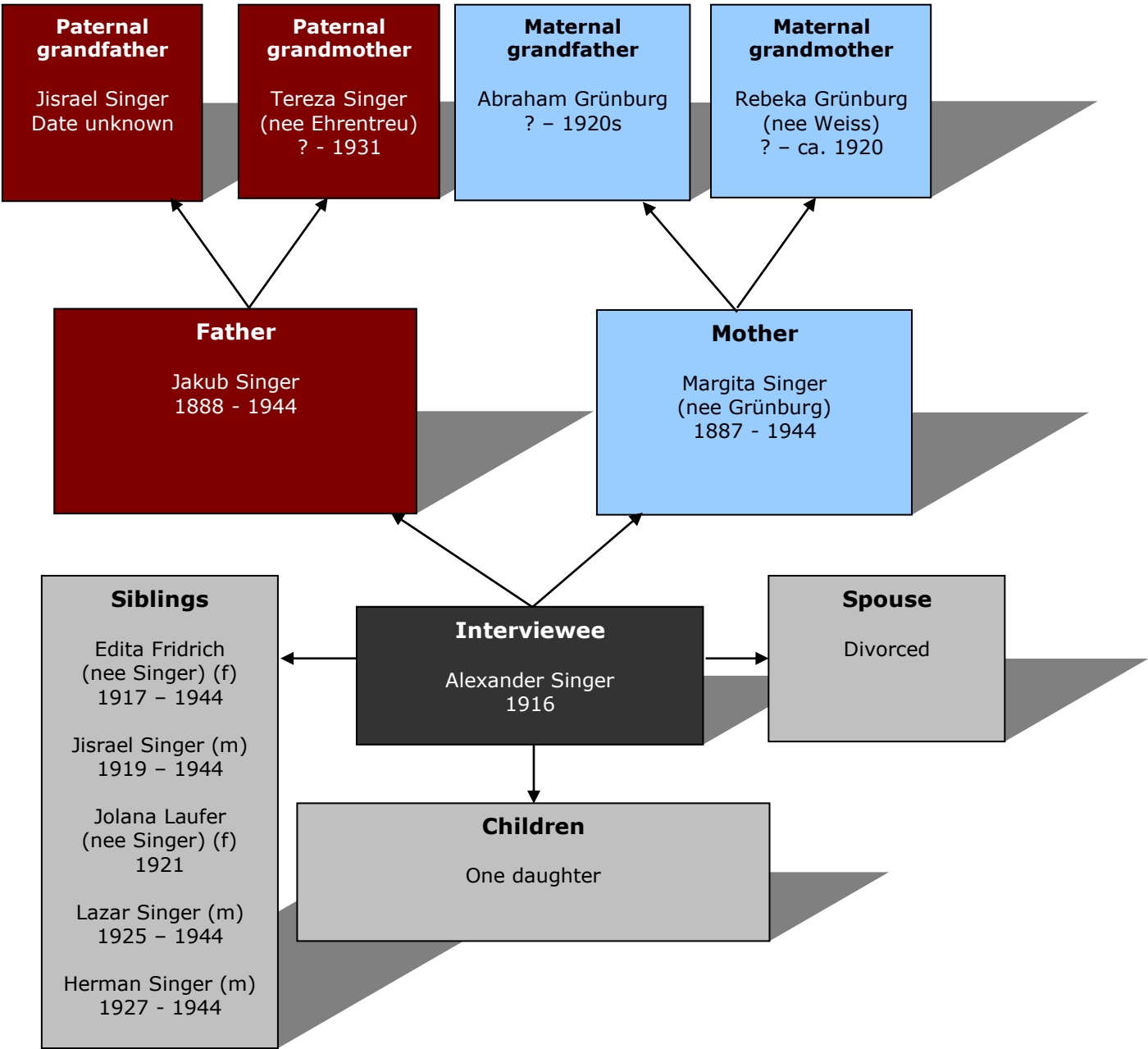


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Alexander Singer (Jewish name: Shmuel ben Abraham Jakov)

Where and when were you born?

Kezmarok (today Slovaia): 27th August 1916

Where else did you live?

Samorin (today Slovakia)

Bratislava (today Slovakia)

Prague (today Czech Republic)

Jablonec nad Nisou (today Czech Republic)

Your educational level?

Finished yeshivah in Nitra (head rabbi Shmuel David Ungar) and yeshivah in Bratislava (head rabbi Akiba Schreiber)

What sort of work do/did you do?

From 1948 to 1958 I worked as an administrator and later the foreign sales representative of Skloexport, which was later renamed to Jablonex. In January 1960 I started a job in Bratislava. I worked there until retirement. I worked for seven years to increase my pension. Besides this, at the beginning of the 1970s is taught foreign trade at Economics University in Bratislava as an external employee. The rector there got the idea that they needed a person from the industry to teach foreign trade.

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

I grew up in a rabbinical family. As far as religion goes, our family was strictly Orthodox [2]. Already from the time I was little I had to wear a bottom tallit. The fringes were inside, not outside. I also wore payes, but only little ones. I always had my head covered, only when playing soccer did I take the liberty of taking off my cap. My father was very much against it, but I was an excellent player. I got the highest religious education in yeshivahs in Nitra and Bratislava. My father of course wanted me to also become a rabbi, the same as almost all my first-born male ancestors. In the end I didn't become one, which disappointed my father a bit. After the war, I also observed Jewish customs and traditions, but not in such

a devout way as my parents had. I've always been a member of the Jewish community wherever I've lived. In Jablonec nad Nisou, I was even the president of the Jewish religious community.

What is your mother tongue?

German

What other languages do you speak?

Slovak, Hungarian, Yiddish, Hebrew, Aramaic, French, English, Czech, Romanian, Spanish

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

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Where were you during the Holocaust?

Forced labor (Munkaszolgálat): Nagykata (Hungary)

In hiding: Budapest (Hungary)

Forced labor (Munkaszolgálat): Esztergom (Hungary)

Forced labor (Munkaszolgálat): Csikszereda (Hungary)

Forced labor (Munkaszolgálat): Rakospalota (Hungary)

Concentration camp: Mauthausen (Austria)

What did you do after the Holocaust?

After the war I started working. Later I got married. We had a daughter. But my marriage fell apart, we got divorced.

Siblings

Their names

Edita Jungreis (nee Singer) (f)

Jisrael Singer (m)

Jolana Laufer (nee Singer) (f)

Lazar Singer (m)

Herman Singer (m)

Where and when were they born?

Edita: Kezmarok (today Slovakia), 25th September 1917

Jisrael: Kezmarok (today Slovakia), 23rd February 1919

Jolana: Kezmarok (today Slovakia), ca. 1921

Lazar: Kezmarok (today Slovakia), 30th July 1925

Herman: Samorin (today Slovakia), 13th December 1927

What is their mother tongue?

Edita: German

Jisrael: German

Jolana: German

Lazar: German

Herman: German

Their educational level?

Edita: no information

Jisrael: studied at his father's yeshivah in Samorin

Jolana: no information

Lazar: baker by trade

Herman: -

Their occupations?

Edita: housewife

Jisrael: student

Jolana: -

Lazar: student

Herman: -

Where do/did they live?

Edita: Miskolc (today Hungary)

Jisrael: : Samorin (today Slovakia)

Jolana: : New York (USA)
Lazar: Samorin (today Slovakia)
Herman: -

Where else did they live?

Edita: Samorin (today Slovakia), Humenne (today Slovakia)
Jisrael: -
Jolana: Samorin (today Slovakia)
Lazar: -
Herman: -

Do they have children?

Edita: one child (died in the Holocaust)
Jisrael: childless
Jolana: Jakob Laufer (m), rabbi and laweyr in New York City (USA)
Lazar: childless
Herman: -

Where and when did they die?

Edita: Auschwitz (today Poland)
Jisrael: Mauthausen (today Austria)
Jolana: still alive
Lazar: Mauthausen (today Austria)
Herman: Auschwitz (today Poland)

Spouse

Name?

Divorced

Where and when was he/she born?

No information

Where else did he/she live?

No information

Is he/she Jewish?

No information

What is his/her mother tongue?

No information

His/her educational level?

No information

Occupation?

No information

Where and when did he/she die?

No information

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).

No information

Children

Their names?

One daughter

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

No information

Where and when were they born?

No information

Where else did they live?

Jablonec nad Nisou (today Czech Republic)

Prague (today Czech Republic)

Their educational level?

Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Philosophy

Their occupations?

Sociology

How many grandchildren do you have?

None

Father

His name?

Jakub Singer (known as the Samorin rabbi: Abraham Jakob Koppel Singer)
(Jewish name: Abraham Jakov ben Jisrael)

Where and when was he born?

Bratislava (today Slovakia): 4th February 1888

Where else did he live?

Kezmarok (today Slovakia), 1913 - 1926

Samorin (today Slovakia), 1926 - 1944

Where and when did he die?

Auschwitz (today Poland), 15th June 1944

What sort of education did he have?

In 1913 he finished yeshivah in Bratislava, led by rabbi Akiba Schreiber
(grandson of rabbi Chatam Sofer).

What sort of work did he do?

Rabbi in Samorin

How religious was he?

Strictly Orthodox

What was his mother tongue?

German

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.)

Name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Foga (Jewish name: Foga bat Rejzl) (f)	No information	No information	No information	No information	Strictly Orthodox
Sarolta (Jewish name: Sara bat Rejzl) (f)	?/?, Vysne Hagy (today Slovakia)	Sales representative	Single	Childless	Strictly Orthodox
David (Jewish name: Chaim ben Jisrael) (m)	?/?/ died in the Holocaust	bookseller	Sara Singer (nee Ungar), died in the Holocaust	Abraham (m), died in the Holocaust Jisrael (m), died in the Holocaust	Strictly Orthodox

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Ghetto: Nagymagyar (today Zlaty Klas, Slovakia)

Ghetto: Dunaszerdahely (today Dunajska Streda, Slovakia)

Concentration camp: Auschwitz (today Poland), died there

If he survived, what did he do after?

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Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

Jisrael Singer

Where and when was he born?

Date unknown: Lucenec (today Slovakia)

Where else did he live?

Bratislava: (today Slovakia)

Where and when did he die?

Bratislava: (today Slovakia): date unknown

What sort of education did he have?

Finished yeshivah, studied mainly under his father, Jakub Singer, who was the head rabbi of the town of Lucenec

What sort of work did he do?

Was the rabbi of a strictly Orthodox community in Bratislava named *Torat Chesed*

How religious was he?

Strictly Orthodox

What was his mother tongue?

German

Army service: which army and what years?

No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

If he survived what did he do after?

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Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

Tereza Singer (nee Ehrentreu) (Jewish name: Rejzl)

Where and when was she born?

No information

Where else did she live?

Bratislava (today Slovakia)

Where and when did she die?

Bratislava (today Slovakia): 1931

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

In the Singer family, Jewish customs and traditions were observed to the letter. My grandma's hair was cut short and she wore a wig. She also covered her head with a small decorative scarf, which also had little pearls crocheted onto it. Back then, all old devout women wore that. In her household, cooking was done according to ritual. Women didn't attend synagogue very much, just once in a while for the High Holidays.

What was her mother tongue?

Probably German

Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before

If she survived what did she do after?

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Mother

Her name?

Margita Singer (nee Grünburg) (Jewish name: Malka bat Rivka)

Where and when was she born?

Kezmarok (today Slovakia), 19th October 1889

Where else did she live?

Samorin (today Slovakia), 1926 - 1944

Where and when did she die?

Auschwitz (today Poland), 15th June 1944

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

My mother kept a strictly kosher household. Because she was a rabbi's wife, during the holiday's she'd prepare food for the entire community.

What was her mother tongue?

German

Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

My mother was one of 11 siblings, 8 girls and 2 boys. I don't remember them all.

name	place and date of	occupation	biographical data	biographical data	describe how religious
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	birth/death		and origins of spouse	of children	they were
Saly Horowitz (nee Grünburg) (Jeiwsh name Saly bat Rivka) (f)	Kezmarok (today Slovakia), ?/ ?/?	Housewife	Horowitz, rabbi in Frankfurt am Main (Germany)	No information	Strictly Orthodox
Roza Glück (nee Grünburg) (f)	Kezmarok (today Slovakia), ?/?/?	Hosewife	Glück, rabbin of the town of Kezmarok (today Slovakia)	No information	Strictly Orthodox
Nathan Grünburg (m)	Kezmarok (today Slovakia), ?/1944, shot in Zakopane (today Poland)	Head rabbi of Kezmarok (today Slovakia)	No information	One of his daughters married rabbi Shalom Moshe Ungar, who was head of the world-famous Yeshivah of Nitra in New York	Strictly Orthodox
? Grünburg (m)	Lived in Csenger (today Hungary)	businessman	No information	No information	Strictly Orthodox

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Ghetto: Zlaty Klas (today Slovakia)

Ghetto: Dunajska Streda (today Slovakia)

Concentration camp: Auschwitz (today Poland), died there

If she survived, what did she do after?

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Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

Abraham Grünburg

Where and when was he born?

No information

Where else did he live?

Kezmarok (today Slovakia)

Where and when did he die?

Kezmarok, 1920s

What sort of education did he have?

Finished yeshivah

What sort of work did he do?

Head rabbi of Kezmarok

How religious was he?

Strictly Orthodox

What was his mother tongue?

German

Army service: which army and what years?

No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

If he survived what did he do after?

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Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

Rebeka Grünburg (nee Weiss) (Jewish name: Rivka)

Where and when was she born?

No information

Where else did she live?

Kezmarok (today Slovakia)

Where and when did she die?

Kezmarok (today Slovakia), ca. 1920

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

Strictly Orthodox

What was her mother tongue?

German

Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before

If she survived what did she do after?

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