

The Kohn Family



This photo was taken in Sebis in the 1930s. Several members of the Kohn family can be seen in this photo. These include Bandi Haas, the son of my father's sister Sarolta, my father's sister Roza, Roza's husband Bela Marton, and Roza and Bela's children Alexandru and Irina.

My father had five sisters: Sarolta, Gizella, Reghina, Roza and Netty. They were all housewives in Sebis. At that time the three 'Ks' applied to women, meaning Küche, Kirche, Kinder – kitchen, church and children. Sarolta married a Mr. Haas, who was a driver, and they had two children: Bandi, a trader, and Caterina, a housewife. Gizella was married to Emanuel Schwartz, the Neolog rabbi from Sebis. They had a son named Fredi in Jerusalem. He eventually became a clerk. Reghina got married to Alexandru Steiner, a trader, and they had three children: Iosif, Alexandru and Irina. Alexandru had a daughter, Elena, whom we used to call Bobo. Today, she's a doctor in Israel. Irina married a man by the name of Roger. They left for the USA and eventually had a son, Tibi. He was born around 1926 and became a dentist. Tibi's son came to Romania and studied here, also graduating with a degree in dentistry.

Roza married Bela Marton, a trader. He too is in the photo. They had three children: Alexandru, an electrician, Rudolf, a merchant, and Elena, a housewife. Netty got married to Klein, a merchant, and they had a daughter, Maria, who also became a merchant. From a financial point of view Aunt Gizella was the most comfortably off. My cousins and my father worked as her employees.