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JÁNOS LANG, □

(6 November 1937 -)

“We Langs and Engels have lived through such a period, which has in Hungary, among the Jewish people of Hungary, continuously, as early as in the 19th century raised the question: whether to assume Jewish identity.”



János Lang did not attend the Zichy Street Elementary School, but knows a lot about the centre of the Óbuda Jewish community, which was still active after World War II and could be found at 9 Zichy Street.

SIBLINGS: none

FATHER: **József Lang** (1902 – 1974), escaped from labour service.

His siblings: **Ferenc Lang** (1888), **Böske** (1885), **Paula** (1886), **Margit** (1894), **Vilma** (1899), she was shot into the Danube by the Nyilas people (Hungarian Nazis) in Komárom.

Imre

(1907)

PATERNAL GRANDFATHER: **Móric Lang** (today's Slovakia)

PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER: **Mária Weisz**

MOTHER: **Lívía Engel** (1911–1975) Her siblings: **Andor Engel**, escaped from labour service.

Olga (Mrs. Gutman), died in

Auschwitz.

Pál died in

the Ukraine in labour service.

Dezső, Janka

died before the war.

MATERNAL GRANDFATHER: **Ármin Engel**, died before the war.

MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER: **Janette Weisz** (Burgenland)

The family lived at 11 Pacsirtamező Road before the war. In 1944 the building became a yellow-star house.

THE MEMORIES OF JÁNOS LANG, recorded on 2 May, 2007

9 Zichy Street during and after World War II

9 Zichy Street was in some way the centre of the Jewish community in Óbuda. The rabbi lived there, and so did József Neumann. After World War II, 9 Zichy Street clearly became a Jewish centre. Not only were religious issues organised there, for example, bringing the synagogue into a usable condition, but a Zionist centre was also established there. The aim of the centre was to deal with young Jewish people who had survived, trying to convince them to “make Aliyah”, that is to go to Israel. And in many cases they did.

A little off-topic I'll tell you that I was at the ghetto at 12 or 15 Nagydíófa Street with my grandmother. 11 Pacsirtamező Street near the Amphitheatre, where I used to live with my parents and grandparents, became a yellow-star house. When we also had to leave the yellow-star house, we were gathered by the Nyilas people (Hungarian Nazis) and the police. As far as I remember, I didn't see any German soldiers. Everything was dealt with by the Hungarian authorities.



3720 - Factory complex, direction of Mókus Street, 8 May, 1942.



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