

Iren Izsak And Klari Biro At The Godollo Jamboree



The scout jamboree, which was organized in August 1933 in Godollo, was a spectacular event. This picture was taken there, my mother, Iren Izsak, is the first woman standing on the left. She was there thanks to the invitation of the man standing next to her, first-lieutenant Szabo. He was the levente trainer of the HICAA. [Editor's note: 'Levente' movement: Para-military youth organization in Hungary from 1928-1944, established with the aim of facilitating religious and national education as well as physical training. Boys between the age of 12 and 21 were eligible if they did not attend a school providing regular physical training, or did not join the army.] He regularly went to the grounds, at least until it was compulsory or permitted to train levente in Jewish institutes, too. The students liked him, and he liked the HICAA, too. My mother seems to have taken her sister Klari to the jamboree. In the picture you can only see her head in the second row. The woman standing in front of her is Mrs. Sandor Engelhardt, who was the HICAA landscape-gardener's wife. They emigrated to Palestine in the mid-1930s.