

Benjamin Kohen With Milka Revah And Rofat Revah And Their Two Children



This is my father Benjamin Kohen with my sister Milka Revah and her husband Rofat Revah and their two children. This photo was taken before the emmigration of my sister's family in the 1940s to Israel.

My mother's name is Iafa Benjamin Kohen and my father's name - Benjamin Shemtov Kohen. They were both born and raised in Samokov. My mother had primary education and my father - secondary high school education. He knew French, because his parents wanted him to go to study in France, which did not happen, because my father was the first born child and his duty was to stay and support the family, who was not very well-off. My father believed in communist ideas, but I did not remember if he was a member of the party or if he was involved in illegal party activities. In this sense my father was more of an idealist and communist in beliefs than an active party member.

My sister Milka Benjamin Revah was born on 13th April 1921 in Samokov (in reality we were four children: I have one lovely sister and two nice brothers but the first child of us this is my sister). Milka became a social worker in Israel (she had a university education in Bulgaria) and now she has two lovely sons there. Milka married before she left - to Rofat Revah in 1940, who was from Plovdiv and I lived with them in Samokov for a while. In 1947 I married Avram Melamed. We met through a group of Jewish friends from Plovdiv. I was in Plovdiv visiting my sister who had just married Rofat Revah. Friends of his decided that I and Avram Melamed were perfect for each other and made everything possible to convince us in that. This was my first meeting with Rofat Revah, the husband of my sister Milka. They still live in Israel today and have a good family, children and grandchildren. My sister has two boys: Izak Rofat Revah [born in 1942] and Benjamin Rofat Revah [born in 1947]. Currently Izak lives in Canada. He works as an engineer there. To my great regret I don't know anything else about them.