

Endre Rona's Wedding



The picture was taken in front of the Bethlen Square synagogue at the wedding of my cousin, Bandi (Endre) Rona. In the first row from right to left: Gyongyi Rona, Bandi's aunt, my father Miklos Molnar, I don't know the children, only the little boy in white, he is my brother Jancsi. In the 2nd row from right to left: my mother's brother Kalman Koves, my mother Iren Molnar. Next to the bride Bandi's mother, my father's sister Margit Rona [nee Molnar], on the left side of the picture between Gabi Koves the groom and the bride is my brother Peter. Bandi Rona was born in 1925 in Budapest. His father was Janos Rona, his mother Margit Molnar. He was like an older brother to me. He had quite an influence on my musical and literary interest. I went to the opera with him, he got me used to reading, he was a kind of a model for me. He was already a scout, when I was a cub. He was six years older than me. Bandi went to the Bocskai high school, he graduated from there in 1943, and he graduated from university after the war and became a mathematics teacher. He got married in 1950. His wife, Agi [Agnes] Kreisler was born in 1927 in Budapest, she was liberated from Mauthausen in 1945. She also graduated from university, but I don't know what kind, and I don't know what she does. Bandi and Agi had a child, Marta. Marta and her daughter Niki live here in Pest. Marta married twice, she didn't go to university. I don't know much about her. Bandi was at our place in Australia for a month at the beginning of the 1970s. But he never thought about emigrating. He wasn't that type. He wasn't t that healthy either, and he died in 1976. He had heart problems.