

## Bina Dekalo And Her Brother Marko Aroyo With Friends



This is a photo taken in 1934 in the town of Lom. I am first from left to right, next to me is my brother Marco Aroyo, a friend of ours from Lom, whose name is Berta Isakova and another acquaintance of ours - Nichko, who was a teacher in Bulgarian. Berta is no longer alive; Nichko lives in Israel. My brother Marco graduated the French College in Rouse. From an early age he started supporting my parents and me. After my father went bankrupt in Rouse, we were left with no money and we went to our brother in Lom, where he worked as a correspondent in French in the newly-opened branch of the General Bank. Without his help, I wouldn't have been able to finish my high-school education. He insisted that I should study, while I wanted to work and help my parents. In Lom I was a high school student. There I studied in the second and the third junior high school grades and in high school. The second and third grade correspond to the present sixth and seventh grade. Before that I had completed four grades of elementary school and the first grade of junior high school in Rouse.