

Vera Tomanic's Father Pavao Bluhm In His Store



The picture was taken in 1940 in Osijek. First from the right is my father Pavao and next to him is the salesman Tigermann, also a Jew. The picture was taken in my father's store. My parents bought a house at 18 Zagreb Street, and my mother opened a shop which sold food out of our home. She had two salespeople, and she herself worked the cash register. My grandmother Eleonora and my aunt Berta, who continued to live with us even after our move to Osijek, took care of my younger sister Lilie, who was born in 1923, and me. In 1930, together with his Jewish friend Miroslav Adler, my father opened a big textile store that sold fabric by the meter. It was on the street with the most traffic. In the store there were four full-time, permanent employees, and one cashier.