

The Mizrahy Siblings With Their Companions



This photo was taken in Bucharest in 1938. This is a very important photograph for me; here are all the Mizrahy siblings together with their spouses. From right to left: Solomon [better known as Soly] Mizrahy and his wife, Odette Mizrahy, Iancu Rosman and his wife, Carola Rosman [nee Mizrahy], Henriette Mizrahy [nee Schonfeld] and her husband, Moscu Mizrahy, Suzette Aronescu [nee Mizrahy] together with her husband, Felix Aronescu, Paulina [nee Hurtig] and her husband, Leon Mizrachi.

My grandfather, Avram Mizrahy, still spoke Ladino, but the language spoken in their house was Romanian - without foreign accents, even without inflections. All his five children - Moscu Mizrahy [my father, the eldest], Leon Mizrachi [the only one whose name had a different spelling, because of a transcription error occurred in the official papers], Suzette Aronescu [nee Mizrahy], Carola Rosman [nee Mizrahy], and Solomon Mizrahy - spoke the literary Romanian fluently. It was in these 'quarters' that my father grew up together with his two brothers and two sisters. Both my father's sisters lived on Banu Maracine Street, on neighboring plots, with a common courtyard.

Aunt Suzette was born in 1901 in Bucharest. She married Felix Aronescu, with whom she had a boy, Mihai Aronescu, born in 1932. Suzette lived at 41 Banu Maracine Street, next to my parents. She got divorced in the 1940s and emigrated to Israel in the 1950s.

My father was born on 12th April 1897 in Bucharest. He was what they call a 'self-made man'. He went to the Evangelic School, then to the Commerce Academy in Bucharest. Over the years, his career developed: authorized accountant, expert accountant, and PhD in economics. He married my mother in 1920, and they had two children: my sister Mira and me.

Uncle Leon was born in 1899 in Bucharest. Until he left the country, in 1941, he was a lawyer and the president of the Zionist associations in Romania. He and his wife Paulina had four children, who

were born at relatively big distances one from another: Emanuel, the Theodor and Angelo twins, and then Daniela.

Aunt Carola was born in 1906 in Bucharest. She married Iancu Rosman and the two of them had two boys: Dan Rosman and Lucian Rosman. She lived at 43 Banu Maracine Street, between the two Spanish temples. The house she received as dowry, where she lived until 1951, when she made aliyah with her husband and children, was nationalized.

Uncle Solomon, the youngest brother, was born in 1909 in Bucharest. He was a chemical engineer, just like his wife, Odette, who became a PhD in chemistry in Israel. They emigrated to Palestine in 1944. Their only child, Alma Gal [nee Mizrahy], was born in 1946. Uncle Solomon was the most religious of the Mizrahy brothers, he took a very active part in the religious life, but he never covered his head.