

Laura Bato



My grandmother Laura was a woman of the Austrian Monarchy. She spoke very little Hungarian, only a few words, and was very funny when she tried. Instead of 'food' she said 'tool,' I don't exactly know why, she made a lot of mistakes like that. When the antisemitism became really strong in Germany Laura moved from Berlin to Budapest. Back in Paris, in the 1930s, she had been trained as a cosmetician and she opened a beauty-parlor in her flat. Her clients were an exclusive crowd - mainly embassy employees.