

Vera Erak's Mother Edith Bondy With Sister Greta And A Friend, Sunbathing At Lido Beach On The Danube



The picture was taken in 1919 at the Lido beach on the Danube. My mother is pictured first from the left. First from the right is my aunt Greta, my mother's sister. My grandmother Minna and grandfather Markus's youngest child was my aunt Greta Bondy. She was born in 1905 in Zemun. She attended a Jewish elementary school and continued her studies in a commercial school in Belgrade. She spoke German, French and English. Before the war she worked as a secretary in a private firm. From 1938 to 1941 she lived in a rented studio apartment in Belgrade. She did not marry. I liked to visit her during my vacations. Her apartment was nicely furnished. She had central heating and hot water in the apartment, which were not common in those days. When the war started, she and her friend Edith Weiss (who was not a blood relative despite the last name), went to Vrpolje to stay with her uncle Weiss. He was my grandmother Minna's brother, but I cannot remember his name. He was a lawyer and the owner of a mill called Roza Paromlin. We received information that at the end of 1941 she was taken to the Djakovo concentration camp, from where she did not return.