

Miriam-Debora Meyertal



This is my mother Miriam Dobrysh as a child. The picture was taken in Tartu in 1918.

Mother's parents lived in Tallinn. Grandfather was a cobbler, Grandmother was a housewife. She raised five children. The eldest, Isaac, was born in 1905 and the second, Hirsh, in 1907. Mother's third brother, Pesach, was born in 1910. My mother Miriam-Deborah was born in 1913 and the youngest, Sheine, in 1916.

All children got good education. My mother and her sister finished the German lyceum in Tallinn, studied music. Mother's three elder brothers got higher education. They studied in Estonia and then in Czechoslovakia, in Prague, in the technical high school. Subjects were taught in German; all Estonian inhabitants knew German.

Mother's family was religious, Jewish traditions were kept. And the children always stuck to Jewish traditions even though they were modern people.