

Pavel Sendrei's Parents, Aleksandar And Adolfina Sendrei, with Adolfina's Sister, Ela Levi



This picture was taken on July 6, 1937 on the platform at the stadium in Zilina during the Makabiada. On the left is my mother, Adolfina, next to her is my father, Aleksandar, and next to him is my mother's oldest sister Ela Levi. My father, Aleksandar Sendrei, was born on August 28, 1888 in Krivosud Bodovska, Slovakia. He was killed on March 15, 1945 in the concentration camp at Bergen-Belsen. My mother, Adolfina Sendrei (maiden name - Holzmann) was born on October 31, 1893 in Stari Bistira, and she died on December 2, 1981 in Subotica. I grew up in a middle class Neolog Jewish family. We did not go to synagogue everyday, but we observed the big holidays. We lived in a rented apartment. Hungarian was my mother tongue, because my father had finished his studies at the university in Budapest and my mother went to a Hungarian school during the time of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Father was a big fan of football. He was a member of the ESKA ZILINA football club and one of its big donors. This football club was once one of the leading football clubs in Slovakia. My mother, Adolfina, was a classical housewife. She made really tasty meals, but her cuisine was not kosher.