

Jozefina Bachnarova And Armin Palgi



This is a photo of my brother Armin together with my wife, Jozefina Bachnarova. This photo was taken when he came to visit. It was in the 1960s and the photo was likely taken by one of our friends. During the time when anti-Semitism was disguising itself as a struggle against Zionism [during the time of the Slansky trial and at the end of the 1960s], when people didn't say 'we're against Jews', but 'we're against Zionism,' at VUKI there was this mass gathering, where everyone was railing against Jews. My wife was standing in this group of managers, and said, 'I'm Jewish too.' When they heard this, they started backtracking, that you know, they didn't mean it like that, and so on and so on. And it's typical, that she, who came from a devout Slovak Catholic family, suddenly proclaimed: 'I'm a Jew.' Back then, when everyone was railing against Jews.