

Max Salzer And His Mother Margita Salzer



This picture shows my cousin Miki (Max) Salzer and his mother, Margita Salzer. Miki emigrated way back when to Palestine, and his mother fled from the Nazis to England. The picture was most likely taken at their place in Israel in the 1970s. Manci, Margita that is, married Mr. Salzer from Vienna. She wasn't as pretty as her sister Tekla, but thought that she was prettier. She had a son, who the family called Miki, but he was named Max after Grandpa. Their marriage wasn't a happy one either. Manci liked to flirt a lot, she always had some suitors and that bothered her husband a lot. I've got this impression that he committed suicide. Before the occupation of Austria, Manci and her son came to Bratislava. My father took them in, and found her work in a dairy. She worked as the dairy's manager. Miki attended school with me. My parents weren't very well off, we lived from hand to mouth, there was no money to spare, which is why my mother used to resent Manci, as my father supported her a lot. Manci decided that she wouldn't stay here, and found a job in England, and Miki went with the Jugendaliyah to Palestine, where he was a kibbutznik up until the day he died. He settled in a kibbutz below the Golan Heights. In 1994, when I was in Israel for two weeks, he took us under his wing and showed us all he could. He died in 2003.