

Jozsef Faludi's Maternal Grandfather Jakab Eckstein Performing A Wedding



This is my maternal grandfather, Jakab Eckstein, from Csepel. I don't know whose wedding it is, we only wanted to have this picture because of Grandpa. He is in his beaver hat. He was the rabbi in Obecse, and they called him from there to Csepel to be Shatz-matz. That means he took care of the community's affairs, the registers, the weddings. He was the shochet (butcher) too, and supervised the Csepel's kosher slaughterhouse. Finally, he taught Hebrew in the schools. The community in Csepel was Orthodox, but wasn't as religious as the one in Kiskoros. For instance, there wasn't a cheder (Jewish religious primary school) in Csepel, and they didn't have mid-week prayer either. My grandfather did the mid-week prayers alone at home. There wasn't a mikva in Csepel either, so my grandfather went to Budapest on Fridays. That's where he died too, of a heart attack, in 1942.