

Menahem Josifov In The Labor Camp



This is a photo of my husband Menahem Josifov in the forced labor camp where people had to work like slaves from 1942-1944. My husband's father, Israel Menahem, was an important egg merchant - he exported production wholesale to Austria. He lived in the town of Plevna. There was such a concurrence of circumstances that he went bankrupt and died. His family moved to Sofia in 1935. They rented a lodging in the town and started to work. The Jewish choir was a meeting place for young Jews. My husband and I met each other in the choir of the synagogue where we both used to sing. I married him on 30th June 1945. Our marriage was one of the first civil marriages in Sofia. Our love lasted and we waited for several years for each other while we were interned from Sofia. My family was interned in Kjustendil and his in the town of Byala Slatina in North Bulgaria. My husband was sent to a forced labor camp close to the town. He worked on road construction. His work was very hard. His family lived a very miserable life there. I did my best to help my future

husband's family and sent them parcels with food and clothes.