

My Wife Fani's Older Sister Sara And Her Husband Anri



Fani's second older sister Sara, born in 1925, was, like my younger sister Sara was for a short while, a repairer of pantyhose (at the time when silk stockings had a run, they would be repaired with a special machine and stitched, of course it was a very difficult and demanding job on the eyes). During this period the cousins saw each other a lot partly because they were colleagues and partly for the Sabbath or holidays as a family. Sara married Anri Muraben in Haydarpasha Yeldegiirmeni Synagogue in 1949. (I do not have information about Anri's education etc.). Unfortunately they did not have any children. They bought a tiny flat in Cihangir which is a fashionable neighborhood today also (on the European side, usually where artists and foreigners prefer to live) and they spent their whole life there. They spent their summer months in Heybeliada in a house they rented. Anri worked as a janitor in Ankara Hosiery Store, they were never very wealthy. (on the European side, the store situated on Istiklal Street in Beyoglu, at the corner exactly across Galatasaray Highschool).

Sara was like an angel. She always considered her siblings' children her own and has always been there for her siblings. Unfortunately we lost Sara in 1998 due to a stroke, we buried her in Kadikoy Acibadem Jewish cemetery. Her husband Anri lived as a widower for a short while, then remarried with a lady who was a widow like himself (I have no information about the lady he married). Anri died in 2000 due to a heart attack, one morning when he had finished breakfast, in the armchair he sat down to watch television. We buried Anri at Kad'koy Acibadem Jewish cemetery too, next to his first wife Sara. A few months after his passing, his second wife also died (I do not know where her family buried her).