

Rafael And Ganka Penova Beraha With Their Son Vladimir Beraha



This is a photo of my family: my wife Ganka Penova Beraha, nee Pashkova, I and our first-born son Vladimir Beraha. The photo was taken in 1954 in Ruse. Here, we are in the center of town - in front of the Courts of Justice. 2nd June 1946 is a remarkable date in my life because then I met my wife. I was a soldier in the Military Command Office. I saw her by accident in a park. Afterwards we started writing letters to each other. Later, I visited her in Oriahovo to help her with her graduation exam, because I had already graduated two years earlier. During the Law for the Protection of the Nation I worked as a turner in a plant in Ruse and I wrote her a letter saying that I was poor, but I

wanted to study, yet I did not have such an opportunity; that I couldn't support financially her and myself. At that time we no longer had a house, because we had sold it. We wrote letters to each other for three years and the third year I went to Burgas where she was studying at university, we got engaged and two or three months later we got married. We married on 14th January 1949 in Ruse. We have two sons: Vladimir Rafael Beraha and Ilya Yakov Beraha. Vladimir was born on 30th May 1951 in Sofia. We raised both our sons to feel Jewish.