

The 'Tatra' Drugstore In Zilina



This photo was taken at my father's Tatra Drugstore in Zilina. The photo is undated. My father, Aleksandar Sendrei, was born on August 28, 1888 in Krivosud Bodovska, Slovakia. He was killed on March 15, 1945 in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. My father used to spend his days working in his drugstore. He 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. 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. I had a governess who taught me German. I only began to learn Slovakian when I started the first grade of primary school.