

Erzsebet Lobl, Angela Sandor, Pal Sandor, Lajos Lobl And Janos Gottlieb



This photo was taken in 1938 or 1939 by my father [Laszlo Gottlieb], before my aunt, Erzsebet Lobl emigrated to Palestine with his husband, Lajos Lobl.

Erzsebet Lobl is on the left side, the third from left is my uncle, Sandor Pal, on his left side is his wife, Angela Sandor, the third from left is Lajos Lobl, and on the right side it's me, Janos Gottlieb.

We all gathered in our house in Nagybanya.

With Arnold Sandor, grandma's second husband - whom I loved a lot as well - my grandmother had two children:

Pal Sandor and Erzsebet Sandor, who were ten, respectively thirteen years younger than my father.

Pal Sandor was the elder; he was born in 1907 in Maramarossziget. They lived in Bucharest.

His wife was called Angela Rosenthal - we called her Angi -, she was from Temesvar.

My uncle's wife was an extremely intelligent woman, and they had an outstandingly wonderful family life.

I stayed at them in Bucharest sometimes even for weeks, and I saw them quarreling once - on who should do the dishes.

Everybody wanted to do the dishes. It's really funny... First my uncle was a clerk, then he became a journalist at a Hungarian newspaper, at the 'Szakszervezeti Elet' [Trade Union Life].

This was the Hungarian edition of the 'Viata Sindicala', in those times it was published in Hungarian as well.

My aunt did the same: she was a clerk, then a journalist at the 'Romaniai Magyar Szo' [Paper of Hungarians from Romania] - back then it was called 'Elore'.

My uncle left for Israel at the age of almost eighty years - when his daughter, Eva moved to France - together with his wife, because it would have been quite difficult to stay in touch with his daughter during the Ceausescu era.

So he left for Israel quite late, and he died there in 1997, he was almost ninety.

They had their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary a few days before my uncle's death.

He always meant an example for me, they had a very nice marital life. My aunt loved her husband very much; she didn't live much after his death.

We talked quite often on the phone, and I saw them too, because in 1992 I was in Israel; both were still alive.

I knew her husband was very ill. She said if Pali died, she would hang herself up. In short she loved him very much.

She didn't hang herself up, but she died soon after his death, she didn't live much after.

She wasn't much younger than him, there was a difference of age of five years between them.

Erzsebet Sandor was called Bozsi within the family; she was born in 1910 in Maramarossziget.

She lived in Temesvar, she got married to Lajos Lobl, and she took over his name, so she wasn't called Erzsebet Sandor, but Erzsebet Lobl.

While she lived in Temesvar, she worked as a secretary; she was a very pretty woman, she was gorgeously beautiful.

I loved her very much. And she could also sing very nicely.

She was such a great singer that she even had concerts in Temesvar.

I don't know what Lajos Lobl was engaged here in Romania; I was ten when they left for Palestine - I know the date when they emigrated, because I was born in 1929, and they left in 1939 -, they were great patriots [6].

In turn I do know what they were doing there: they opened a photographic studio.

There was a time when Erzsebet was a news announcer at the Hungarian edition of the Kol Israel radio station - I listened to her here, in Romania after World War II, in the 1950s of course.

They lived in Tel Aviv. I don't know precisely in which year she died, however, she died at quite a young age, much younger than her elder brother, Sandor, who was two years older than her, and was almost ninety when he died.

I don't remember the year for sure; in any case I already lived in Iasi, when Bozsi [Erzsebet] Lobl died.

When I got married for the second time in 1962, she wasn't alive anymore.

Thus she died at the beginning of the 1960s at the age of fifty and something. She didn't have any children.

Nobody was religious, neither Pal Sandor, neither Erzsebet Sandor.

Not at all. Not only that Erzsebet Sandor wasn't religious, moreover she was a nationalist.