

Erzsebet Radvaner's Sister Anna Nobel And Their Mother Terez Gonczi



My younger sister Anna and my mother in Budapest in the 1960s. Anna was born in 1917. She attended the Jewish school. She studied well, and had trouble only with Latin. In the fourth form her teacher said that if my mother did not withdraw her from the school, he would make her fail her year. My mother withdrew her. She went to financial school for a year. Later she learned pottery and languages and she was a shop assistant in a tea and coffee shop. She had to leave it because of the Anti-Jewish law. When my father was on his deathbed I promised him that my mother would live with me. In fact it was much easier for me like that, because Juli was six months old when I had to give up my fashion shop and had to go to work. For twenty-one years, my work was such that I was at home in the flat. So if my child cried, I could go to her in the other room. My mother reared her from her age of six months. I had a domestic helper. When I had my fashion shop it was cheaper to have one, than to do the cooking and the cleaning in my own time. I got my job during the summer and Emi, the domestic helper, said she would take Juli in. They went away for two weeks that was the holiday due to Emi. I gave her an addressed card for her to write each day. I could not have provided such things for her in Pest in 1950; she got the first milk from the morning milking and every day they killed a chicken to get the fresh liver into her soup.