

a practical and focused outlook.

Devoted to his people and community – so was my late father. He was regarded as one of the city's dignitaries; he admired scholars and they admired him likewise. He was from the seed of Aaron Hacoheh and strived to follow in his footsteps. He desired and pursued peace, loved people and people loved him. He was cordial to everyone. He often set up contacts between young men and women from the community, motivated by a mission to perform good deeds out of religious duty and unselfish concern for the welfare of others, in order to build more and more homes in Israel.

He mediated and resolved disputes between husbands and wives, between one person and another, individuals and the public, and between the public and its leaders. Such was his motto: "live and let live" and he steered others towards the path of Judaism.

At the request of Hacham Moshe Tawil, *Zasaf*, one of the community leaders and rabbis of Halab Jewry, my father assumed the function of President of the "KETER TORAH" in our city.

Thus he made his mark and insisted on providing education which integrates religion and science, history of the Jewish people and wisdom of the world's nations.

Moise Cohen, who was a public figure, the president of "Bnei Brith" in Halab and a businessman. His uncle was Abraham Cohen, also a public figure who amongst others served as deputy mayor of



אדמון ולידיה כהן מוקפים בילדיהם מניין וסטלה (שורה עליונה) וביניהם הסבתא טירה- אסתר כהן לבית דוויק ובשורה השניה אלס ואלס ושני הקצוות, רותי ואהודעל הברכיים של חוריים) ומקדימה אלבר ונינה. חלב התחלת שנות השישים.

The Cohen's at the 60's

He was popular with everyone, Christians and Moslems alike, whom he devotedly served for many years as an accountant. His Christian friends called him "Monsieur Edmond" while the Moslems and Jews addressed him as "Hawaja (Mister) Edmon" and "Hacham Edmon", eventually.

My father was born in Halab in 1920, to a distinguished family, son to Tera-Esther nee Dwek and

Halab and member of the city council on behalf of the Jewish community. He was awarded the title of "Efendi" for his intensive activity.

From childhood and until becoming an adult, my father was exposed to diverse spheres of education: from the "Alliance" in Halab through higher education in Beirut, Lebanon. Soon after