

Ida Alkalai In Front Of The Galenov Factory



This is the Galenov Factory, which is still in construction. The photo was taken in the 1950s in Dupnitsa. I'm on the right. We had a production quota to fulfill. I was always asked to sing. My colleagues and I often met to celebrate holidays.

In 1954 I started work in the Galenov Factory in Dupnitsa producing medicine. I started work when the factory was founded. My colleagues were very nice. Some of them were Jewish. The job wasn't easy, we had quotas to fulfill.

I was respected at my workplace. I worked there for 21 years. It was later transformed into 'Pharmahim.' I retired from there with a small pension. I was easygoing and sang a lot. I was in the

factory choir and had some solo performances in the community house of the town. I was also a soloist in the choir. I know songs in Ladino, which I learned from my mother.

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