

Sak Levi On An Excursion On The Pirin Mountain



This is a picture from an excursion in the Pirin Mountain in 1988. Here I am first from right with some friends of mine. First in the lower row is Yako Molhov [film critic, writer], next to me is Nissim Benbasat. I don't remember the names of the others. Nichko [Nissim] Benbasat was a journalist, while Yako Molhov was a writer. The picture was taken at the highest hut on the Pirin Mountain. You feel free as long as you have good friends. Even though they were fewer, there were Bulgarians, with whom we got on very well. Every year in the course of ten years we went on excursions - from 1981 to 1990, even during the new regime. Lately I've devoted most of my time to taking care of my wife, who is confined to bed. Every day I visit the Jewish center and the synagogue, where my brother Yosif Levi works. Every Saturday on Sabbath and during holidays we gather with my compatriots in the synagogue. I also spend a lot of time on my research of the old Jewish neighborhood in Sofia. I map the places in Sofia, where Jews used to live or live nowadays including information on their names and kinship ties as well.