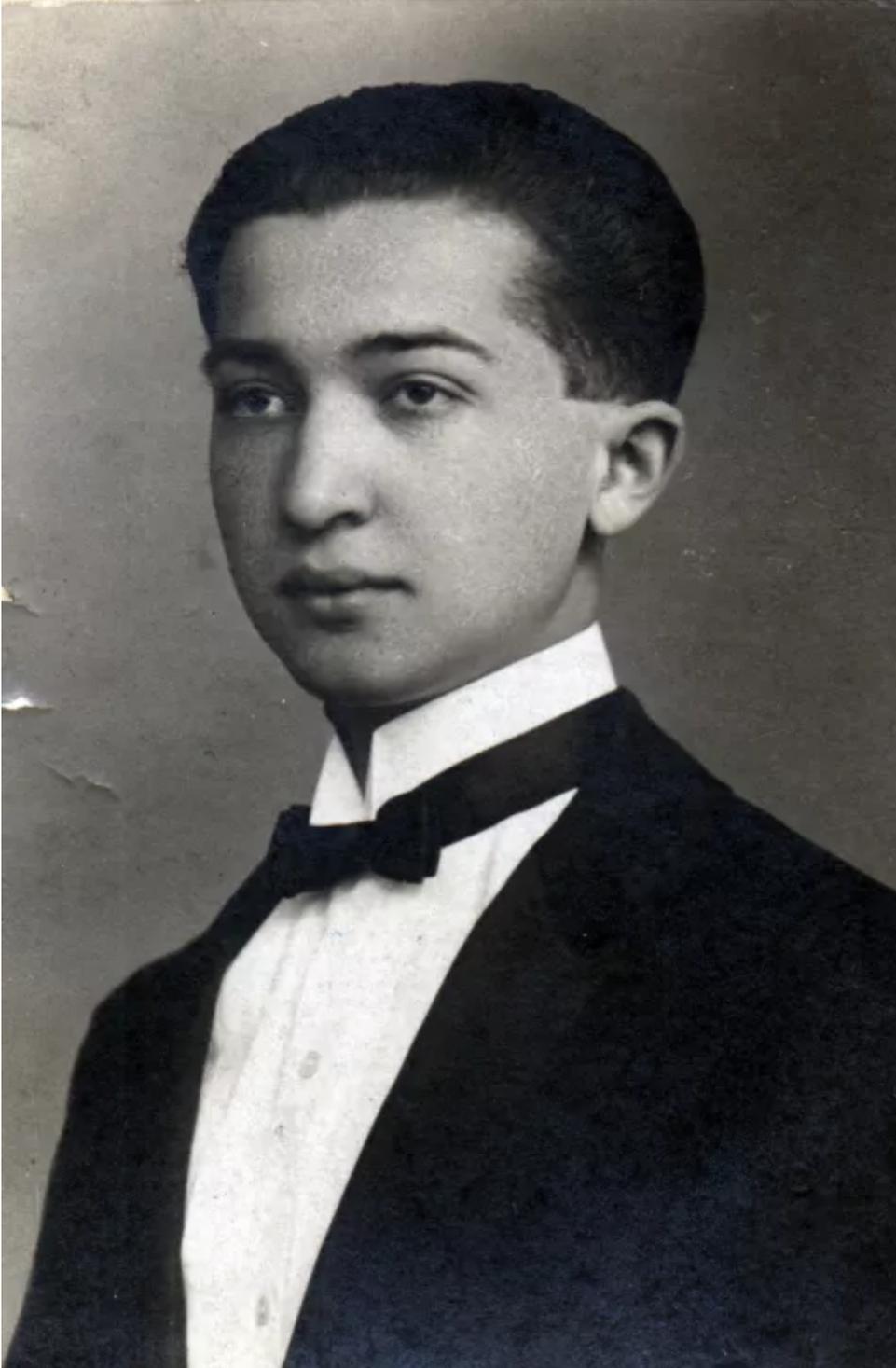


Helmut Stern



This is my grandfather Helmut Stern. This is a detail from the portrait poster of high school graduates of the Academy of Commerce. The photo was taken in Bratislava in 1923. My grandfather, Helmut Stern, was born in Opava in 1906, when my great-grandfather was working there. My grandfather attended the Czechoslovak State Trade Academy in Bratislava from 1922-23. At least two thirds of the students were of Jewish origin. The only person still alive from his class is Mr. Marcel Kucera, who is about 90 now. After the war my grandfather worked as an accountant.