

Shmuel Navon



This is the last photo of Shmuel Navon (his Israeli name was Shmil), before leaving for Palestine to join and marry my sister Rozalia Navon, nee Elazar. The photo was taken in the 'Benbasa' photo studio in Sofia in the summer of 1934. The following is written on the back of the photo: 'To the relatives of Rozalia on the occasion of our engagement. From Shmil, Sofia, 16.06.1934' Rozalia left for Israel [Palestine before 1948] in 1932 and she still lives there today - in Holon. She married and now she is called Shoshana Navon. She has two children, Emanuel [born in 1936] and Tslila [born in

July 1940]. She worked as a children's teacher in Bulgaria; she graduated from the Pedagogy Institute in Shoumen as a children's teacher. She was very beautiful and a good teacher - children loved her a lot. After the 1950s my sister Rozalia came to visit us a couple of times, but I didn't go to Israel until 1989 although she had invited both our sister Dora and me. We didn't go to Israel, because we knew there was a special attitude towards people going there, especially if they had a responsible state job.