

Vera Tomanic's Bat Mitzvah



The picture was taken in 1930 in the Osijek synagogue. I am pictured celebrating my Bat Mitzvah. We moved to Osijek in 1929 from Belisce, when I enrolled in the Women's Real Gymnasium because there was no secondary school in Belisce. In Osijek there were two synagogues; one in the upper part of town and one in the lower part. We had our own rabbi, cantor and shochet. This was a big community, very active and very religious. Rabbi Dr. Ungar was a well-educated man. The synagogue was well-attended, large and beautiful. It seemed especially so on my Bat Mitzvah. Many of my relatives and friends came. I felt very honored and I received a lot of presents. From

my parents I received a gold chain.