

# Nathan Soifer And His Spouse At A Wedding Party



This photograph was taken at a wedding in Haifa on 20th September 1967. I can easily recognize my uncle, Nathan Soifer, who was my mother's brother - he was already very old at that time - and his wife; they are the ones on the right, sitting down. I don't recognize the other people in the photograph.

My mother had two older brothers, Nathan and Marcu, and a younger sister, Ana. Their actual name was Soifer, and they took the name of Safir. But officially they never changed their name.

Nathan, Nachman was the eldest. He moved to Bucharest after World War I and became an accountant. His wife was a pharmacist. They had a son, Relu - his pet name was Luli. Their son was born long after I was born. We are cousins, but this is how it came to pass, he was much younger than me, we were born more than 50 years apart. My uncle settled in Israel with his family after World War II. He left out of patriotism, as it was in the days when people were leaving, but also for the sake of their son, so that he could have a future - he was still little, a child or in his teens. And indeed, he made a career for himself. He was an aviator, now he too is retired, and may God keep him safe for he is an aviator and I believe they are recalling reservists into service. Uncle Nathan was employed in Israel as well, he also knew Hebrew, and he worked as expert accountant. He died before my mother did, he was actually older than her. Luli came to visit me this summer [in 2007]. He has a family of his own, he is married and has two daughters, grandchildren.