

Heda Ambrova Going Shopping



This is a photo of me, Heda Ambrova, in Piestany around the year 1925.

I was born on 12th September 1922 in Piestany as Hedviga Erdelyiova. We lived in what is now Teplicka Street, before it was Wilsonova Street No. 22. We didn't have any animals, not even a canary. My sister's name was Magda. She was born on 16th May 1920 in Piestany, and was two and a half years older. We didn't have nannies as such.

We attended Jewish school together, my sister for two or three years and I for only a year. The teacher at the Jewish school was an 80-year-old man named Weiss. It was a one-room schoolhouse. Several grades in one classroom. The principal of the state school told my father that Mr. Weiss is a very good teacher, but that he was 80, after all. It was a big thing for us to leave to attend a state school. I don't even think any more Jewish children transferred.