

Istvan, Maja And Judit Lazar



This is my brother, Istvan Lazar with his wife, Judit Lazar and their granddaughter, Maja.

After World War II, the democratic state had to be established, you know, so the Romanian Communist Party was established; he became a party activist, and they were organizing the Romanian Communist Party.

The elections had to be falsified, it was a great circus back then that the communist party won the elections in 1946, I think the first so-called election was held that year.

Well, I remember for example going twice to the polls. The dead voted.

That's how they managed to overthrow the Liberal [in fact National] Peasants' Party led by Maniu and Bratianu.

In the meantime my brother, already an activist enrolled to the faculty of law in Kolozsvár, finished his law studies there and became a lawyer.

They were looking for young people for the Official Gazette, and his dean, who later was considered a traitor as well, and was put in prison, recommended my brother to be employed together with a colleague of his.

Thus he became the chief editor of the Monitorul Oficial [Official Gazette] in Bucharest, in 1950, and he worked there until 1964.

When they found out that he and his whole family put their name down to leave for Israel, they kicked him out instantly, and they expelled him from the party as well.

Then they left and settled in Israel. They adapted to it well, they are fine.

He passed the language exam in Israel, but he passed all the legal exams too, and he worked as a prosecutor for the Israeli police, and when he retired from there, he opened a legal practice in Rehovot.

They live in Rishon LeZion, and Rehovot is not far from there. Do you know why Rehovot is famous? The Weizmann Institute is there. They are very well.

He's eighty years old already, and now he is a sick man, so he doesn't work.

But he was always a good brother to me, because he helped me. While I was a student, my brother helped me, well, learning always costs.

When they arrested me, he came at once. He came to the trial, everything.

He met his wife in Kolozsvar. His wife is Judit Lazar, nee Jakabovics; she is from Nagykaroly and she is Jew.

She studied at the Music Academy of Kolozsvar. They have one child, Peter, who was born in 1958, he's married; his wife immigrated with her parents from Morocco.

They have two beautiful children, one is called Maja, the other is called Gal.

Maja is doing the army service now, her brother is one or two years younger, he's still at school.