

The Wedding Of Viza Bohor Rahamim



This is a wedding picture of my father's younger sister Viza Bohor Rahamim. Here Viza and Rahamim are pictured. Efraim Lazar (first from left), my father's younger brother is also in the picture, as well as Buka Lazar (second from left), his wife. This photo was taken in Kyustendil in front of our house in 1924 or 1925. I am the best man here (first from right, in the first row) together with a girl - the maid of honor, whom I saw when I visited Israel 4 or 5 years ago. She is already an adult, she married a friend of mine - an amateur musician just like me. Her name is

Mati. His name is Sofi. Their son is called Motzi.

Our kin, the Lazars, as our family was known at that time, is a very old Kyustendil family. We used to live in a house with my paternal grandparents. My paternal grandfather's name was Aron Solomon Lazar, but everybody used to call him Bohor and that's how it remained [in Ivrit: bechor - the eldest, first-born son]. My grandfather was the oldest person in the entire Jewish community in Kyustendil and he was treated with due attention and respect. Many of the Jewish families gathered at our place during the biggest Jewish holidays. Usually some 30 people would gather in the small entrance hall of our house.