

## Zelk Zoltan, Noted Poet of Valea Lui Mihai

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Our town (city) increases in spirit when our grandmothers introduce and popularize their work and preserve their knowledge. This way we found our town born in the 20th Century with our representative, Zelk Zoltan who with Hungarian poetry, was outstanding. The representative Zelk Zoltan, who on the West was placed third on the Baumgarten-reward in poetry between the other population (of poets).

His father Zelkovits Armin, (was) a local Jewish community cantor. (Zelk Zoltan was) a half years old when his parents moved to Simleu-Silvaniei and two years old when the family moved to Miskolc. At the age of 12 the family moved to Szatmatnemeti, where got close friendship with local wagon workers. Scarcely 15 years old, when from the wagon factory upholstery worker received Ady's volume. At that time he began to write poems himself acknowledged as bad imitation of Ady. At Szatmar workers home acquainted Kassak Lajos writings, in few weeks imitated the writer. First of his poems the Kassak publisher 365 title appeared at Beds (Vienna) magazine published. Then (Zelk Zoltan) moved to Budapest and decided from then he will leave from (writing) poetry. At age 19, in the capital after a chain of disappointments, did not loose himself (despair). (Zelk Zoltan) worked many jobs: in restaurants, as a telephone boy, coat holder and (he) also worked in fun park.