

The Neumann Family

David Neumann, chief Rabbi of Cigand

He was born at Jaszovaralja, Hungary, in 1880. His father, Jozsef Neumann, was the president of the Kassa (Kosice) Jewish community. His mother was Sarolta Adler.

He studied at Kassa and Pozsony (Bratislava in current day Slovakia). He started his rabbinical work at Kassa. In the 1920-s, as a result of the events of the First World War and the Peace Treaty of Trianon, the Czechoslovakian authorities expatriated a large segment of the Hungarian population. That's when rabbi Neumann moved to Cigand, where he became the rabbi of the community. He became chief rabbi in 1926. He was a soft-spoken, modest, well recognized Talmud Hacham.

His first wife was Roza Kornfeld. They had four children, Iren, Edit, Sarolta, Margit and Erno. Regrettably, his first wife became mentally ill, and ended up in the Satoraljaujhely asylum. In the 1920-s, the family lived in a small house at the back of the Schreiber family's residence.

Sarolta Neumann married Vilmos Fried, who was also a rabbi. Their children: Erno, Edit and Zoltan.

Edit Neumann married Adolf Oelhaunn (sp?) They had a son, Erno.

Margit Neumann married Kalman Frankel, who was a teacher. They had a son, Jozsef.

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