

Malvina Friedmannova With Friends



The second from left, standing on the wood trunk, is my sister Malvina or Manci Friedmannova, she was about 12 years old at the time the photo was taken. Manci was born in Presov in 1920 and graduated from a high school, then we stopped going to school because of the anti-Jewish measures. I went to work for a wood-seller, who was Jewish and for whom my sister was also supposed to work. But my father sent me without her and Manci stayed home, because my father was always worried about her, since she was so beautiful. On my sister's right is Katka Hexnerova, nee Grossova. Before World War II she lived in Presov. She is much older, maybe 83-84. Manci went to the gas chamber in Treblinka, along with my parents. It makes me cry when I remember what a cute little thing she was, with those blue eyes and dark hair. I really loved her. Sometimes I think of her, even today, when I see her friend Katka, who survived the Holocaust and lives in Kosice now.