

The Bruck And Nemenyi Family Graves In Subotica's Jewish Cemetery



This is a photo of the Bruck and Nemenyi family graves in the Subotica cemetery. The photo is not dated. My father, Matija Bruck, was born in Bacsalmás, Hungary on December 21, 1890 and died on January 11, 1961 in Subotica. My mother, Magda Bruck (maiden name - Nemenyi) was born in Pancevo on August 18, 1905 and died in Subotica on February 1, 1977. My father came from a very poor family. He studied chemistry in Berlin and became a pharmacist. Before obtaining work in that field, he noticed that the grapevines on his father's small parcel of land produced very weak grapes. Experimenting in the different laboratories where he worked part-time to gain experience, he invented a material for protecting the grapevines. He did not have enough money to pay for registering the patent, so he went into partnership with a friend with whom he later shared the dividends equally. From the dividends he bought a 30-hectare vineyard in the Backa vineyards, a house in Belgrade on Sava Kovacevic Street (with 14 apartments) and a villa in Palic, where we spent our vacations. My mother came from a rather well off family. She met her future husband when she was very young. My father was already a student, and there was a 15 year age difference between them. After primary school and four years of secondary school, she was sent by her parents to a boarding school in Vienna for future housewives, with the hope that this would distance her from Matija. But this did not prevent the sweethearts from seeing one another. Whenever Matija was passing through he would visit her at the dormitory presenting himself as her uncle. Their love was culminated by their marriage in 1926 in the Subotica synagogue. I, their daughter Judita, was born in 1927 in Subotica.