

Presov, 1930



This photograph is from 1930, and is of Presov. Some sort of military parade, or town celebrations was most likely taking place. Exactly what the occasion was, I alas don't know anymore.

My clearest memories are from when my parents were already living in Presov. They lived there from 1917 until they were deported. In those times Presov might have had a population of around 24,000 [according to census figures, in 1940 Presov had a population of 24,394 - Editor's note]. There was a relatively large Jewish community there. I do know that the city had two synagogues, a Neolog one and an Orthodox one. There was also a mikveh in Presov. The town baths had a part that was reserved just for Jews, and that was the mikveh. I also remember that the town also had a cheder [Cheder: religious primary school for teaching the Torah and Judaism - Editor's note], which my one year older brother Bernat attended.