

Pavle Sosberger's Mother Paula Schosberger



This is my mother Paula Schosberger. This photo was taken in 1914 in Rakospalota where she lived. During the First World War she worked as a nurse in a military hospital near Budapest. When war ended she received golden badge from the Red Cross organization.

Mother Paula was born in 1895 in Rakospalota. She first completed the Jewish elementary school and then attended the famous Veres Palne secondary girls' school. Later she completed an advanced technical school for civil engineering. In secret she also completed Montessori academy for extracurricular education. Few years after she had got married we came to Novi Sad. In that time she was the first person to have education for educating kids in extracurricular activities. It was the Montessori Method she used, which is even today attractive.

She was very skillful. She would make anything and everything, for example, she drew, did handwork, made different decorations from wood, Goblins, made and worked on vases. I loved to help her; I would, for example, buy a plain vase and then we would color it in black and drew figures in some other colors. After that we would lacquer it and get a very nice thing.

My mother founded this kindergarten at the beginning of 1930, at her expense. It was the first and only Jewish kindergarten in Novi Sad. It was a well-known kindergarten, beside Jewish kids there were non Jewish ones, too. There they would draw, learn Jewish songs, make sculptures from modeling clay. The kids often prepared shows for holidays, for Chanukkah, Purim and they were presented in front of the Community members. I remember the names of some performances 'Adriatic night', 'Children's conference' and 'Forest dream'. These were all very simple theatre performances made so that even the youngest of kids could participate. My brother and I would also take a part in them from time to time.