

Albert And Matild Ravunas



This is a photo that is nearly 100 years old. It's a photo of Albert Ravuna and his wife Matild Ravuna . Albert Ravuna was my father's cousin and they were very close to each other.

Albert and Matild Ravuna had 3 daughters. One of them lives in Israel and her name is Lucia Katan. The second one died but the third is a very dear friend of mine, Tika Penso.

My father's side of the family was from Istanbul. My father's father, Salamon Baruh, used to work at a glassware shop in Beyoglu [a fashionable district in Istanbul with the street named Pera running in the middle of it] named "Karako". "Istiklal Caddesi" [this very fashionable street that ran from Taksim Square till Tunel was then called "Pera"], the trade center of Istanbul, where foreign firms and shops selling foreign goods were located, was the busiest street of the city. During those days, working at a big shop brought with it an organized life. Being in charge of a warehouse or working as a cashier at a big shop was regarded as a respected career, and was enough to support the family. Not everyone needed to become a merchant. Salamon Baruh, by taking advantage of the privilege granted to non-muslims had not performed his military service. [1] Salamon Baruh, had two more sisters, named Rebeka and Lea. Rebeka married Hayim Musabak, and they never had any children. On the other hand, Lea married the son of a very wealthy family, named Bohoraci Ravuna. The Albert Ravuna in this photo is the son of Bohoraci and Lea Ravuna.