

Bernard Knezo Schönbrun With His Wife And Friend Dezider Goldfinger In Prague



This photo was taken during our visit to Prague at the end of the 1940s. From left to right it shows my friend Duni (Dezider) Goldfinger, my wife Anna and me, Knezo Schönbrun. Duni was an exceptionally clever and talented boy, who became the chairman of the Central Federation of Jewish Religious Communities in Czechoslovakia. Duni died tragically in a car accident that happened in Czechia. I knew Duni from back in Michalovce. We were classmates. As well, we worshipped our Slovak teacher, Dr. Alexander Matuska. He was our homeroom teacher in our last two years of high school. In class we would compete as to who would have read more books. In two and a half years I read 136 books, but I was only in 7th or 8th place. There were those that had read a whole lot more books. We read everything that was worth reading. I can't forget how annoyed Matuska was when one student, later the chairman of the Central Union of Jewish Religious Communities in Prague, Dune (Dezider) Goldfinger, had read Romain Rolland [Rolland, Romain (1866 - 1944): French writer, musical scholar and pacifist], and he, a major literary critic, hadn't.