

Margit Krausz



This is my mother Margit Krausz. She was born into a big family in 1890. She had 10 brothers and sisters. Her family was quite religious. But her mother did not wear a shaytl. Her father had two kosher butcher shops in Obuda and one of her brothers also became a kosher butcher. Sewing was running in the family as three of her close relatives were tailors or dressmakers. She also loved to sew and do needlework. She married my father [Lipót Maszler] in 1920. They met at a family dinner at the Krausz's where my father was taken along by a friend. At the dinner, my mother, her sisters and brothers and her parents sat on one side of the table and my father on the other side. Across from him sat my mother. When dinner was over, my father asked my mother if she would marry him. When they got married, they moved to the house my father inherited from his parents in Pilisvorosvar. I was born in 1920 and my sister in 1923. My mother did not work but looked after us children and kept the household, helped by a young Christian servant. She loved sewing and needlework. She made most of the clothes for us and was happy to teach anybody in the village various tricks in needlework. My father worked as a business agent in the local coal mine. His job was to collect orders for coal from Budapest. He worked here until we moved to Budapest in 1942.

Then he was given some job in the Jewish community.