

# Congregation Mishkan Or

## Sebo on Sabbatical - #3

Our week in Hungary proved to be much more than we had anticipated. While most of our time was spent exploring Budapest we also journeyed to Szeged, the birthplace of Rommie's father, David Sebo, of blessed memory.

Picture below: Rommie and Cantor Kathy enjoy an evening boat ride on the Danube with Hungary's impressive Parliament building in the background.



Hungarian sculpture Mihály Kolodko is known for tiny “hidden” figures throughout Budapest. Here's one of Theodor Herzl just outside of the Dohany Synagogue.





The Donahy Synagogue in Budapest is the largest synagogue in Europe. This congregation worships within the Neolog movement, a branch of the Orthodox movement unique to Hungary.





Below, a remnant of the wall from the Budapest Ghetto where Rommie's grandmother, Sarah Sebo, was held for 6 weeks. She was quite fortunate as the vast majority of the Jews in this ghetto were sent to and murdered at Auschwitz.





On the edge of the Danube is “The Shoes on the Danube Bank Memorial” which honors the Jews who were massacred by the Hungarian Arrow Cross soldiers. Please note, in addition to the bronze shoes and emotion they evoke, there are also photos, yellow ribbons and memorial candles to remember those murdered on 10-7 and also to pray for those still held hostage.





The city of Szeged boasted over 7,000 Jews in the 1920's. Today, there are 300. The Szeged Synagogue is a glorious worship space and the second largest in Hungary.



A deeply emotional moment in Szeged, Hungary as Rommie discovers the apartment building where his father lived as an infant in 1930.

