

Period Photograph Of Topolcany And The Bachner Brothers



This is a period photograph from Topolcany, in it are two of my brothers - Marcel is in the front as a soldier of the Czechoslovak Army, and in the middle, between friends, is my brother Armin. To the right is Marcel Benau and on the left is Jona Bedzavsky. I don't know who took the photograph, but it was taken in the second half of the 1930s. The fourth sibling in line was my brother Armin. He was born in Banovce nad Bebravou, in 1909. He was employed as a clerk in a textile store in Topolcany. Luckily he didn't experience the horrors of the Holocaust first-hand. In 1936 he moved to Palestine. He lived in the Gan Shmuel kibbutz and after the war our father went there to live with him as well. A different misfortune met Armin however; his son Amos fell as a soldier in the Israel army during the war in 1967. My brother lived in the kibbutz up until his death in the year 2000. The fifth to be born was my brother Marcel. He was also born in Banovce nad Bebravou, in 1911. He worked as an upholsterer for Mr. Ratenstein in Topolcany. They murdered him during World War II.