

David Elazarov And His Sister Rozalia Navon On An Excursion To Varna



The photo was taken in Varna in 1929. I (with the hat in the middle) and my sister Rozalia Navon, nee Elazar, who is the second from the right in the boat. I don't know the others. The following is written with a pencil on the back of the photo: 'Varna, the breakwater, on 17.07.1929'. Rozalia was from my father's first marriage to Matilda Baruh. Matilda died young of tuberculosis. My sister Rozalia was twelve years older than me. She was born in 1908. My second sister, Dora, was seven years older, she was born in 1913. I remember going to Varna to accompany Rozalia: my father didn't let her go alone and I was sent as her 'guardian'. I remember that she read a lot and she taught me to read and be interested in more things than what they taught us at school. I started reading a lot and I was really addicted to ancient Greek culture and literature. When I was a high school student, there were scholarly groups in the neighborhood and I often gave lectures there. We discussed and argued various issues and since I was a good speaker many people visited our gatherings. In 1932 Rozalia left for Israel [Palestine before 1948] and she still lives there today - in Holon. She married and now she is called Shoshana Navon. She has two children, Emanuel [born in 1936] and Tslila [born in July 1940]. She worked as a children's teacher in Bulgaria; she graduated from the Pedagogy Institute in Shoumen as a children's teacher. She was very beautiful and a good teacher - children loved her a lot.