

Mor Berdach And Family



My great-grandfather (in the middle) on my father's side was Mor Berdach - with a 'ch' at the end: Berdach was an acronym for his complete name, Ben Rabbi David Hacham. He lived in Austria, more precisely in Vienna. He was already quite an old gentleman when I was born, and he died in his nineties in Baden. I visited them on Kantstrasse in Vienna when I was a child. When my great-grandmother died, my great-grandfather moved to Baden, where he died. He died the night the Germans invaded Austria, on the night of the Anschluss. Nobody went to his burial. He was a

teacher, and didn't speak a word of Hungarian. He had two daughters and a son. One of the daughters was my grandmother. She had a younger sister, Rachel (second from left), who was a well-known writer: a novelist, journalist and poet.