

A Student In The Taslik Coffee House



I had a very active education period. I started primary school in Ortaköy Jewish primary school. A year later I was enrolled in the elementary school of the Jewish highschool that was founded by Dr. David Marküs [1870-1944] who was the principal and who my mother knew well and I got my elementary school diploma in June of 1926. I continued my education in middle school for seven years again in the Jewish highschool. But the last year I also attended Galatasaray Lisesi (highschool) [founded by Sultan II. Bayezid in 1481 and still continues in the field of education successfully] and obtained my highschool diploma from the Jewish highschool and my baccalaureate from Galatasaray in 1932. I passed the entrance exam and enrolled in the Engineering Faculty and graduated in 1937. I obtained my diploma from "Université de Paris, Facultés de Droit et des Lettres Institut d'Urbanisme" (University of Paris, Faculty of Rules and Regulations, the Urban Institute) on June 8th, 1940 Saturday, and my diploma from "Ecole Spéciale d'Architecture de Paris" (The Special Architecture School of Paris) as salutatorian on June 10th, 1940 Monday. Within two days of each other. I am sitting in a coffeehouse in Istanbul, Mackerel Taslik, reading a book while I was a student in the Engineering Faculty. Today, in place of this coffeehouse and the surrounding green area, Swiss Hotel is placed.