

Remembering Éva Fahidi

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We have Judith Szöllösy, the outstanding American translator of Hungarian literature who translated Éva Fahidi's book, "The Soul of Things: Memoir of a Youth Interrupted" for Éva's friendship. It was a great honor and an unforgettable experience to meet Éva in her Váci utca home, where she greeted us with open arms. Then, as always, her kind, strong and open character bore witness to her love of life, her love of her fellow men, and her openness. But she could not, nor did she wish to forget what cannot be forgotten.

She was interested in our civil organization and accepted our invitation to the "Hungarian Jewish Women's Lives" international conference that we organized at the Gellért Hotel in Budapest on July 21, 2014 on the occasion of the Hungarian Holocaust Memorial Year.



Éva Fahidi participated in the panel discussion entitled "Lives of Successful Women of Jewish Origin in the World of Science, Culture, the Arts and Economy". On this occasion, in an interview she gave journalist Erika Farkas, she spoke about her philosophy of life, which we would like to share in this commemoration:



"The fact that I lived so long, am still living and hope to live some more is, I believe, primarily due to my inexplicable optimism. In short, I am an optimist and always find something I can put my trust in. And most of the time, it is people who can be trusted, because I have friends from different age groups... I can safely say, they include children as well as grownups whom I trust implicitly because I expect them to get inside another person's skin. It is very difficult to understand another person. His or her reasons. As for me, my only wish now is to become a good person in my old age. It is very difficult to be a good person. But it seems that there is no other solution, because if we're incapable of doing this, life is hopeless."

Dear Éva, may you rest in peace.

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