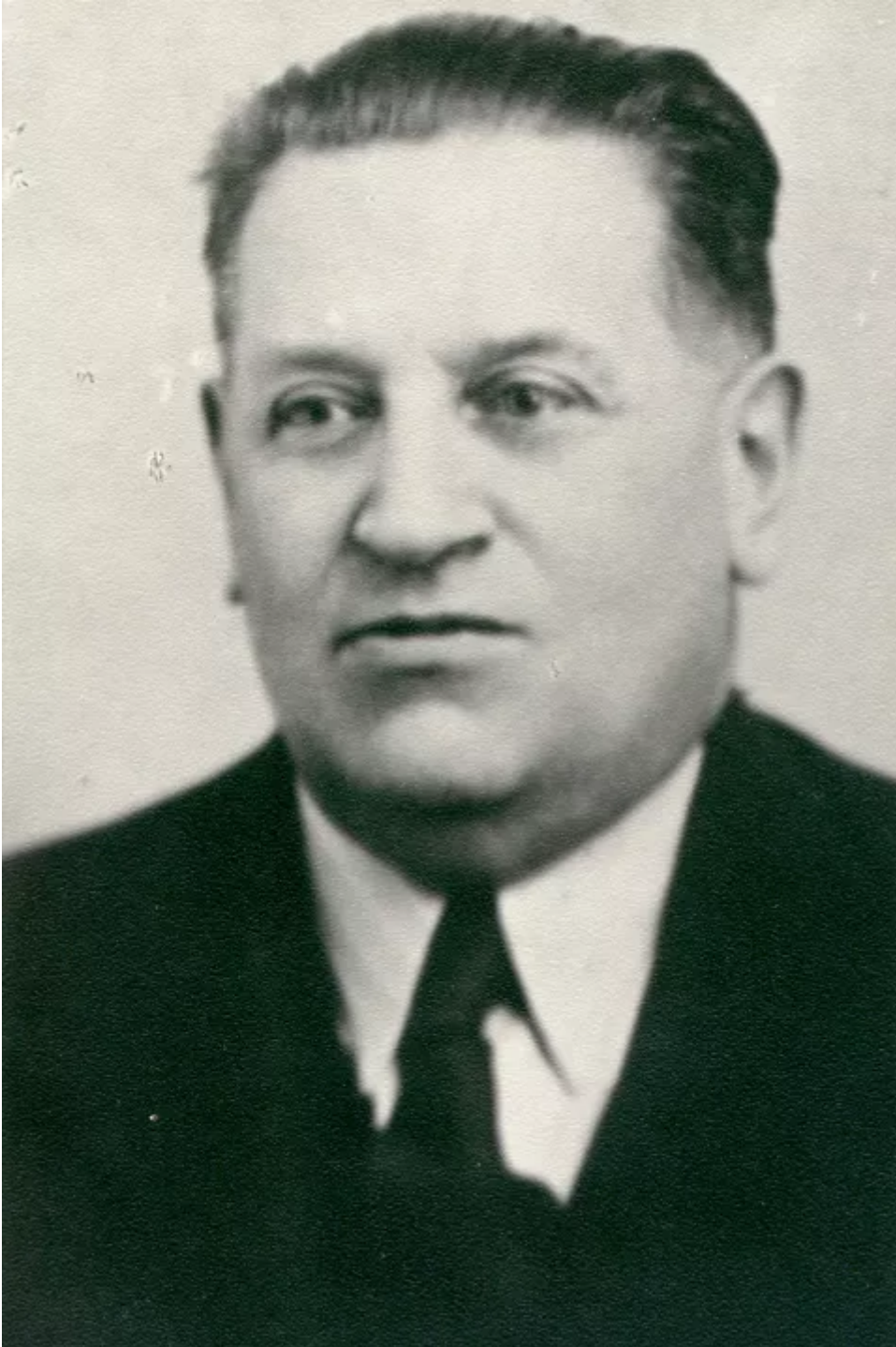


Ludvik Fink



This is a portrait of my father, Ludvik Fink. The picture was probably taken in the 1930s in Prague. I don't know who took it. My father was born in Bernatice in the year 1891. He studied some trade in the textile industry. My father had a company, he manufactured ties and sold tie textiles. He needed some sort of suitable space for his activities, so he rented that apartment of ours. The largest room of all served as a store. My father, like a proper businessman, dressed elegantly. He wore pants, a suit jacket and a tie. I think that my mother also dressed very well. She didn't wear pants yet, just long skirts and with them various kinds of blouses. My parents had their clothing made at 'U Papeze na Perstejne,' in those days that was a renowned tailoring company. My father had his ties made privately by seamstresses. He cut the cloth himself, prepared it, and then the

seamstresses took it away. A regular customer of ours was Josef Laufer, a broadcast journalist and famous reporter. He used to come to us relatively often. I remember only him, otherwise I didn't hang around the store much. My father was glad when I came there, but would say, 'OK, don't hold me up, run off again!'