

Ania Duszynska And Roman Gren On Vacation In Sweden



This is my brother Leopold and my children Ania and Romek during their vacation in Strenge in Sweden in 1963.

Ania and Roman went to stay with Leopold for a month in 1963. They had no problem getting passports - they were going on their own, without their parents.

It wasn't a whole family going, just a 12-year-old and a 15-year-old. One of my friends was going to Germany at the time, and took them up to Gdansk or somewhere - in any case they crossed to Sweden by ferry on their own and had a wonderful month.

Leopold was perhaps four years older than me. In Yiddish Leopold is Lipe, or Lipek, I think. He used to be called Lipek. He was born in Switzerland too.

He worked in our father's factory 'Orion' as a chemist. Before the war he was married and had two daughters: Inka and Ruth.

After the war Leopold came back, from Russia - probably, because we never talked about that at all - with both daughters and his wife.

And then he went to Sweden, also with his wife and two daughters, one of whom, Inka, emigrated from Sweden to Israel and lives there to this day.

I think she's still alive. I'm not sure that they'd all have gone if it hadn't been for the Kielce pogrom.

In Sweden Leopold worked in a national photographic materials factory. Maryla, his wife, died at 90.