

The Stern Family



This is a picture of the Stern family. Sitting third from the right is my mother, Ilona or Ilonka Stern, née Braun. The first on the right, the man in the glasses, is my father, Andor Stern. Standing above him is my cousin Imre Haasz. He was a writer. During the war, the Nyilasovites beat him so severely that they sent him home to just die. He wouldn't put up with anyone at his side, only my brother. My brother was holding his hand when he died. Standing beside him is my other cousin, Sandor Berko. He was also a noted author. He published a book named *Az ördög köpenyében?* [*In The Devil's Frock?*]. They Nyilasites killed him, too. I'm standing in the middle. The fourth from the right is Aunt Jozefina Berko. Standing above her is her son, Sandor Berko. Seated at the head of the table is Blanka neni [Aunt Blanka], my father's sister, whose married name was Haasz. Her husband was Arpad bacsi [Uncle Arpad]. In the concentration camp he gave me cutlery - a spoon and fork. They took everything from me anyways. The group of men standing on the left: In the middle is my father's brother, Sandor bacsi [Uncle Sandor]. Third from the left is Arpad bacsi [Uncle Arpad], the first on the left is Jozska. He was an architectural engineer. The first on the left is a German lady, the wife of a friend of ours. Her name was Betka. Sitting beside here is my cousin with her husband. Fourth from the left is Aunt Gizella Stern. Aunt Gizella is also my husband's aunt. Her maiden name was Sacher, and my husband's mother's maiden name was also Sacher. Besides me, and probably that German lady, too, our whole family that's in the photograph were murdered during World War II.