

The Horowitz Family



This is a picture of y family, taken in the early 1910s. From left: me, Alfred Horowitz, my mom Maria Horowitz (nee Grünwald), my younger sister Irena Beczkowska (nee Horowitz), my elder sister Olga Pamm (nee Horowitz), and my dad Mojzesz Horowitz. My father was called Mojzesz-Maurycy Horowitz and was a lawyer by profession. He graduated from Jagiellonian University and all his life, since he settled there after marrying my mother on 24th December 1904, he was an attorney-at-law in Wieliczka. He ran a private practice. He also had other interests besides law, namely he loved gardening. He took care of that, people were hired for weeding. There was also a caretaker, an ex-miner who lived in a cottage belonging to the garden. My mother came from Cracow; her parents had a governess. My mother spoke fluent German and could easily communicate in French. She completed a boarding school. My dad spoke only German and Polish. Mom wasn't religious, I'm sure she couldn't speak Hebrew. Her main activities included running the house, pursuing her cultural interests, entertaining the guests, and playing cards. I had two sisters: Olga was the elder one, and Irena the younger one. Irena was two years my junior, and Olga was four years my senior. Olga was born on 29th September 1905 and Irena on 25th March 1911. We were all born in Wieliczka.