

Zuzana Minacova As A Child



In this picture I'm roughly five or six years old. It was taken in Bratislava in the 1930s. I had a beautiful childhood; during summer vacation we used to go stay with Grandma and Grandpa in Betlanovce by the Tatra Mountains. Jewish customs were observed in the family of my paternal grandparents; they cooked kosher food, separated their dishes for various foods and holidays,

attended synagogue, and lived an Orthodox lifestyle. I was a child, so I don't remember any details that clearly, but I do remember that my cousins, sister and I were always at my grandparents' during summer holidays, and had the opportunity to familiarize ourselves with true Jewish sentiments. We were still kids, so we often got things wrong, and then Grandma and Grandpa had to correct our mistakes, so I remember that we had to stick knives into the ground, where they had to stay for several days so everything would be ritually clean again.