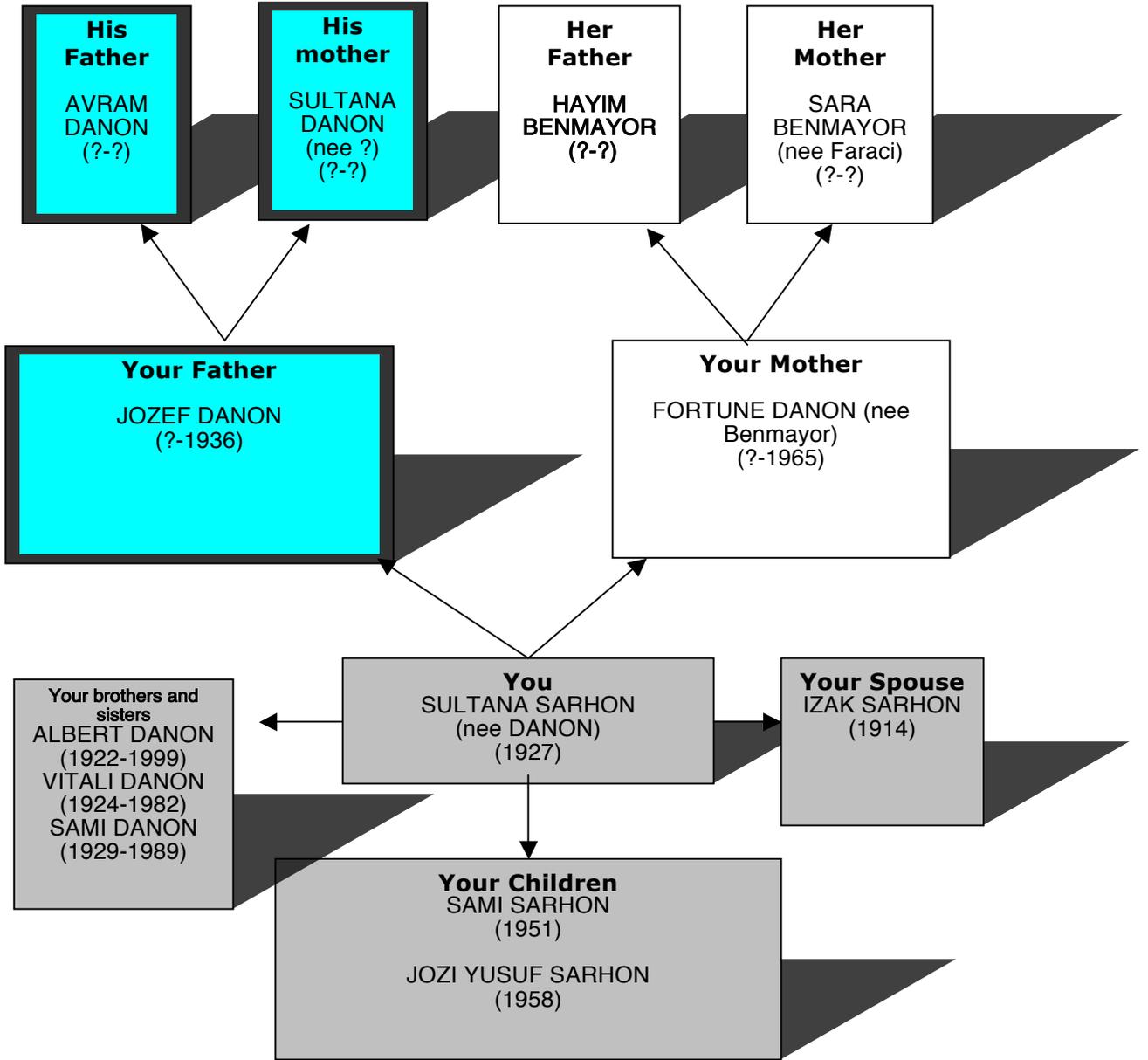


Your family tree



You and your family

Your full name

SULTANA (Suzi) SARHON

Where and when were you born?

Istanbul, January 24th, 1927

Where else did you live?

Nowhere else

Your educational level?

Finished Primary School and vocational school (Arts and Crafts)

What sort of work do/did you do?

Housewife

What was the level of religiosity in your parents' home? How were you raised?

My mother and father were religious but more in a keeping the traditions type of religiosity.

What is your mother tongue?

Ladino

How many languages do you speak?

French, Turkish, Greek.

If you were in an army, tell us which army and the dates

NA

Your brothers and sisters

Their names

Albert Danon (m), Vitali Danon (m), Sami Danon (m).

Where and when were they born?

All in Istanbul.

Albert Danon 1922

Vitali Danon 1924

Sami Danon 1929

What is their mother tongue?

Ladino for all

Their educational level?

Albert Danon: no formal education

Vitali Danon: finished secondary school

Sami Danon: finished St. Michel French Catholic secondary school)

Their occupations?

Albert Danon: did not work; helped Sami for a while

Vitali Danon: salesman at Galeri Kristal (glassware shop)

Sami Danon: had his own perfume shop

Where do/did they live?

All in Istanbul

Do they have children?

Albert: none

Vitali: 2 daughters: Karolin, Karin

Sami: 2 children; Sara (f), Yasef (m)

Where and when did they die?

Albert: Istanbul, 1999

Vitali: Istanbul, 1982

Sami: Istanbul, 1989

Your spouse

Name?

Izak Sarhon

Where and when was he/she born?

Istanbul, 1914

Where else did he live?

Barcelona (today Spain); Avignon (today France); Palestine

Is he/she Jewish?

Yes

What is his/her mother tongue?

Ladino

His/her educational level?

French Catholic high school

Occupation?

Accountant

Where and when did he/she die?

N/A

What can you tell us about his siblings?

3 older siblings.

Nisim Sarhon: died before he was born; has no information on him.

Albert Sarhon: left for France when he was 20, came back for his military service, then left again and settled in France. He got married there and died there.

Anjel Sarhon: lived in Istanbul all her life. She got married, then separated. She never had any children. She died in 2000.

Your children

What are their names?

Sami Sarhon

Jozi Yusuf Sarhon (first name changed from Jozi because of assimilation)

Were they raised Jewish/do they identify themselves as Jews?

Yes, they were raised Jewish and identify themselves as such.

Where and when were they born?

Both in Istanbul

Sami 1951, Yusuf 1958.

Where else did they live?

Nowhere

Their educational level?

Sami: Graduated from "İktisadi Ticari İlimler Akademisi" (Academy of Economics)

Yusuf: Incomplete university education in Economics at the University of Istanbul.

Their occupations?

Sami: owned a textile firm called "Sandy"

Yusuf: partner in a plastics firm called "Prizma".

How many grandchildren do you have?

Sami: Izel (m), 1976 and Sandy (f), 1980

Yusuf: Selin (f), 1996

Your father

His name?

Jozef Danon

Where and when was he was born?

Istanbul, year unknown

Where else did he live?

nowhere

Where and when did he die?

Istanbul, 1936

What sort of education did he have?

High school in French

What sort of work did he do?

He owned a hardware business

What was his level of religiosity?

He was very religious. He put on his tefillin every morning and he went to the synagogue as often as he could, morning and evening (twice every day) and also on Shabats and all holidays.

What was his mother tongue?

Ladino

Army service: Which army and what years?

No information.

Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

5 siblings: 2 brothers, Izidor, Sami; and 2 sisters, Viktorya and Sara from my grandfather's first wife and another brother, Beno, from my grandfather's second wife.

Izidor left Turkey (I don't know when or why) and went to settle in the USA. He married someone there and had a child but we never had a lot of information on him. He had one son only.

When Viktorya Danon got married, she became a Schilton. Her husband's name was Rober Schilton. Rober was of Italian nationality and he came from Bursa. They got married in Bursa, then they came to Istanbul and lived in Tunel. They had 4 children: 2 girls, Sara and Suzi; and 2 boys, Alber and Sami.

My father's other sister, Sara Danon married another of the Schiltons but I do not remember his name. She married a brother of Rober Schilton's. They lived in Paris and had 3 children, with the same names: Alber, Sami, Suzi.

I do not remember anything about the other brother, Sami.

I do not know when the last brother, Beno was born. He grew up and got married and had a son, Albert Danon. He lives in Istanbul, in Sisli. I do not have any other information about him.

Your father's family

His father

Your father's father name?

Avram Danon _____

Where and when was he born?

Istanbul, date unknown _____

Where else did he live?

Nowhere else _____

Where and when did he die?

Istanbul, date unknown _____

What sort of education did he have?

No information _____

What sort of work did he do?

Was in business together with his son, no other information _____

What was his level of religiosity?

Very religious _____

What was his mother tongue?

Ladino _____

Army service: Which army and what years?

No information _____

Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information _____

His mother

Your father's mother's name?

Sultana Danon

Where and when was she born?

Istanbul, date unknown

Where else did she live?

Nowhere else

Where and when did she die?

No information

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

What was her level of religiosity?

Very religious

What was her mother tongue?

Ladino

Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information

Your Mother

Her name?

Fortune Danon (nee Benmayor)

Where and when was she was born?

Salonika, year unknown

Where else did she live?

Istanbul

Where and when did she die?

Istanbul, 1965.

What sort of education did she have?

Probably in a French school, level unknown

What sort of work did she do?

housewife.

What was her level of religiosity?

She was very religious. She obeyed all the rules of Shabat (Sabbath) and high holidays at home. Women did not go to the synagogue very often except for weddings, funerals and bar mitzvahs.

What was her mother tongue?

Ladino

Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

4 brothers: Alber, Mishel, Jak and Dani (Daniel), all of them born in Salonika.

Alber Benmayor went to Germany when he was 16. He studied there, then he started a business. He opened a razor blade factory there. Then when he came back he lived very close to our house in Kurtulus. Here he opened a jersey cloth factory. He was quite well-off. He had a son, Maryo Benmayor. My uncle Alber died here in Istanbul in 1950.

Mishel was also born in Salonika. He also went to Germany when he was very young both to study and then to do business. He was in business with his older brother Alber and then came back here when Hitler came. After the war was over, he went to Paris. There he married a woman whose surname was Behar and whose first husband had been killed by the Germans. He went into the textile business in Paris. He died in Paris, in 1962.

Jak Benmayor got married here and then went to Los Angeles with his wife. I do not remember when he went or who his wife was. We were told he had 2 daughters.

Daniel lived in Istanbul and married an Italian girl called Emilia Kilkus. They did not have any children. He was in business with her father. I think they had a hardware shop. Later on, when the business did not go well, he took his share and left. He bought two flats with that money and lived on the rent of those flats. He did not work. Daniel died in 1957.

Your Mother's family

Her father

Your mother's father name?

Hayim Benmayor

Where and when was he born?

Salonika, year unknown

Where else did he live?

Istanbul, Germany

Where and when did he die?

Istanbul, year unknown

What sort of education did he have?

He must have been well educated.

What sort of work did he do?

He worked at his son's razor blade factory in Germany.

What was his level of religiosity?

Very religious

What was his mother tongue?

Ladino

Army service: Which army and what years?

No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information

Her mother

Your mother's mother's name?

Sara Benmayor

Where and when was she born?

Salonika, year unknown

Where else did she live?

Istanbul

Where and when did she die?

Istanbul, year unknown

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

What was her level of religiosity?

She was very religious. She was careful about Shabat (Sabbath), kasherut and all the holidays.

What was her mother tongue?

Ladino

Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information