education in Bulgaria) and now she has two lovely sons there. All I know about her family is that Milka married before she left - to Rofat Revah in 1940, who was from Plovdiv and I lived with them in Samokov for a while. In 1947 I married Avram Melamed. We met through a group of Jewish friends from Plovdiv. I was in Plovdiv visiting my sister who had just married Rofat Revah. Friends of his decided that I and Avram Melamed were perfect for each other and made everything possible to convince us in that. This was my first meeting with Rofat Revakh, the husband of my sister Milka. They still live in Israel today and have a good family, children and grandchildren. My sister has two boys: Izak Rofat Revah [born in 1942] and Benjamin Rofat Revah [born in 1947]. Currently Izak lives in Canada. He works as an engineer there. To my great regret I don't know anything else about them.