

Dora Vakarelova And Her Friend Mati Benun



This photo was taken in 1931. This is my sister, Dora Vakarelova, nee Elazar (on the left), and her best friend Mati Benun during a walk in Borisova Park in Sofia. Only the date 1931 is written on the back of the photo. Since they both lived far away from Borisova Park, they usually went there during holidays. Dora was born in 1913. She is from my father's first marriage to Matilda Baruh, who died early of tuberculosis. I am from my father's second marriage. Dora worked in the trade field. She married Luka Vakarelov and had two children, Virginia [born in 1942] and Krastyo [born

in 1946]. She lives in Sofia. During the Holocaust she and I were sent to a camp. She was in the St. Nikola camp in the Rhodope Mountains, near the town of Asenovgrad, from May until November 1943. We both survived the war.