

Erzsebet Radvaner And Her Brother Laszlo Gonczi



This is me and my brother in 1914 in Budapest. This photo was taken when my father went to the front. My elder brother, Laszlo, was born in 1905. I was born in 1908. I went to the primary school in the Nyar street. I was the best pupil the whole time I was there. Then there was the Maria Terezia higher school for girls, on Andrassy Street, which lasted for six years. It was very difficult to get in there, as it was just for the rich. The husband of the sister of one of my aunts was the

director of a publishing house and he had connections to all of Pest. My mother went to him and told him that she would like to get me into the Andrassy Street school. He said that he could get me into any school in the town, but not there: 'She would only learn to show off there. Put her into the middle school,' he suggested. That school was on Nagydiofa Street. I was the best pupil there too. Going to the synagogue on Fridays was compulsory. At the beginning my mother took us to school, but later we went on our own. There was no public transport. Laci went to the Realschule on Realtanoda Street. I used to go along with them as far as Nagydiofa Street.