

Matilda Cerge's Class Picture



Here I am with my school class. I mostly socialized with two Jewish girls. They are both pictured here. Muci Eskenazi is second from the right seated in the second row. She was killed during World War II. Mirjam Levi is seated on the left in the first row. She survived. I don't know where she lives today. I am the first from left seated in the second row. The photo was taken in Belgrade in the 1930s. I started elementary school here on Kralja Petra Street. It was a public school. There were Jewish and non-Jewish children. It was mixed. There were some Jews in my class. I was friends with Muci Eskenazi and Mirjam Levi and a boy named Zak whose last name I don't remember. Zak liked me a lot and brought me flowers. We walked to school together and returned together. He lived across the street on Gospodar Jovanova. He would pick flowers, white field chamomile from the lawn, and give them to me. He was killed too. I shared a desk with a Serbian girl. Mirjam and Mucika sat in front of me. I was also friends with the Serbian girl but better friends with the other two. I don't remember any other friends from my childhood except Mirjam and Muci.