

Dusanka And Her Grandmother



My grandmother was a beautiful woman, simply beautiful. I should be so lucky to have some of her beauty. She was truly an old woman, beautiful. Grandmother worked at home, a housewife, and she frequently helped her husband in the store. She was dressed the same as they do today, but I remember that my grandmother never wore short skirts, long skirts only. Otherwise normal, like everyone else.

Grandmother was the most religious member of the family. She kept Shabbat, ate kosher. We celebrated all the holidays in her house-Yom Kippur, Pesach, Purim, Rosh Hashanah. We ate particular dishes on certain holidays, but I don't remember the names. I remember only one special dish she used to make- cholent. That was delicious. For Yom Kippur they always went for the whole day to the synagogue, from morning to night. And we children went to synagogue, too.

The house of my grandparents was divine. It was big, two bedrooms. There was a living room, a salon, a dining room and a big hall. Grandmother's house was nice. Actually, ours was bigger but grandmother's house was nicer. The house was heated by tile stoves which worked on wood. It was wonderful. They had two servants.

I was born on February 25, 1915 in Senta. I went to Serbian elementary school and then gymnasium. There was a Jewish school there in that time, but almost all the Jews went to Serbian schools, only few of them went to Hungarian schools. And only Orthodox Jews went to Jewish schools. I finished the fourth year of the gymnasium and then I stopped going to school in Senta. I went to Zrenjanin to the "Mesinger boarding school". I was there for a year and finished the fifth grade. My mother moved to Subotica and she took me with her. So that I almost finished the

gymnasium in Subotica. Then I married in the eighth grade.