

Shalamon And Johanna Schwartz, Livia Teleki's Maternal Grandparents



This picture was taken in my grandparent's house in Belgrade. Mother's parents lived in Kula. Grandmother Johanna Shwartz was a housewife and she had eight children, grandfather Shalamon Shwartz was a teacher. Her maiden name was Johanna Zigel. Grandmother and grandfather moved from Kula to Belgrade when my aunt built the house in Belgrade, which was before I was born. They lived at 27 Vlajkovicewa Street. It was a house on three floors. That house was confiscated during the WWII. They spoke Hungarian and German in their house, not Serbian. Grandfather was a cantor and he sang in the Synagogue in the center of Belgrade where now the Gallery of Frescoes is now. My grandmother was a housewife, and she had a lot of children to worry about. She didn't have any help in the house. When her oldest daughter grew up, she started helping her, until she moved to Belgrade, and started working as a seamstress. Grandfather and grandmother were religious, they celebrated all the holidays, they ate kosher. Grandfather had a beard but a small one not a big one like father's father. They were dressed in the European style-grandfather was very elegant, with a hat, and kepele underneath it. Grandmother wore long skirts, blouses, big scarves.