

Andreja's Mother



My mother's Adela (nee Hamburger) portrait, taken in the house.

My mother was born in Levice, in the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, in 1889. She lived in Pecs, Zagreb, Split, Bari, Rome, Budapest and Belgrade. She was a housewife.

I remember how each Friday my mother would light candles. We did not observe Shabbat because the shop was opened. For Pesach we had a Seder not just for our immediate family but also for my father's brother's family. Our two families lived together. The Hagadah was read, dinner was eaten and wine was drunk. I had a bar mitzvah. My father read from the Torah that day and gave a contribution to charity, shnodern. The holidays were connected to the family and were celebrated at home.