

Saez-Velez Family Living Room

Who lived here? Ramonita and her sons, Andy and José moved from Puerto Rico to New York City in 1955. They lived in the apartment along with Ramonita's second husband, Francisco.

When did they live here? The family moved into the apartment in 1964. Ramonita lived here until 2011 when she moved back to Puerto Rico.

What's in the room? In classic 1960s fashion Ramonita covered her couches in plastic. A princess phone sat atop the television, which was often tuned into channels 41 or 47—the Spanish language channels transmitted from New Jersey. Above the couch hung two portraits: one of the boys in graduation robes and another of Andy in his Airforce uniform. Ramonita liked to have plants growing by the large windows. The living room offered the family a place to host people for a Cafecito (small coffee) or a dance party.