

Livia Teleki And Her Mother Kornelija Kornveis At The 'Missing Monument'



Me and my mother. This was a monument near Gundulicev Venac (in Belgrade), Austro-Hungarian. When they left this area, they took the monument with them. I liked to go there often. My father took this picture. My mother Kornelia Shwartz Kornveis was born in 1892 in Murska Subota, that is in Medjumurje. Grandfather was a cantor there at some point. Then they came to Belgrade- My mother came to Belgrade as a young girl, right after my aunt, who was a seamstress there. My

mother's mother tongue was Hungarian as is mine. She was a seamstress at my aunt's, her eldest sister, where she also learned the trade. She was a woman of the world in every respect, and very modest type of person. I was born on the 10th of August 1922, in Veliki Varadin, which is in Romania now and called Oraea. I moved with my parents to Belgrade when I was five, in 1927. There were no Jewish schools when I was little in Belgrade. I went to German school (Deutsche Evangelische Folk School) in Belgrade on Nusiceva Street. I learned how to speak German there. We all went together to the religious classes there, we used to sing there a lot. Then I went to Serbian school across from the botanical gardens in Belgrade. There were three Jewish girls in the grade. I remember one of them was called Gizela Kunick. After elementary school I went to the civil school, and then I got married when I was sixteen and I did not have time for more schools.