Now 91, Sofi is widowed and lives in Sofia. Her son lives nearby and visits her often. With Claims Conference support, Sofi receives medicines, medical care and food assistance, easing her worries. Maintaining a dignified quality of life is of utmost importance to her, and she is grateful that the Claims Conference helps her to do so.

Although Bulgaria was not occupied by Nazi Germany, the wartime fascist government proved a willing ally, passing one law after another against Jews. In 1943, thousands of Jews from the capital, Sofia, were deported to smaller towns in Bulgaria. Sofi’s family made room for three more families in their home in Pazardzhik, then helped set up a soup kitchen for destitute, homeless Jewish families.

After the war, Sofi studied medicine and became a microbiologist.