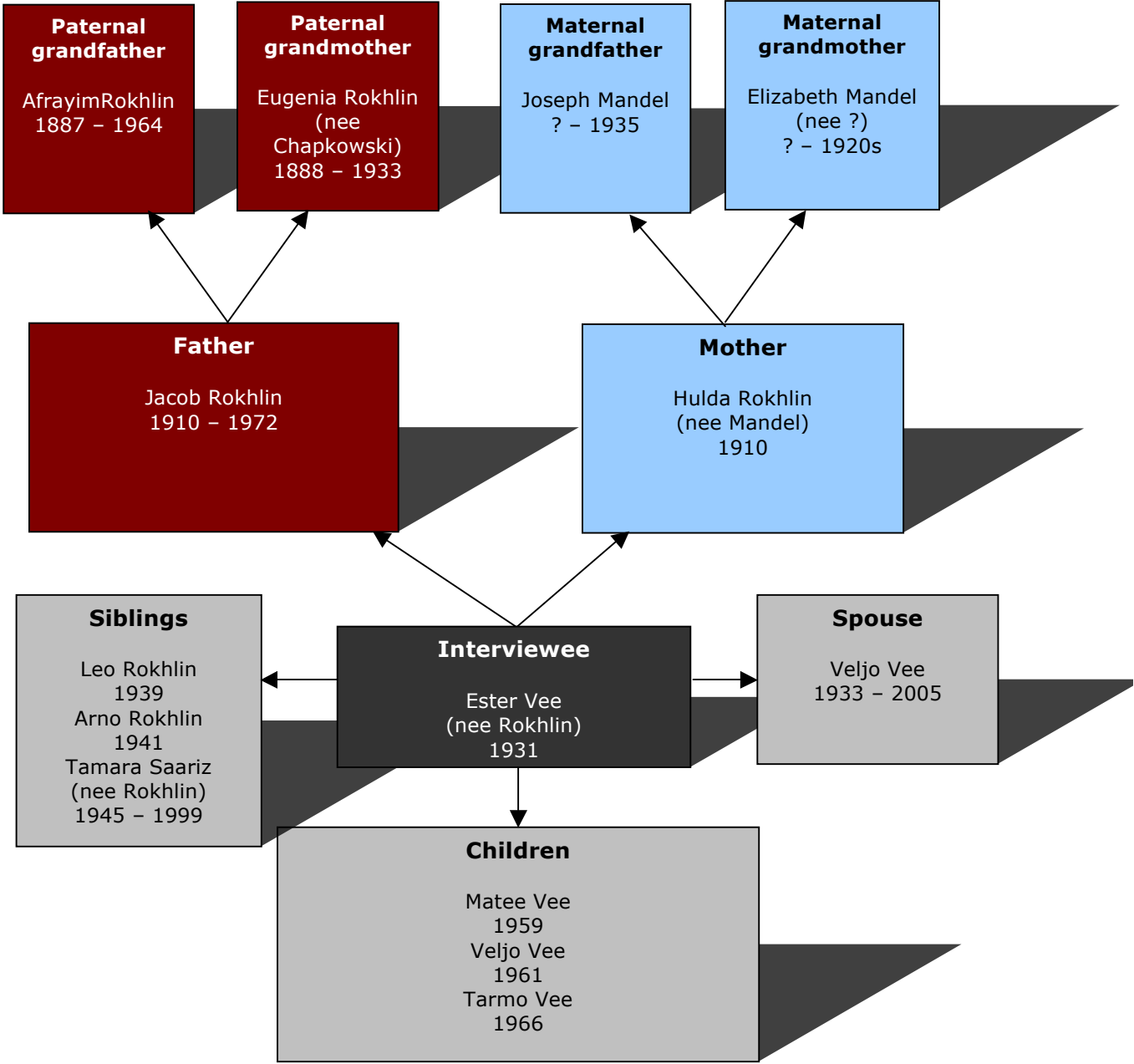


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Ester Vee (nee Rokhlin)

Where and when were you born?

Tartu, 1931

Where else did you live?

Tallinn, Nizhniaya Uvel'ka, Sverdlovsk region, then Nizhniy Tagil (both today Russia)

Your educational level?

I finished the department of pre-school education of the Teachers' Training College in Leningrad (today St. Petersburg, Russia).

What sort of work do/did you do?

Estonian teacher at the Tallinn Teachers' Training School, Teachers' Training College, methodologist at the district department for public education

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

My parents were moderately religious. They observed traditions formally and celebrated Jewish holidays at home.

What is your mother tongue?

Estonian

What other languages do you speak?

Yiddish, Russian, German, English

Where were you during the Holocaust?

Evacuation: Nizhniaya Uvel'ka, Sverdlovsk region, then Nizhniy Tagil (both today Russia)

What did you do after the Holocaust?

Returned to Tallinn, finished school, studied in Leningrad (today St. Petersburg, Russia). After finishing my college I returned to Tallinn and worked as teacher.

Siblings

Their names

Leo Rokhlin

Arno Rokhlin

Tamara Saariz (nee Rokhlin) (nickname: Maja)

Where and when were they born?

Leo: Tallinn, 25th July 1939

Arno: Tallinn, May 1941

Tamara: Tallinn, November 1945

What is their mother tongue?

Estonian

Their educational level?

Leo: finished Art College in Tallinn

Arno: finished Conservatory in Tallinn, specialty: theory of music

Tamara: finished Teachers' Training College in Tallinn, department of pre-school education

Their occupations?

Leo: ceramic artist

Arno: manager of department of classical music, Estonian radio

Tamara: teacher

Where do/did they live?

Leo: Tallinn

Arno: Tallinn

Tamara: Tallinn

Where else did they live?

Leo: Nizhniaya Uvel'ka, Sverdlovsk region, then Nizhniy Tagil (both today Russia)

Arno: Nizhniaya Uvel'ka, Sverdlovsk region, then Nizhniy Tagil

Do they have children?

Leo: son Hannes, daughter Lea, son Swen

Arno: son Olaf, daughter Liis

Tamara: son Alo, daughter Monique

Where and when did they die?

Tamara: Tallinn, 1999

Spouse

Name?

Veljo Vee

Where and when was he/she born?

Rapla, 1933

Where else did he/she live?

Tallinn

Is he/she Jewish?

No

What is his/her mother tongue?

Estonian

His/her educational level?

My husband finished a mechanical vocational school.

Occupation?

Metal worker

Where and when did he/she die?

Tallinn, 2005

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).

Older brother Veljo Vee (Rapla, 1931 – Rapla, 2000): farmer, married, 2 children, atheist

Younger brother Arno Vee (b. Rapla 1934): construction worker, married, 2 children, atheist

Younger brother Tojvo Vee (b. Rapla 1936): worker, married, 3 children

Sister Anne Vee (b. Rapla 1939): clerk

Sister ? Vee (b. Rapla 1945)

Children

Their names?

Mati Vee

Veljo Vee

Tarmo Vee

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

My sons were not raised Jewish, but they identify themselves as Jews.

Where and when were they born?

Matee: Tallinn, 1959

Veljo: Tallinn, 1961

Tarmo: Tallinn, 1966

Their educational level?

Matee: finished a construction vocational school

Veljo: finished a construction vocational school

Tarmo: finished a construction vocational school

Their occupations?

Matee: construction worker

Veljo: construction worker

Tarmo: construction worker

How many grandchildren do you have?

Matee: no children

Veljo: son Mario, b. 1984

Tarmo: daughter Karine, b. 1988, daughter Maris, b. 1990, son Tanel, b. 1992

Father

His name?

Jacob Rokhlin

Where and when was he born?

Tallinn, 1910

Where else did he live?

Tartu

Where and when did he die?

Tallinn, 1972

What sort of education did he have?

My father finished the department of dentistry of Tartu University

What sort of work did he do?

Dentist before the war, after the war director of a medical library

How religious was he?

My father observed traditions and celebrated Jewish holidays at home.

What was his mother tongue?

Yiddish

Army service: which army and what years?

Soviet army: 1941 – 1945

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
Miriam Shaz (nee Rokhlin) (f)	Tallinn, 1913 – Tel Aviv (today Israel), 1992	Music teacher	Moisej Shaz Tallinn, 1908 – Israel, 1990s Jew	Eugene Shaz (m) Leonid Shaz (m)	Miriam was religious, observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, celebrated Sabbath and Jewish holidays at home and followed the kashrut.
Boris Rokhlin (m)	Tallinn, 1915 – Tallinn, 1990s	Lawyer	Maria Rokhlin (nee ?) Tallinn, 1920s – Tallinn, 2000 Not Jewish	None	Boris wasn't religious.

Where was he during the Holocaust?

At the front, medical officer

If he survived, what did he do after?

Returned to Tallinn, worked

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

Afrayim Rokhlin

Where and when was he born?

Gomel (today Belarus), 1887

Where else did he live?

Tallinn

Where and when did he die?

Tallinn, 1964

What sort of education did he have?

My grandfather finished the department of dentistry of Odessa University (today Ukraine).

What sort of work did he do?

Dental mechanic

How religious was he?

My grandfather wasn't religious, but he observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on major Jewish holidays and celebrated Jewish holidays at home.

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 birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Shifra ? (nee Rokhlin) (f)	Gomel (today Belarus), 1873 - ?, 1912	No information	No information	No information	No information
Yakov Rokhlin (m)	Gomel, 1875 - Gomel, 1910	No information	No information	No information	No information
Aron Rokhlin (m)	Gomel, 1877 - Gomel, 1910	No information	No information	No information	No information
Boris Rokhlin (m)	Gomel, 1880 - Gomel, 1905	No information	No information	No information	No information
Isaac Rokhlin (m)	Gomel, 1881 - Ukraine, 1957	No information	No information	No information	No information
Hanne Amitan (nee Rokhlin) (f)	Gomel, 1885 - Tallinn, 1966	Dentist	Isaj Amitan Tallinn, 1883 - Tallinn, 1941 Jew	Sofia Murshak (nee Amitan) (f) Tallinn, 1915 - Tallinn, 1980s Regina Trander (nee Amitan) Tallinn, 1917 - Tallinn, 2000	Hanne was religious, observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, celebrated Sabbath and Jewish holidays at home, followed the kashrut.
Riva Bichuch (nee Rokhlin) (f)	Gomel, 1890 - Tallinn, 1966	Dentist	Leonid Bichuch Near Moscow (today Russia), 1885 - Tallinn, 1958 Jew	Daughter ? Leningrad, 1910s, lives in Leningrad (today St. Petersburg, Russia)	Not religious

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Evacuation: Nizhniaya Uvel'ka, Sverdlovsk region, then Nizhniy Tagil (both today Russia)

If he survived what did he do after?

Returned to Tallinn, dental mechanic, pensioner

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

Eugenia Rokhlin (nee Chapkowski)

Where and when was she born?

Tallinn, 1888

Where else did she live?

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Where and when did she die?

Tallinn, 1933

What sort of education did she have?

My grandmother finished a gymnasium.

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

My grandmother wasn't religious, but she observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on major Jewish holidays and celebrated Jewish holidays at home.

What was her mother tongue?

Yiddish

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
Bertha Blukher (nee Chapkowski) (f)	Tallinn, 1890 – Moscow (today Russia), 1973	Housewife	Lazar Blukher ?, 1872 – Moscow, 1941 Jew	Luba Blukher (f) Moscow, 1921	No information
Elsa Slonimskaya (nee Chapkowski) (f)	Tallinn, 1892 – Moscow, 1967	Housewife	Iosif Slonimski ? – Moscow, 1953 Jew	Mirra ? (nee Slonimskaya) (f) Boris Slonimski (m)	No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before

Mother

Her name?

Hulda Rokhlin (nee Mandel)

Where and when was she born?

Vyrumaa, 1910

Where else did she live?

Tartu, Tallinn

Where and when did she die?

What sort of education did she have?

She finished an Estonian elementary school.

What sort of work did she do?

She earned her living doing handicrafts: knitting and making dolls; she also worked as a railroad worker and a housemaid for a Jewish family.

How religious was she?

She wasn't religious.

What was her mother tongue?

Estonian

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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Ferdinand Mandel (m)	Vyrumaa, before 1910 - 1935	Farmer	None	None	No information
Oswald Mandel (m)	Vyrumaa, before 1910 - at the front, 1940s	Farmer	None	None	No information
Elmar Mandel (m)	Vyrumaa, after 1910 - 1990s	Farmer	No information	3 children	No information
Axel Mandel (m)	Vyrumaa, after 1910 - Vyrumaa 1980s	Farmer	No information	1 son	No information
Richard Mandel (m)	Vyrumaa, after 1910 -1970s	Farmer	No information	3 children	No information
Lisbeth Mandel (f)	Vyrumaa, after 1910 -1990s	Farmer	None	None	No information
Johann Mandel (m)	Vyrumaa, after 1910 -1980s	Farmer	No information	2 children	No information
Stepsister Magda Mandel	Vyrumaa, 1925 - 1948	-	No information	1 son	No information
Stepbrother Gustav Mandel	Vyrumaa, 1929 - ?, 1944	-	None	None	No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Evacuation: Nizhniaya Uvel'ka, Sverdlovsk region, then Nizhniy Tagil (both today Russia)

If she survived, what did she do after?

Returned to Tallinn, was a housewife

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

Joseph Mandel

Where and when was he born?

Vyrumaa, date unknown

Where else did he live?

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Where and when did he die?

Vyrumaa, 1935

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Farmer

How religious was he?

No information

What was his mother tongue?

Estonian

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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No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

Elizabeth Mandel (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

Vyrumaa, date unknown

Where else did she live?

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Where and when did she die?

Vyrumaa, 1920s

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Farmer

How religious was she?

No information

What was her mother tongue?

Estonian

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