Annie Schonfeld And Henriette Mizrahy

The photograph was taken in 1908 in Bucharest. From left to right: my mother's sister, Annie Segalescu [nee Schonfeld] and my mother, Henriette Mizrahy [nee Schonfeld].

Annie Segalescu was born in 1900 in Bucharest. She was the most religious of the three Schonfeld sisters, but she had her limits; she didn't wear a wig. She married Eugen Segalescu, with whom she had a son, Gabriel Segalescu, born in 1926 in Bucharest, seven weeks after I was born. She got divorced in 1939, remarried, but kept her maiden name. She emigrated to France and died in Paris in 1982.

My mother was born in 1898 in Bucharest. From the moment I could understand and judge, I realized that the day of 29th March - my mother's birthday - was a holiday in our home. The house filled with flowers, the phone didn't cease to ring, and, in the evening, when all preparations had been finished, the family gathered together with some couples of friends who were as close to my parents as their brothers and sisters. The ties between the three sisters were very strong.