

Sultana Yulzari And Matilda Melnik



This is me with my sister Matilda Melnik, nee Beniesh, who came to visit then from America. The photo was taken in 1963 on the terrace of Sofia's Rila hotel, where I and my husband went on the occasion of the visit of my sister.

My sister's fate is interesting. She carried through her plan of studying medicine in Bulgaria, although my parents were against it because, as I mentioned before, their views on a woman's place in society and in family were rather conservative.

Mati managed to complete her medical education in Bulgaria, and in 1949 she immigrated to Israel. She continued studying medicine there for three more years, after that she graduated as a doctor, served in the army, and then she immigrated to the USA where she lives with her family down to the present day. Now she is a widow but has an own psychiatric cabinet in Houston and is satisfied. From time to time Mati sends me some money, which helps us make both ends meet in Ruse.