

Sofi Uziel's Family



This is a family photo from 1914. My mother, Ventura Benaroya, nee Levi and my father, Haim Benaroya are in the center. Rashel , my father's sister, the one with the white dress [second from left, sitting], is a bridesmaid. On the very left is my mother's brother Avram Levi with his wife. Aunt Sofi, my father's other sister, is on the very right with her husband. My father knew seven languages. He was a corn-merchant - he used to purchase grain from Kiustendja and sold it in Europe. As a soldier during World War I he had been very badly wounded and had lost one hundred percent of his working capacity. My mother was a manlike, hard-working woman. Life made her such. My mother's brother Avram - he was my mother's benefactor - opened a grocery on the corner of Positano Street and Sredna Gora Street. There my mother achieved her proficiency in calculating and in reading Bulgarian. At that time marriages among young people weren't a love-match. Parents used to do the matchmaking. Thus my mother's brother Avram arranged the marriage between my parents. They had a religious marriage in March, 15 days before my father went to war, but I don't know the year.