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This is a picture of me, taken when I was in gymnasium in Bratislava in 1928. There was one Slovak gymnasium and I didn't speak Slovak very well, so my parents sent me to a Hungarian Evangelical gymnasium, which had a rather good reputation. We were taught by clergymen, and they were great. We were only three girls. Later the school was nationalized and it was difficult for girls to get accepted there. A German gymnasium also opened nearby and we learned along with those students once each week in the mornings and then in the afternoons. We also had physical education together. As soon as I graduated, I wished to continue my education. I was very good at

drawing fashion designs and my professor advised my parents to send me to a design school. However, such a school was only in Vienna and it would have been too complicated to send me there because I wasn't 18 years old yet. And young girls couldn't go so far and to such a big city. So, I started to work and I became an active sportswoman. I played tennis at Maccabi club. Our tennis club was located near the river Danube. There was everything: a tennis playground, a soccer field, showers. I took it very seriously. I was sometimes featured in newspaper articles, too, but I don't have any copies. I participated in the Jewish Olympiad in Moravian Ostrava in 1928. There were 4,000 Jewish sportsman from all over Europe. I won the third prize.