

Josif Kamhi On An Excursion On The Pirin Mountain



This is a photo from an excursion to the Pirin Mountain. The photo was taken when my wife, Venezia Kamhi (nee Konorti), was in Israel in 1957. We had some friends with whom we went to the mountains, but on this photo I am at another excursion, which I joined. After the service in the army I started work in the designers' company, which split into two, and in 1957 I continued to work in one of the two new companies – Minproekt, where I designed the electrical installations of the Maritsa mine complex and the Kremikovtzi metallurgic plant. I was happy with my job and working conditions. We could afford to go on holidays, though we did not have a car. We also went to the mountains and to the seaside. We went to the best resorts such as Borovets and Nessebar. We were given pre-paid vouchers from my work, with which we spent two weeks at the resort. Once I designed a project for a resting home of the miners in Nessebar on the Black Sea coast. That was the second resting home there. When it was finished, the miners gave our organization the bungalows in front of the station. We used to go there together with five more families from our organization. At my work I did not have any problems for being a Jew. When I designed the project for the Maritsa mine complex I made model designs so my employers decided to place me in such a department. A model department is a mixed department in which architects and technicians work together on the designs. We made model mobile electrical connecting posts, electrical boards, designs for companies. The electrical installations in the plant for metal-cutting machines in Sofia were also designed by me. The design was very practical and afterwards many companies from the country wanted to use it.