

Suzana Hacker As A Pupil In Jewish School



Photo of my Jewish school classmates in Szentes, 1941.

For my early childhood, I returned to Szentes where we were taken when the raid occurred. My brother was captured, I remained there and I finished the first, second and third grade of elementary school.

The fact that we spoke Hungarian and Serbian parallel in our house helped ease the situation. I spoke Hungarian and I finished the first, second and third grade of elementary school. Since these were already the war years, as a child I went to Jewish school, because we were divided. That Jewish school did not have special grades, since it was a small place there were not a lot of us children.

The teacher, who was also a Jew, had to know who to teach and what material to ask which students about. We were all in one room, and it was for four grades. I learned to write Hungarian and grammar and I only continued with Serbian in school after the war, when I came back from the camp.

In that school we learned to write and read Hebrew, all connected to Jewish history and customs and naturally general history and subjects. I was there until March 1944, when all the Jews, not only in Szentes but also in other places, were taken to the ghetto.