

Manin Rudich With Close Relatives



This photo was taken here in Brasov, when my sister and her family came to visit us in 1999. Starting from the left, you can see my wife, Dorina Rudich, nee Draghici - although we were not married back then -, then that's me, Karina Adler, my niece, my sister Rozalia Adler, Jonathan Adler my nephew, his mother Mihaela Adler, nee Csisar, and my sister's son Iosif Adler. My sister, Rozalia, was born in 1927 and I was born in 1932 in Cuciuru Mare. We got along very well, me and my sister. She finished high school after we moved to Brasov, and after that she worked in a knitwear factory. She married in 1955, I think. I remember I was in the army and I had to go on furlough. Her husband was Alter Adler, a Jew as well. They were married in the synagogue here in Brasov, by Rabbi Deutsch. Iosif studied English and French in Bucharest. He graduated first in his class and because of that he could choose the town he wanted to work in. He had a teacher, Farcas, who was also a Jew, and was from Beius. And Farcas told Iosif that if he went there to work, he could stay with his parents and didn't have to pay anything. Iosif and his future wife, Mihaela Csiszar, had been colleagues in Bucharest, but because she didn't graduate among the first, she was assigned to Dambovita. They were separated for two years. After two years, the professor's parents left for Israel, and Iosif didn't want to stay in Beius anymore. So I helped him with a job here, at Timpuri Noi [famous Romanian leather goods factory], as a painter: he had studied arts in high school. He had to write slogans, or make templates for street names. And Mihaela came here as well; she worked in a coop farm. They married soon after that, and in 1986, I think, they left for Israel. My sister and her husband left for Israel as well, in 1990, because their first grandson was born, and they couldn't stay away. They live in Rishon le Zion, and Iosif is an English teacher there. Iosif and Mihaela have two children, Jonathan, who was born in 1989, and Karina, who was born in 1992. We keep in touch. As far as I know, my sister didn't have problems with the letters she received from Iosif from Israel during the communist era, but they weren't about politics or anything like that. My sister calls us often, it's not so expensive for her. We also write letters when we have news. She sends me photos as well.