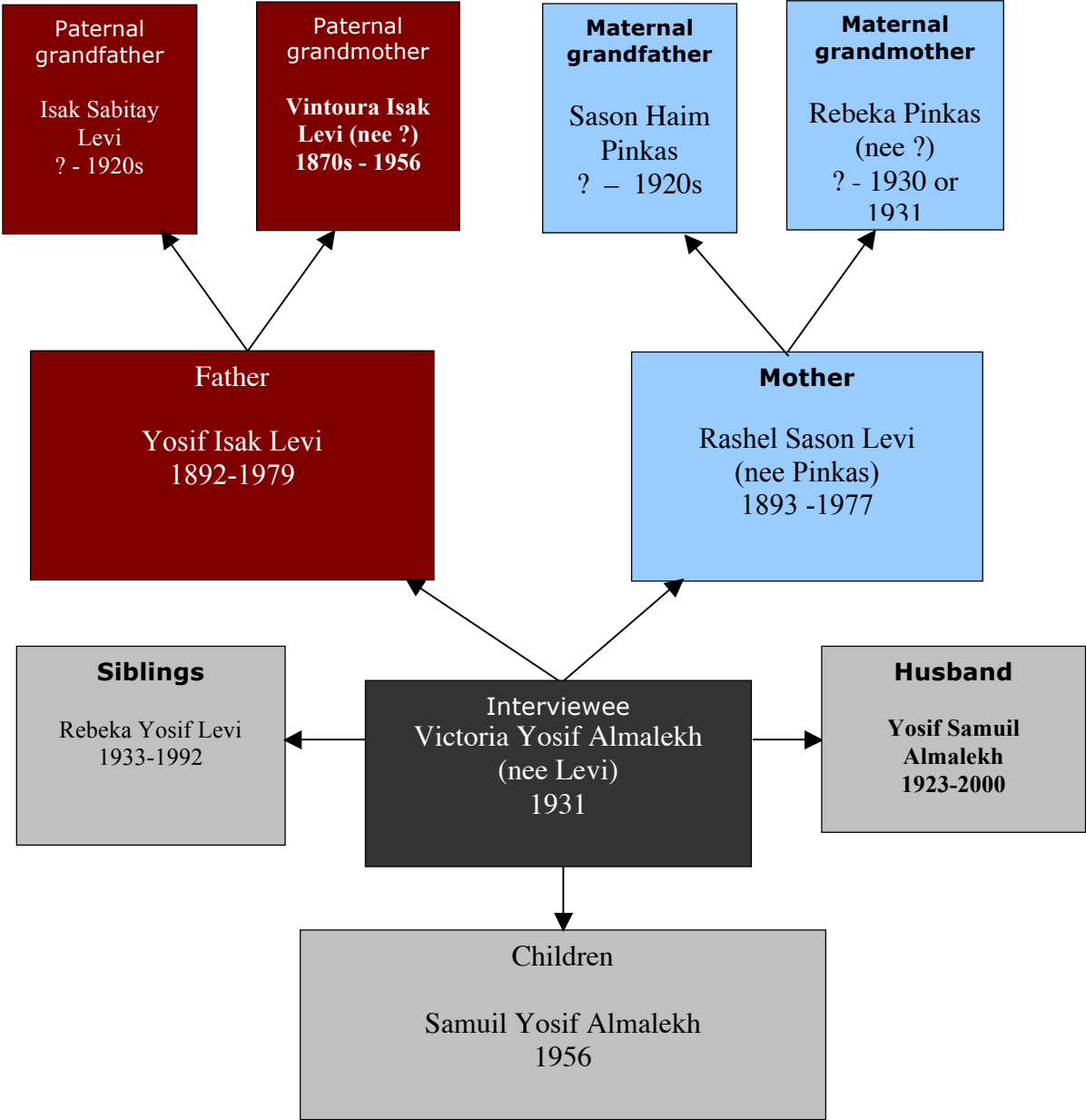


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Victoria Yosif Almalekh (nee Levi)

Where and when were you born?

Vidin, 10th March 1931

Where else did you live?

Varna, Sofia

Your educational level?

College degree – nurse

What sort of work do/did you do?

1950-1991 - nurse in the Pirogov Institute and in the Labor and University Hospital of Varna. Retired in 1991.

How religious was your parents' home? How were you raised?

Strict observation of the traditions and the holidays, Sabbath, Pesach, Rosh Hashanah, Purim, Shavuot, Chanukkah; kosher cooking, regular visits to the synagogue

What is your mother tongue?

Ladino

What other languages do you speak?

Bulgarian, Russian, Romanian, Ivrit, French

Where were you during the Holocaust?

Vidin

What did you do after the Holocaust?

High school, college student, nurse

Siblings

Their names

Rebeka Yosif Levi

[Victoria had also a twin brother who died from pneumonia at the age of six months on 28th August 1931]

Where and when were they born?

Vidin, 1933

What is their mother tongue?

Ladino

Their educational level?

University degree in chemistry

Their occupations?

Chemical engineer

Where do/did they live?

Vidin

Where else did they live?

Varna

Do they have children?

N/A

Where and when did they die?

Varna, 1992

Spouse

Name?

Yosif Samuil Almalekh

Where and when was he/she born?

Varna, 9th June 1923

Where else did he/she live?

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Is he/she Jewish?

Yes

What is his/her mother tongue?

Ladino

His/her educational level?

High school

Occupation?

Political vice-commander officer in the army

Economist official, supplier

Where and when did he/she die?

Sofia, 25th August 2000

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).

Ana Samuil Andreeva (nee Almalekh) was his sister. She was an official in the Varna Navy school of higher education. Her daughter's name is Petya Andreeva. Ana died in 2003.

Children

Their names?

Samuil Yosif Almalekh

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

Yes

Where and when were they born?

Varna, 21st February 1956

Where else did they live?

Israel, Varna

Their educational level?

High school education of technology

Their occupations?

Electrician

How many grandchildren do you have?

My son is single. I have no grandchildren.

Father

His name?

Yosif Isak Levi

Where and when was he born?

Sofia, 1892

Where else did he live?

Vidin, Varna

Where and when did he die?

Varna, 1979

What sort of education did he have?

Primary school

What sort of work did he do?

Goldsmith

Druggist's supplier

Vendor

How religious was he?

The traditions were strictly observed. My father regularly went to the synagogue.

He did taanit, kosher.

What was his mother tongue?

Ladino

Army service: which army and what years?

My father took part in the Balkan Wars (1912-1913) and in the WWI (1914-1918) as a soldier in the Bulgarian army.

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

name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Ester Isak Danon (nee Levi) (f)	She was born in Sofia in 1900 and she lived in Argentina after 1943.	Housekeeper, she used to help her husband.	Her spouse was Leon Danon who was a leather and fir ready-made clothes dealer.	Bentsion (m) Flora (f)	They were religious. No further information.

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Vidin

If he survived, what did he do after?

Trading

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

Isak Sabitay Levi

Where and when was he born?

No information

Where else did he live?

No information

Where and when did he die?

Sofia, 1920s, shortly before my father's wedding.

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Grocer

How religious was he?

He was a religious man. He often went to the synagogue.

What was his mother tongue?

Ladino

Army service: which army and what years?

No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
No information					

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

Vintoura Isak Levi (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

Place unknown, 1870s

Where else did she live?

Vidin

Where and when did she die?

Vidin, 18th March 1956

What sort of education did she have?

She had no education. She was illiterate.

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

She was a religious woman. Strictly observed kosher, Sabbath, celebrated Pesach, Rosh Hashanah.

What was her mother tongue?

Ladino

Tell me about his brothers and sisters

name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Soluna Sintova (nee ?) (f)	Sofia	Housewife	No information	No information	No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

No information

If she survived what did she do after?

Housewife

Mother

Her name?

Rashel Sason Levi (nee Pinkas)

Where and when was she born?

Vidin, 28th August 1893

Where else did she live?

Varna

Where and when did she die?

Varna, 14th March 1977

What sort of education did she have?

Elementary school

What sort of work did she do?

She used to assist my father in his trade.

How religious was she?

She celebrated all the religious holidays at the synagogue and at home according to the rules.

What was her mother tongue?

Ladino

Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
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Buena Bek (nee Pinkas) (f)	She was born in Vidin. She was married in Kalafat, Romania.	Housewife	He was a Jew. His name was Meho Bek.	She had two children – Emil (m) and Sason (m).	They used to celebrate all the religious holidays but they did not regularly visit the synagogue. They were deeply religious Ashkenazimi.
Sara Pizanti (nee Pinkas) (f)	She was born in Vidin and she lived in Israel since 1948.	Housewife	He was a Jew. His name was David Pizanti and he was a wheat trader.	Saltiel (m), Alfred (m), Sason (m) and Buko (m) and Leon (m).	They used to celebrate all the holidays and they regularly visited the synagogue.
Sultana Koen (nee Pinkas) (f)	She was born in Vidin. She lived in Sofia and since 1948 she lived in Israel.	Housewife	Marko Koen, a merchant	Adolf (m), Sason (m), Rebeka (f), Solucha (f)	They used to celebrate all the holidays and they regularly visited the synagogue.
Haim Pinkas (m)	He was born in Vidin in 1870. He lived in Israel since 1948.	Corn-chandler's official	She was a Jew. Her name was Rashel.	Vida, Rebeka, Sason	They used to celebrate all the holidays and they regularly visited the synagogue.
Yosif Pinkas (m)	He was born in Vidin. He lived in Israel since 1948.	Corn trader	Rebeka	Sason, Zafida, Matih	No information.

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Vidin

If she survived, what did she do after?

Housewife

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

Sason Haim Pinkas

Where and when was he born?

Vidin, date unknown

Where else did he live?

No information

Where and when did he die?

Vidin, 1931

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Corn trader

How religious was he?

No information

What was his mother tongue?

Ladino

Army service: which army and what years?

No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
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Moushon Pinkas (m) No information

Pinkas Pinkas (m) No information

Mazal Pinkas (m) No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

Rebeka Pinkas (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

Vidin, date unknown

Where else did she live?

Vidin

Where and when did she die?

Vidin, 1930 or 1931

What sort of education did she have?

Illiterate

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

She was religious. She regularly went to the synagogue. She believed in God. She strictly observed the rites.

What was her mother tongue?

Ladino

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

Name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
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No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before