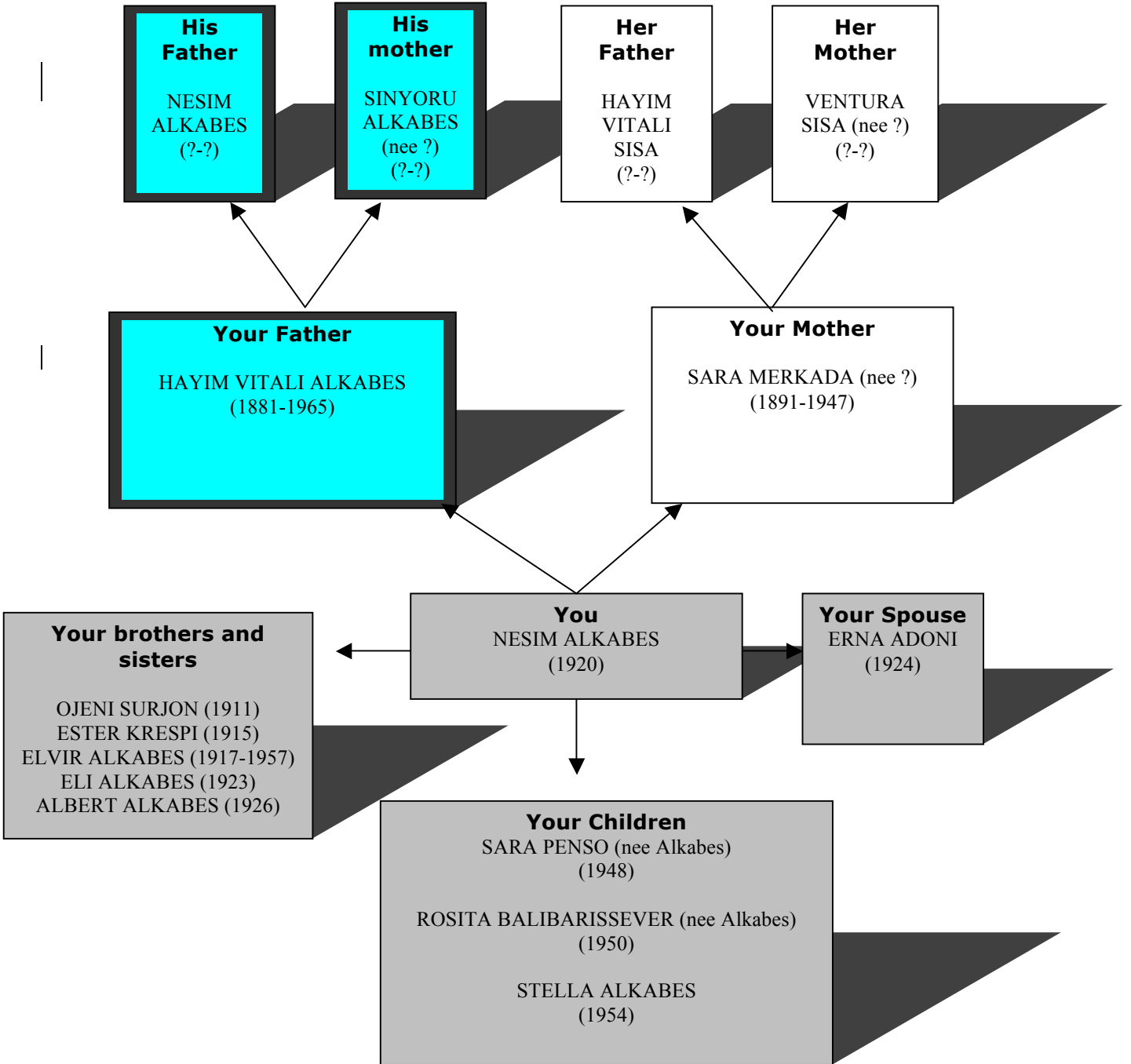


Your family tree



You and your family

Your full name

NESIM ALKABES

Where and when were you born?

Istanbul, 1920

Where else did you live?

Nowhere else

Your educational level?

Dropped out before finishing the St. Benoit Lysee

What sort of work do/did you do?

Manager in several different upholstery firms, now retired

What was the level of religiosity in your parents' home? How were you raised?

My mother and father were both very religious, and observing of religious traditions. So, I was raised quite religious as well and we all did our share.

What is your mother tongue?

Turkish and Ladino

How many languages do you speak?

French

If you were in an army, tell us which army and the dates

I was in the army for three years; I served in Malatya and Adana (1942-1945)

Your brothers and sisters

Their names

Öjeni Surjon (f), Ester Krespi (f), Elvir Alkabes (f), Eliya Alkabes (m), Albert Alkabes (m)

Where and when were they born?

All in Istanbul.

Öjeni, 1911

Ester, 1915

Elvir, 1915

Eliya, 1923

Albert, 1926

What is their mother tongue?

Turkish and Ladino for all

Their educational level?

All graduated from the St. Benoit French Lysee. Eliya and Albert are graduates of Technical Universities. Eliya is a mechanical engineer.

Their occupations?

Ojeni: Managed and operated the Bonneterie store in France for a long time.

Eliya: Manager in Burla Biraderler Company; works as a mechanical engineer.

Albert: Supervisory engineer at a Government office.

Where do/did they live?

Ojeni: France

Ester: Israel

Others in Istanbul

Do they have children?

Ojeni: Leon (m) is 67 years old today and lives in France

Ester: Viki (f) and Jojo (m) both live in Istanbul. Her twins Mose (m) and Hayim (m) live in Israel.

Eliya: Rina (f) – her daughter lives in the United States

Albert: Sara (f) and Heymi (m) both live in Istanbul.

Where and when did they die?

Öjeni: France, 1999

Ester: Israel, 1995

Elvir: Istanbul, 1957

Your spouse

Name?

Erna Adoni

Where and when was he/she born?

Istanbul, 1924

Where else did he live?

Nowhere else

Is he/she Jewish?

Yes

What is his/her mother tongue?

Turkish and Ladino

His/her educational level?

Graduated from the St. Benoit French Lysee

Occupation?

Housewife

Where and when did he/she die?

N/A

What can you tell us about her siblings?

One brother: Leon Adoni graduated from the Saint Joseph French Lysee in 1922, and later on, completed his university education at the Istanbul Medical School as a dermatologist. In 1950, he moved to Ohio, after his application for a position at the Ohio State Hospital was approved. He married a lady named Bernice, who is of Russian origin. They have three children, all of whom are alive.

Your children

What are their names?

Sara Penso (f), Rosita Balibarissever (f), Stella Alkabes (f)

Where and when were they born?

All in Istanbul

Sara-1948, Rosita-1950, Stella-1954

Where else did they live?

Rosita in Italy, Stella in New York

Their educational level?

Sara: Graduated from the Istanbul University with a degree in French Philology.

Rosita: Graduated from the Bogazici University with a degree in Chemical Engineering.

Stella: Graduated from the Bogazici University with a degree in Chemical Engineering, and later on received her Masters and Doctorate from the Weismann Institut of Science (Israel) in the same field.

Their occupations?

Sara: Housewife

Rosita: Housewife

Stella: Chemical Engineer

How many grandchildren do you have?

Three grandsons named Ceki, Niso and Semi, and one granddaughter named Rifka.

Your father

His name?

Hayim Vitali Alkabes

Where and when was he was born?

Istanbul, 1881

Where else did he live?

Nowhere else

Where and when did he die?

Istanbul, 1965

What sort of education did he have?

Attended the Alliance Israélite Universelle located in his neighborhood until he was thirteen.

What sort of work did he do?

Started working with his father in his drapery and dried goods business at a very young age, continued working in the business thereafter. Was known as an honest businessman.

What was his level of religiosity?

He was very religious. He would observe rules and traditions as best as he could.

What was his mother tongue?

Ladino and Turkish

Army service: Which army and what years?

No information available

Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

2 brothers and 2 sisters:

Ester (f): 1875-1969 She is a housewife, married a man whose last name was Gabay. Mr. Gabay passed in 1915. They had a daughter named Margorit. They were not quite as religious and Erna and myself.

Coya (f): 1878-1959 She is a housewife, married and divorced two times, did not have any children. She was not as religious as Erna and myself.

Ishak (m): 1887-1963 Owned a textile business, married a lady named Viktorya, they did not have any children. Ishak was quite religious.

Moiz (m): 1884-1958 Owned a textile business, married a lady named Rasel, who was an Iranian-Jew. They had three children; Ojeni (born 1912), Ortans (1915) and Ester (1919). He was quite religious.

Where was he during the Holocaust?

In Istanbul

Your father's family

His father

Your father's father name?

Nesim Alkabes

Where and when was he born?

No information

Where else did he live?

No information

Where and when did he die?

No information

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

He was a businessman; he owned a drapery and dried goods business

What was his level of religiosity?

He was very religious

What was his mother tongue?

Probably Ladino

Army service: Which army and what years?

No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information

His mother

Your father's mother's name?

Sinyoru Alkabes (Nee ?) _____

Where and when was she born?

No information _____

Where else did she live?

No information _____

Where and when did she die?

No information _____

What sort of education did she have?

No information _____

What sort of work did she do?

Probably housewife _____

What was her level of religiosity?

Probably quite religious _____

What was her mother tongue?

Probably Ladino _____

Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information _____

Your Mother

Her name?

Sara Merkada (Nee ?)

Where and when was she was born?

Istanbul, 1891

Where else did she live?

Nowhere else

Where and when did she die?

Istanbul, 1947

What sort of education did she have?

Attended an English Lysee within her neighborhood only for two years

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

What was her level of religiosity?

She was very religious. She obeyed all the rules of the Jewish religion and all its traditions.

What was her mother tongue?

Ladino

Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information

Your Mother's family

Her father

Your mother's father name?

Hayim Vitali Sisa

Where and when was he born?

Probably in Istanbul, no information on the date of birth

Where else did he live?

No information

Where and when did he die?

No information

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

He worked in the importing and exporting of various types of fabric.

What was his level of religiosity?

He was quite religious

What was his mother tongue?

Ladino

Army service: Which army and what years?

No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information

Her mother

Your mother's mother's name?

Ventura Sisa (Nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

Probably in Istanbul, no information on the date of birth

Where else did she live?

No information

Where and when did she die?

No information

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Probably housewife

What was her level of religiosity?

She was quite religious.

What was her mother tongue?

Ladino

Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information