

Marika Krpez's Father Lazar Deutsch And Aunt Klara Deutsch



The picture was taken in Subotica in 1909. On the right is my father, Lazar Deutsch, and on the left his sister Klara. They were very close and they socialized and played together a lot because there was little difference in their ages. My father was born in 1906 in Subotica, and he was nicknamed Lazi. He went to a Jewish elementary school. He started school during the Austro-Hungarian

Empire, and all the lessons were in Hungarian. In 1918 when Yugoslavia was created, he had to change to a Serbian school, because, according to the law, Jews had to go to Serbian schools. He had never learned Serbian and that is why he was a bad student. He had nice handwriting. My father's sister, Klara, was born on April 30, 1907 in Subotica. She became a milliner when she grew up. She married a man who did not work steadily, so she was always up to her ears in work to ensure her family's survival. She worked all day in the workshop where she made women's hats. The shop was in the Jewish area of the market. My aunt Klara had two daughters: Eva, born in 1930, and Ana, born in 1934. All three of them were taken to Auschwitz and immediately killed.