

Adolf Nusan



This is Adolf (Avram) Lazarovich Nusan, my father. The photo was taken in Ruse in the 1920s. My father was born in Ploesti in 1887. I have no information about his exact date of birth. At the age of 20 he came to Bulgaria, to Ruse. He spoke Romanian, Bulgarian and Yiddish. I know that he wasn't rich, it was even rumored that he came here 'barefoot,' when he, sort of quickly, married my mother. I don't recall anyone telling me why he came to Bulgaria - but most probably to search for a more profitable market for his craft - millinery, as well as better treatment of his Jewish origin, because his real name was Avram, yet he changed it to Adolf in Romania for the sake of convenience. I don't know how and why he married my mother, but I know that she was a true beauty, she came from a well-off family, and moreover she was a very kind-hearted woman and always ready to help people. So I believe these were the reasons for their marriage. Though my father was 'barefoot,' he had a successful business: the millinery. In Ruse he established a hatter's workshop with seven employees. In this workshop they initiated the production of hats with a stiff body, both cylinders and straw hats, which was a rare practice for Bulgaria in those days. In the period of the wars - the First and Second Balkan War and World War I - the workers enrolled in the army and the workshop closed down. Maybe this was the reason why my family moved to Sofia in order to try to make a living. My father was also a very handsome man: tall, slender, dark hair and

eyes, and a mustache like that of a movie star. He always dressed elegantly and wore a soft hat. In Sofia he opened a millinery workshop with an associate of his. It was on Lege Street. Later this associate cheated him, my father went bankrupt and got divorced for reasons that I don't know. Then he decided to leave for Israel in 1939. He remained there and stopped supporting our family. He passed away there but I have no information about the year, most probably between 1955 and 1965.