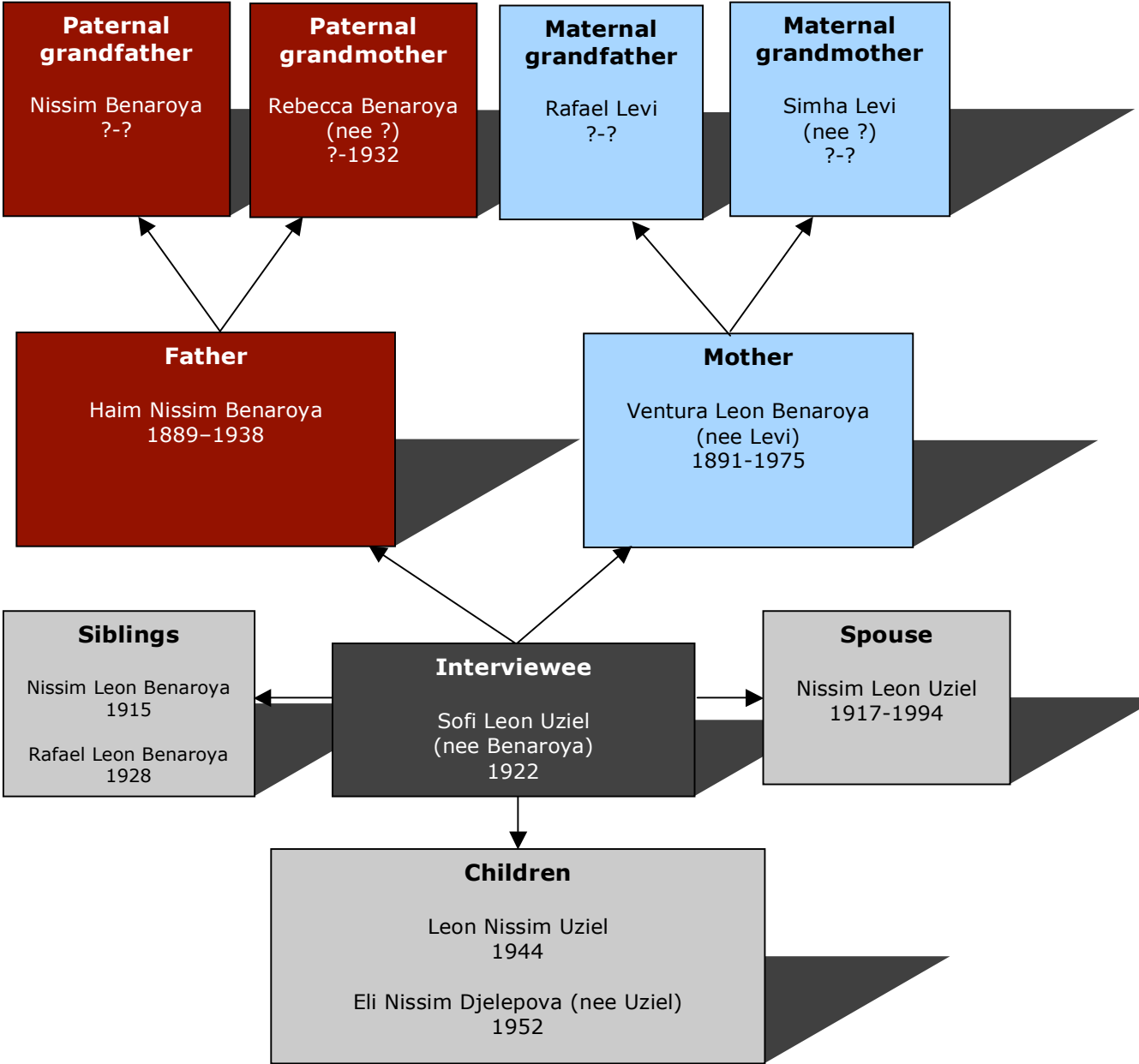


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Sofi Leon Uziel (nee Benaroya)

Where and when were you born?

Sofia, 10th January 1922

Where else did you live?

Sofia, Svoge, Pleven (1943 – 1944)

What is your educational level?

Graduated in history from Sofia University

What sort of work do/did you do?

Svoge: history teacher (for 2 years)

Sofia: worker in bookstore

Pleven: dressmaker

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

My parents were very religious, but I'm not quite so religious myself

What is your mother tongue?

Ladino, Bulgarian

How many languages do you speak?

French (a little)

Where were you during the Holocaust?

Interned to Pleven

Siblings

Their names

Nissim Leon Benaroya

Rafael Leon Benaroya

Where and when were they born?

Nissim: Sofia, 15th December 1915

Rafael: Sofia, 28th September 1928

What is their mother tongue?

Nissim: Hebrew (he emigrated to Israel in 1948)

Rafael: Ladino

What is their educational level?

Nissim: high school

Rafael: high school

What are their occupations?

Nissim: milliner in Bulgaria, construction worker in Israel

Rafael: used to work for Boyana Film Center

Where do/did they live?

Nissim: Israel

Rafael: Bulgaria

Where else did they live?

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Do they have children?

Nissim: two girls and a boy: Violeta (Ventura), Leon (Ari) and Betti

Rafael: Violeta (lives in Israel)

Spouse

Name?

Nissim Leon Uziel

Where and when was he/she born?

Sofia, 19th December 1917

Where else did he live?

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Is he/she Jewish?

Yes

What is his/her mother tongue?

Ladino (but he also knew Hebrew)

What is his/her educational level?

High school

Occupation?

Organizational worker (with Trade Union)

Where and when did he/she die?

Sofia, 31st May 1994

Children

What are their names?

Leon Nissim Uziel

Eli Nissim Djelepova (nee Uziel)

Were they raised Jewish/do they identify themselves as Jews?

Yes

Where and when were they born?

Leon: 7th December 1944, Sofia

Eli: 4th May 1952, Sofia

Where else did they live?

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What is their educational level?

Leon: Higher Institute of Mechanical and Electric Engineering, Sofia (radio engineering, television and electronics)

Eli: Institute of Forestry, Sofia (mechanical technology of wood and ecology)

What are their occupations?

Both are engineers

How many grandchildren do you have?

Leon: Nissim and Yosif (live in Israel)

Eli: Tsvetelina (lives in Israel) and Sonya (lives in Bulgaria)

Father

His name?

Leon Nissim Benaroya

Where and when was he was born?

Vidin, 1889

Where else did he live?

Sofia

Where and when did he die?

Sofia, 19th October 1938

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Corn merchant

What was his level of religiosity?

He wasn't very religious, but he respected the traditions.

What was his mother tongue?

Ladino (but fluent in six other languages)

Army service: Which army and what years?

He participated in WWI

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

Bucko: no information

Sara: housewife

Yosif: corn-merchant

Sofia: milliner

Leon: no information

Rashel (Rahel): milliner

They all lived in France (no further information)

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandfather

What is your father's father name?

Nissim Benaroya

Where and when was he born?

Vidin, date unknown

Where else did he live?

Sofia

Where and when did he die?

Sofia, date unknown

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

No information

What was his level of religiosity?

He was very religious (no further information)

What was his mother tongue?

Hebrew, 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

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandmother

Your father's mother's name?

Rebecca Benaroya (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

Vidin, (date unknown)

Where else did she live?

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Where and when did she die?

Vidin, 1932

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

No information

What was her level of religiosity?

She was very religious (no further information)

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

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before

Mother

Her name?

Ventura Leon Benaroya (nee Levi)

Where and when was she was born?

Place unknown, 1891

Where else did she live?

Pazardjik, Sofia

Where and when did she die?

Sofia, 25th September 1975

What sort of education did she have?

Elementary education (grades 1-2)

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

What was her level of religiosity?

Not extremely 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.)

Brother Avram, owned a grocery (no further information)

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Interned in Pleven

If she survived, what did she do after?

Pensioner

Maternal grandfather

Your mother's father's name?

Rafael Levi

Where and when was he born?

No information

Where else did he live?

Anatolia (today Turkey)

Where and when did he die?

Anatolia, date unknown

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

No information

What was his level of religiosity?

Very religious, almost fanatically so

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

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Maternal grandmother

Your mother's mother's name?

Simha Levi (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

No information

Where else did she live?

Anatolia (today Turkey)

Where and when did she die?

Anatolia, date unknown

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

What was her level of religiosity?

She was very religious

What was her mother tongue?

No information

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

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before