

Sabat Pilosof's Family



This is a photo of my family in Dupnitsa in 1965. My kids were students. First from left is my son Leon Pilosof, then my daughter Tamara Simeonova (nee Pilosof), my wife Berta Pilosof (nee Konfort) and I. [The inscription reads 'Happy New Year'.]

My wife was born in Dupnitsa. We knew each other since our youth. We were friends. She studied at the Jewish school and later at the vocational school for seamstresses. We got married in December 1945. She worked for a while as a seamstress at home. After that she went into trade and became a trade worker until her retirement.

In our family, from all the Jewish holidays we observed only Pesach. I always bought matzah. However, very often my wife or I were at work and we couldn't celebrate the holiday. I have two children: a boy and a girl. I haven't brought them up in the spirit of Jewish traditions. They only know the names of the Jewish holidays and some words in Ladino. They have rarely visited the Jewish club. My grandchildren have even less knowledge about the Jewish holidays. I have never spoken in Ladino with my wife.

My son graduated in Electrical Engineering from the Technical School in Dupnitsa and currently he works in a chemical-pharmaceutical plant. He was sent on business trips to Germany for the purpose of importing machines for the plant several times. My daughter works in the Patent Office in Sofia. My children are married to Bulgarians. My son Leon is married to Tanya, who works as a kindergarten teacher. They have two children: Andrey and Beatrica. My daughter Tamara is married to Yordan Simeonov, who is a department chief at a metallurgical plant. They have one son, whose name is Sabin. He works in a bank and meanwhile he continues upgrading his qualification as an economist.