

Rozalia Fleischmann



This is my paternal grandmother, Rozalia Fleischmann, in the garden of the summer cottage in Rakoscsaba, bought by my father in 1930. My paternal grandparents, Mor Fleischmann and Rozalia Kalisch, got married on 2nd April 1889. The wedding was in Vagvecse where my great-grandfather Gyorgy Kalisch and his family lived. I don't know when my grandmother was born; I only know that she died in 1942. Mor Fleischmann was a merchant, but they lived among really modest circumstances in Budapest. One year after the marriage, in 1890 my father Miksa was born. The marriage of my grandfather and grandmother only lasted for eight years, because my grandfather died at the age of 39 in 1897. My grandmother already raised him alone at that time; I don't know what they lived off. I know that they lived among moderate means, and that my grandmother managed a kosher household. She was religious, too. She lived with us throughout, with shorter interruptions. They bought the summer cottage in 1933 or in 1934 on hire purchase. A baron family

parceled out nice big plots of 320 square feet. The construction of the small house cost 1000 pengoes. There was a bigger room, of about 4 by 4 meters. My father made a bunk- bed for us, two boys, and they slept on a normal bed. In front of the cottage there was a porch with a roof and open on the sides. We could eat there. Behind the house there was a small home-made bathroom, there was only a basin there of course. There wasn't any water conduit, but a well, from which we pumped the water by hand.