Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name Sarrah Muller (nee Halfina)

Where and when were you born? Kamenets-Podolskiy (Ukraine), 15 March 1921

Where else did you live? Lvov, Starokonstantinov town Vinnitsa region (today Ukraine), Troitsk town Cheliabinsk region (today Russia), Kiev

Your educational level? Jewish general school – 7 forms, banking course

What sort of work do/did you do? Bank inspector, accountant, cashier

How religious was your parents' home? How were you raised? My parents were moderately religious, celebrated Jewish holidays and occasionally went to the synagogue

What is your mother tongue? Yiddish

What other languages do you speak? Russian, Ukrainian, German *Where were you during the Holocaust?* Evacuation to Troitsk town (Russia)

What did you do after the Holocaust?

Lived in Kiev, worked, raised two daughters, pensioner at present

Siblings

Their names Basia Vizrabin (nee Halfina) (f) Ena Shuster (nee Halfina) (f) Isaac Halfin (m) Fira Dimenstein (nee Halfina) (f)

Where and when were they born? All born in Kamenets-Podolskiy Basia: 1905 Ena: 1913 Isaac 1915 Fira 1924

What is their mother tongue? All of them - Yiddish

Their educational level? Basia: Jewish primary school, Ena и Isaac: Jewish lower secondary school Fira: 6 forms at school

Their occupations? Basia: housewife Ena: housewife Isaac: tradesman Fira: worked at home – knitting

Where do/did they live? Basia: N\A Ena: N\A Isaac: N\A Fira: Ashdod (Israel)

Where else did they live? Basia: N\A Ena: N\A Isaac: N\A

Fira: Troitsk town, Kiev

Do they have children?

Basia : four children- Semyon, Israel, Sarrah, Shloime – perished in 1941 in Kamenets-Podolskiy Ena: two children- a son and daughter Mania, perished in 1941 in Kamenets-Podolskiy Isaac: N\A Fira: son Edward (lives in Israel), daughter Alla

Where and when did they die?

Basia: perished during the Holocaust in Kamenets-Podolskiy B 1941 Ena: perished during the Holocaust in Kamenets-Podolskiy B 1941 Isaac: perished at the front in 1941

Spouse

Name? David Hermann Wolf Muller

Where and when was he/she born? David: Kamenets-Podolskiy, 1916 Wolf: Kamenets-Podolskiy, 1911

Where else did he/she live? David: Gorkiy (present Nizhniy Novgorod, Russia), Lvov (Ukraine), Kiev Wolf: Kiev

Is he/she Jewish? Both Jews

What is his/her mother tongue? Both -Yiddish

His/her educational level?

David: military political school Wolf: a few years in the Jewish primary school

Occupation? David: political officer in the Red army Wolf: confectioner, cook, baker

Where and when did he/she die? David: perished at the front in the 1940s Wolf: Kiev, 1983

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).

David: none

Wolf: older brother Gershl Muller, perished at the front during the Great Patriotic War, sister Fania, younger siblings: Shymon – perished at the front, and Leizer – killed by fascists in Kamenets-Podolskiy

Children

Their names? Inna Lesovaya (nee Muller) Alla Gotlib (nee Muller)

Were they raised Jewish/do they identify themselves as Jews? They were not raised Jewish, but they grew up in the atmosphere of the Jewish family, identify themselves as Jews and self-educate themselves

Where and when were they born? Both were born in Kiev Inna: 1948 Alla: 1953

Where else did they live? Alla: Gorkiy (present Nizhniy Novgorod, Russia), Ashdod (Israel)

Their educational level? Inna: Moscow Polygraphist College, Art Faculty Alla: Conservatory in Gorkiy

Their occupations? Inna: artist, writer Alla: pianist

How many grandchildren do you have?

Inna: son Maxim Lesovoy, born in 1976, lives in Kiev with his wife and daughter Alla: son Yuriy Gotlib, born in 1979, and son Vladimir Gotlib, 1986, both live in Israel

Father

His name? Avrum Halfin

Where and when was he born? Khotin town (Chernovtsy region, today Ukraine), 1887

Where else did he live? Kamenets-Podolskiy

Where and when did he die? Kamenets-Podolskiy, 1942

What sort of education did he have? Cheder, Jewish primary school

What sort of work did he do? Baker

How religious was he?

My father was religious, went to the synagogue before the middle of the 1920s, observed all Jewish traditions, celebrated holidays, wore a kippah, after 1920 – celebrated Jewish holidays as a tribute to traditions and went to the synagogue occasionally

What was his mother tongue? Yiddish Army service: which army and what years? Czarist army-1914-1915

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	
Moisey Halfin	Kamenets-	Moved to			?	
(m)	Podolskiy,	USA in				
	1880s- USA, ?	1928, no				
		more				
		information				
Four brothers						
and a sister,						
their names are						
unknown,						
perished in the						
Holocaust in						
Kamenets-						
Podolskiy						
Where was he during the Holocaust?						
Killed in Kamenets-Podolskiy in1942						

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name? Motl Halfin

Where and when was he born? Khotin, 1860s

Where else did he live? Kamenets-Podolskiy, USA

Where and when did he die? No information, USA

What sort of education did he have? Cheder

What sort of work did he do? Owned a store selling bread and other consumer goods

How religious was he?

My grandfather was religious, he wore a kippah, followed kashrut and celebrated Sabbath and holidays, went to the synagogue

What was his mother tongue? Yiddish

Army service: which army and what years? No information

name	place and date	occupation	biographical	biographical data	describe how
	of birth/death		data and origins	of children	religious they were
			of spouse		
Avrum Halfin	Khotin,?-?,?	No	No information	Sons Halfin, after	No information
(m)		information		the Great	
				Patriotic War	
				lived in	
				Chernovtsy,	
				lawyer Anatoliy	
				Halfin, arrested	
				and executed in	
				1937	
No information					
about the others					

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

Where was he during the Holocaust? No information

If he survived what did he do after? No information

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name? Haya Halfina (nee ?)

Where and when was she born? Khotin, 1870s

Where else did she live? A village near Kamenets-Podolskiy

Where and when did she die? No information

What sort of education did she have? No information

What sort of work did she do? Housewife

How religious was she? My grandmother was religious, but I know no details

What was her mother tongue? Yiddish

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

name

place and date occupation of birth/death

biographicalbiographical datadescribe howdata and originsof childrenreligious they wereof spouse

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust? No information

If she survived what did she do after? No information

Mother

Her name? Tsina Halfina (nee Melzer)

Where and when was she born? Kamenets-Podolskiy, 1888

Where and when did she die? Kamenets-Podolskiy, 1941

What sort of education did she have? No education

What sort of work did she do? Housewife

How religious was she?

My mother was religious, went to the synagogue, wore a kerchief, celebrated Jewish holidays and observed traditions

What was her mother tongue? Yiddish

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

name	place and date	occupation	biographical	biographical data	describe how
	of birth/death		data and origins	of children	religious they were
			of spouse		
Ita Nudelmann	Kamenets-	Housewife	Gershl	Sons Isaac and	Moderately religious
(nee Halfina)	Podolskiy, -		Nudelmann,	Heva, perished at	
(f)	1941		Jew, 1880s-	the front, son	

			1941	Gershl lived in	
				Voronezh,	
				daughter Zelda	
				died in 1931,	
				daughter Tuba	
				perished in 1941,	
				the rest of them –	
				Braina, Sonia,	
				Clara and Tsylia	
				lived in the	
				USSR after the	
				war	
Huva? (nee	Kamenets-	Housewife	Name	No information	Moderately religious
Halfina) (f)	Podolskiy,		unknown,		
	1890-?, ?		Romanian Jew,		
			baker		
Mordukhai	Kamenets-	Moved to	No information	No information	No information
Halfin (m)	Podolskiy,	USA in the			
	1880e	1900s			
Benes Halfin	Kamenets-	Moved to	No information	No information	No information
(m)	Podolskiy,	USA in the			
	1880e	1900s			
Gedali Halfin	Kamenets-	?	None	None	Moderately religious
(m)	Podolskiy,				
	1890-1915				

Where was she during the Holocaust? Killed in Kamenets-Podolskiy in 1941

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name? Avraam Melzer

Where and when was he born? Kamenets-Podolskiy, 1860s

Where and when did he die? Kamenets-Podolskiy, 1921

What sort of education did he have? Cheder

What sort of work did he do? Tailor

How religious was he?

My grandfather was very religious, read ancient Jewish books, knew Hebrew, wore a kippah, tallit and tefillin and observed all Jewish 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 occupation biographical biographical data describe how of birth/death data and origins of children religious they were of spouse No information

Where was he during the Holocaust? Died before

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name? Sarrah Melzer (nee ?)

Where and when was she born? Kamenets-Podoskiy, 1860s

Where and when did she die? Kamenets-Podoskiy, 1921

What sort of education did she have? Jewish education at home with a melamed

What sort of work did she do? Housewife

How religious was she?

My grandmother was very religious, wore a wig, observed all Jewish traditions, celebrated holidays and went to the synagogue

What was her mother tongue? Yiddish

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

of birth/death

name

occupation biographical biographical data describe how data and origins of children religious they were of spouse

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust? Died before