

# The Gravestones Of Gabor Paneth's Paternal Grandparents In The Papa Jewish Cemetery



The graves of my paternal grandparents, Adolph and Regina Paneth, in the Jewish cemetery of Papa. I took the photo in the 1950s. My wife and I went to Papa again in the 1970s and we found the stones lying on the ground. My grandfather was born in Tarcal. He moved to a town called Papa because he got a job as a shochet (kosher butcher) and melamed (teacher of Jewish primary school). He married a local girl, who was considered the most beautiful girl of the town, and had four children. He was a very religious man. My grandmother was born in a big family in Papa. As I often heard from my father, she was considered the most beautiful girl of Papa. She was married to my grandfather in 1879 and they had four children. She had serious financial problems after her husband died in 1928, but she was helped by her late husband's uncles who had emigrated to America in the 1870s. They regularly sent her money, for which she was especially thankful since the Jewish community of Papa was in such a bad shape that often it couldn't pay her the widow's allowance on time. Until her death she lived with one of her daughters, Jolan, who was deaf and dumb from birth.