

Our 50th Wedding Anniversary



In this photo taken on our 50th wedding anniversary that we celebrated with our family and friends at a location that our children organized, my oldest grandchild Eytan and his wife Sibel can be seen.

Our daughter Verjel who was born in June of 1953 brought us a lot of luck. After her birth, everything worked out for the better. Until that day, because we did not have much money, we shared a house with Fani's older sister Sara, her husband Anri and my mother-in-law. A short while before her birth, business in the store started to work like clockwork, a specific clientele was formed, and I took the plunge and bought a tiny flat at Shishane (on the European side, where Jews lived together) to live with Fani alone and moved in.

Our older daughter Verjel attended 2. Coeducational Jewish elementary school, a Turkish middle school and completed her education in Turkish Highschool. She worked in the accounting department of my store for a while. We married her in 1971 at the age of 18, with Attorney Selim Ishman who was an acquaintance of a friend of ours, in Neve Shalom Synagogue. We celebrated the evening of the wedding in a place in Tarabya as a family [a neighborhood on the shores of the Bosphorus].

Verjel's family lived in Shishli like us. Their son Eytan was born in 1973. After finishing Robert College, he graduated from Marmara University, Faculty of Business Administration. Eytan who settled in Izmir in the year 2001 to work for the firm named Korozo, married Sibel Almelek in 2003 in Shishli Etz Ahayim Synagogue. The newlveds currently live in Izmir. Sibel studied art history in London and graduated. She is pursuing her master's degree at this time and teaching in September 9 University at the same time. Our daughter Verjel had another son they named Koray in 1985. Koray graduated from Ulus Jewish Highschool in 2006. He is studying Business Administration at Koch University at the moment. Verjel and her family have been living in Yenikoy since 1998 [one of the neighborhoods on the Bosphorus].