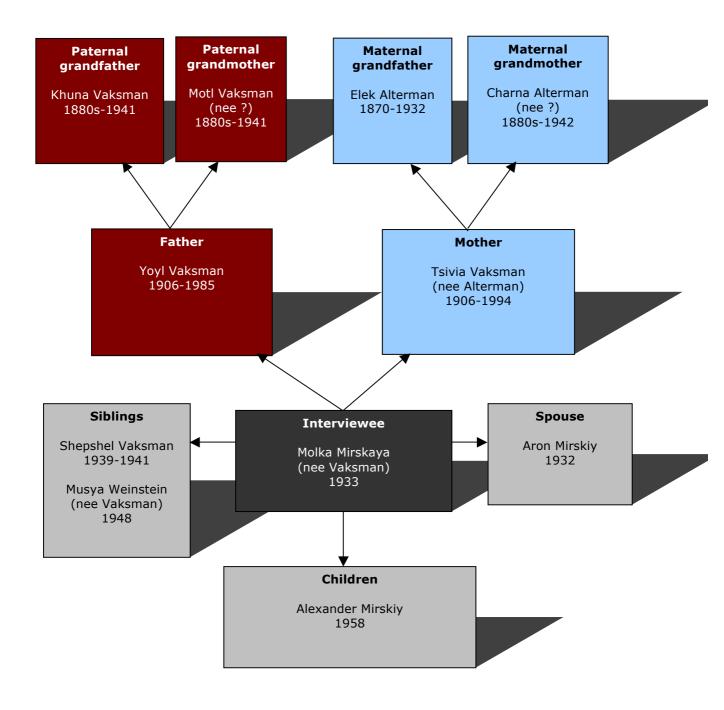
## **Family Tree**



# The interviewee and his family

*Full name* Molka Mirskaya (nee Vaksman) (Russian name: Maya)

Where and when were you born? Kishinev (Chisinau in Moldovan), 19<sup>th</sup> January 1933

Where else did you live? Rostov (today Russia), Kokand (today Uzbekistan)

*Your educational level?* Librarians' school

What sort of work do/did you do? Worked in the library as a librarian-bibliographer

How religious was your parents' home? How were you raised? My parents observed certain traditions and celebrated some holidays. Father was not religious. My mother stuck to some customs: lit candles on Saturdays, fasted during Yom Kippur.

What is your mother tongue? Yiddish

What other languages do you speak? Russian, Romanian/Moldovan

## Where were you during the Holocaust?

Evacuation: in Rostov (today Russia), then Kokand (today Uzbekistan)

## What did you do after the Holocaust?

I returned to Kishinev, finished secondary school and vocational school, worked in the library, got married and raised a daughter.

#### Siblings

Their names Shepshel Vaksman Musya Weinstein (nee Vaksman)

Where and when were they born? Shepshel: Kishinev (Chisinau in Moldovan), 1939 Musya: Kishinev, 1948

What is their mother tongue? Shepshel: Yiddish Musya: Yiddish

Their educational level? Shepshel: N/A Musya: secondary school

Their occupations? Shepshel: N/A Musya: a worker

Where do/did they live? Shepshel: N/A Musya: Israel

Do they have children? Shepshel: N/A Musya: daughter Lilia, resides in Israel and works as a teacher

Where and when did they die? Shepshel: Astrakhan (today Russia), 1941

#### Spouse

Name? Aron Mirskiy

Where and when was he/she born? Bucharest (today Romania), 1932

Where else did he/she live? Central Asia, Kishinev (Chisinau in Moldovan)

*Is he/she Jewish?* Yes

What is his/her mother tongue? Yiddish

His/her educational level? Lvov Polytechnic Institute

*Occupation?* Automobile engineer

Tell me anything you know about his/her siblings (Name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, name of wife and children, whether their family is Jewish and whether it is religious). N/A

#### Children

*Their names?* Alexander Mirskiy

Were they raised Jewish/do they identify themselves as Jews? Considers himself a Jew, underwent the rite of brit milah at a mature age, not religious.

Where and when were they born? Kishinev (Chisinau in Moldovan), 1958

Where else did they live? Odessa, Kherson (today Ukraine), Haifa (today Israel)

*Their educational level?* Kishinev automobile school

*Their occupations?* Teaching automobile gear at automobile school

How many grandchildren do you have? Mikhail, born in 1985, serves in the Israeli fleet Irina, born in 1986, a student

## Father

*His name?* Yoyl Vaksman

Where and when was he born? Kishinev (Chisinau in Moldovan), 1906

Where else did he live? Ulyanovsk (today Russia)

Where and when did he die? Kishinev, 1985

*What sort of education did he have?* Cheder

What sort of work did he do? Cobbler, worked at a shoe factory

How religious was he? Father was not religious.

What was his mother tongue? Yiddish Army service: which army and what years? Romanian army, 1929-1932

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

Name	place and date of	Occupation	biographical data	biographical data	describe how religious
	birth/death		and origins of	of children	they were
			spouse		
Rosa Khalfina	Kishinev, 1908 -	Seamstress	Shepshel Khalfin	Vevl Khalfin	Religious, observed
(nee Vaksman)	place unknown,		place unknown,	1920s-1940s	certain holidays
	1941		1900s - place	Avrum Khalfin,	
			unknown, 1930s	1920s-1941	
			Jew	Raya ?	
				(nee Khalfina)	
				1930s-1960s	

Where was he during the Holocaust? Labor army in Ulyanovsk

If he survived, what did he do after?

Returned to Kishinev, worked at shoe factory, raised daughters.

*Your paternal grandfather's name?* Khuna Vaksman

Where and when was he born? Kishinev (Chisinau in Moldovan), 1880s

Where and when did he die? Kishinev, 1941

*What sort of education did he have?* Cheder

What sort of work did he do? Baker

#### How religious was he?

My grandfather Khuna was a very religious man, went to the synagogue, wore a hat, celebrated holidays, observed traditions.

What was his mother tongue? Yiddish

Army service: which army and what years? Was not in the army

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

birth/death

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they were

spouse

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust? Was shot by the Fascists in his yard in Kishinev in 1941 Your paternal grandmother's name? Motl Vaksman (nee ?)

Where and when was she born? Kishinev (Chisinau in Moldovan), 1880s

Where and when did she die? Kishinev, 1941

What sort of education did she have? None

*What sort of work did she do?* Housewife

How religious was she? Grandmother was very religious, wore a kerchief, observed the kashrut and Sabbath, celebrated holidays.

*What was her mother tongue?* Yiddish

#### Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

name place and date of occupation biographical data biographical data describe how religious birth/death and origins of of children they were spouse

# Where was she during the Holocaust?

Was shot by the Fascists in her yard in Kishinev in 1941, during first months of occupation

Her name? Tsivia Vaksman (nee Alterman)

Where and when was she born? Kishinev (Chisinau in Moldovan), 1906

Where else did she live? Rostov oblast (today Russia), Kokand (today Uzbekistan)

Where and when did she die? Kishinev, 1994

What sort of education did she have? Several grades of the Jewish school

What sort of work did she do? Seamstress

#### How religious was she?

My mother was not a religious zealot, celebrated holidays, went to the synagogue during holidays, observed the kashrut, lit candles during Sabbath, but she wore ordinary clothes, didn't cover her head.

What was her mother tongue? Yiddish

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

Name	place and date of	Occupation	biographical data	biographical data	describe how religious
	birth/death		and origins of	of children	they were
			spouse		
Nysl Alterman	Kishinev, 1902 -	Cobbler	Feiga Alterman	Ella Sharf	Rather religious,
	Kishinev, 1987		(nee ?)	(nee Alterman)	observed the kashrut,
			1900s-1980s	1934	Sabbath and holidays
			Jew	Hershl Alterman	
				1937	
Shloime	Kishinev, 1908 -	No	No information	No information	Not religious
Alterman	place and date	information			
	unknown				
Feiga ?	Kishinev, 1913 -	Seamstress	Name unknown	None	Rather religious,
(nee Alterman)	place unknown,		1900s-1940s		observed the kashrut,
	1940s		Jew		Sabbath and holidays
Avrum Alterman	Kishinev, 1918,	Tailor; worked	Basya Alterman	Charna, Tsilya,	Not religious
	resides in Israel	on logistics in	(nee ?)	Molka, born in the	
		trade	1920s	1950s in Kishinev,	
			Jew, resides in	reside in Israel	
			Israel		

Where was she during the Holocaust? Evacuated in Rostov (today Russia), Kokand (today Uzbekistan)

# If she survived, what did she do after?

Lived with her husband and daughter, gave birth to another daughter and raised her, worked as a seamstress from home. Your maternal grandfather's name? Elek Alterman

Where and when was he born? Kishinev (Chisinau in Moldovan), 1870

Where and when did he die? Kishinev, 1932

*What sort of education did he have?* Cheder

What sort of work did he do? Cobbler

How religious was he?

Grandfather was very religious, wore a kippah and a hat, went to the synagogue on Fridays, Saturdays and during the holidays, kept traditions.

What was his mother tongue? Yiddish

Army service: which army and what years? No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

name	place and date of occupation	biographical data	biographical data	describe how religious
	birth/death	and origins of	of children	they were
		spouse		

Where was he during the Holocaust? Died before

# Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name? Charna Alterman (nee ?)

Where and when was she born? Orhei (before 1918 Orgeyev, Russian Empire, now Orhei, Moldova), 1880s

Where else did she live? Kishinev (Chisinau in Moldovan), Rostov oblast (today Russia), a village near Kokand (today Uzbekistan)

Where and when did she die? Village near Kokand, 1942

What sort of education did she have? Illiterate

*What sort of work did she do?* Housewife

### How religious was she?

My grandmother was very religious. She wore a kerchief, closed blouses and long skirts. She celebrated all holidays, kept the kashrut, observed Sabbath and traditions and prayed at home.

What was her mother tongue? Yiddish

#### Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

name

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biographical data biographical data and origins of of children

describe how religious they were

spouse

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Rostov oblast (today Russia), a village near Kokand (today Uzbekistan), where she died of starvation in 1942