

Vera Erak's Uncle Jakob Bondy



The picture of my uncle Jakob Bondy was taken in 1923 in Zemun. The eldest of my grandparents' four children was Jakob, nicknamed Zaki. My uncle Jakob was born in 1901 in Zemun. He attended a Jewish elementary school and a gymnasium in Zemun and he graduated from the Economics Faculty in Belgrade. He worked as the commercial director of the Ta-Ta commercial company in Belgrade. He lived as a tenant. At the outbreak of World War Two, a proclamation arrived which stated that everyone had to register in their place of residence before 1918. Jakob registered in Zemun, and at the same moment they took him into forced labor. He worked on cleaning up the debris from the bombing of Zemun. In mid-1941 he was taken to the Jasenovac concentration camp, from where he did not return.