

Izak Levi



This photo was taken in the 1940s in Sofia. This is Izak Levi, my cousin. He is the son of Sultana Levi, nee Bohor, the sister of my mother Vergina Elazar, nee Bohor. He was a dentist. You can see him wearing the distinctive yellow star. Due to some illness he had, he was advised not to marry, so he remained celibate. Later, it turned out that the diagnosis was wrong. He was a very intelligent man. My mother had a number of sisters; I know about one named Sultana, her elder sister, and Sarah, and my grandmother, who lived in Turkey. Sultana was married to Buhor Levi and had five children, among who were Venezia, Duda and Izak. Other relatives of mine lived there too and they visited us sometimes. They knew a number of languages, even Arabic. But at some point they were banished from Turkey, in the 1930s, and came to Bulgaria. However, due to various reasons, they couldn't adapt to the way of life here and left for Israel after World War II along with many other Jews. I haven't heard of them ever since. They were banished from Turkey, because they thought of themselves as Bulgarian Jews and at that time Turkey was pursuing a

policy against Bulgaria.