

Leon Levi And His Wife Lilia



This is me and my wife Lilia Konstantinova Levi, nee Bunjulova. The photo was taken in Sofia in the 1960s. My first wedding was somehow different. I'm not religious and I didn't want to marry in a temple. Therefore Lilia [Levi, nee Bunjulova] and I went to the district council for the signing, with a limited circle of relatives and friends and after that we organized a great party in a large hall at my work place. The American embassy is situated there now; it's opposite the National Bank. I had an office there. I gathered my friends. There were lots of people. We had a lot of fun. Everybody brought a present, as we didn't have anything for our new household. Till then I didn't even have a room to live in. I used to live at my friend's places. We managed to find a room in an apartment on 6th September Street - it was a three-bedroom apartment - along with four other families. We didn't possess anything. There was no furniture to buy in the shops. Therefore we went to the city hall because newly-weds were given coupons for buying a mattress. In our first night we slept in an

almost empty room; there was only a mattress and a blanket. Only slowly we began to furnish our home. I have a daughter from my first marriage; I don't have any kids from my second one. My daughter's name is Galia.