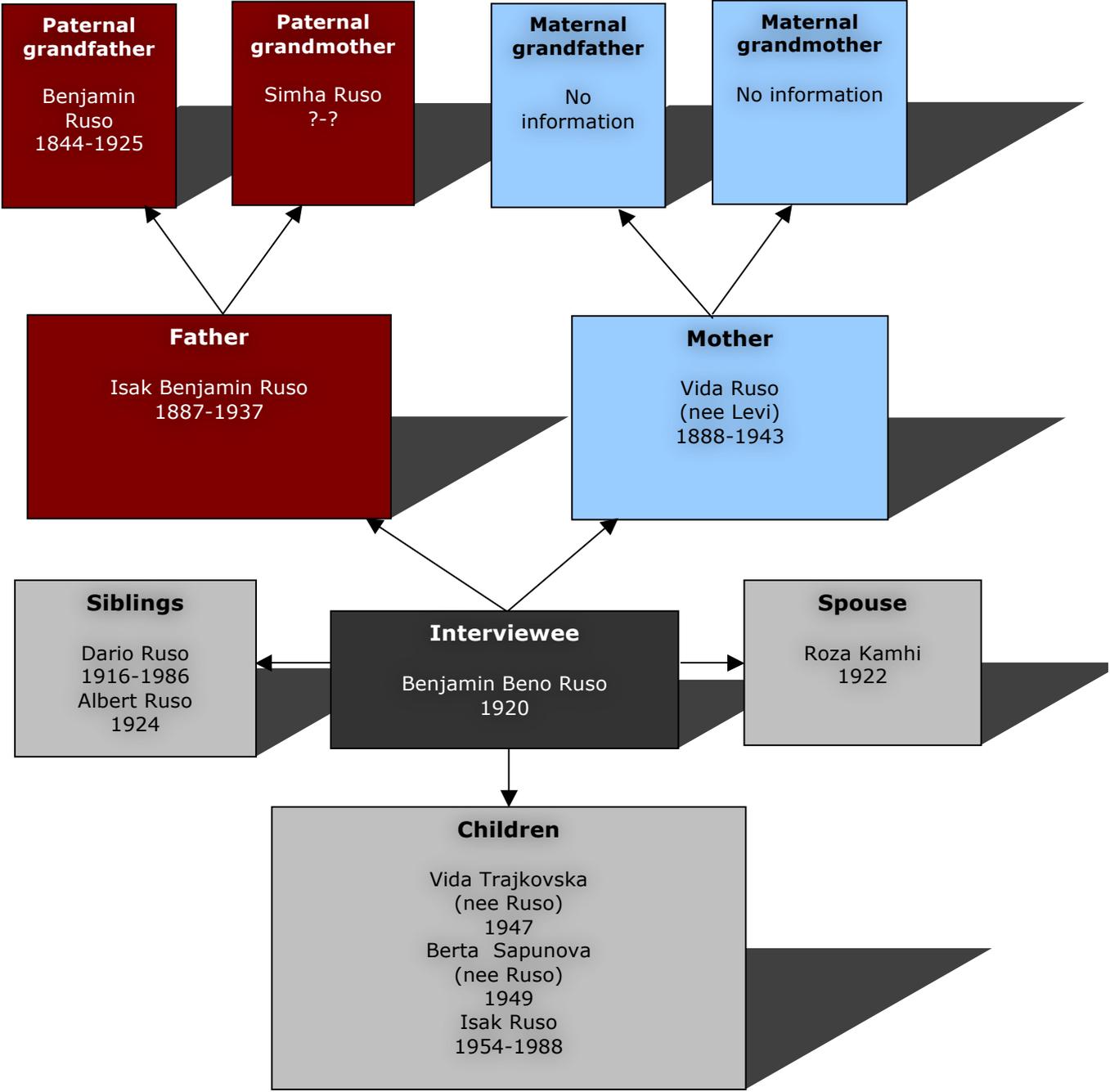


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Benjamin Beno Ruso

Where and when were you born?

Bitola, 1920

Where else did you live?

Zagreb (today Croatia)

Novi Sad (today Serbia)

Golenic (today Croatia)

Skopje

Nis (today Serbia)

Kumanovo

Belgrade (today Serbia)

Your educational level?

Graduated from Military college

What sort of work do/did you do?

Army general Yugoslav National Army

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

Not religious. They did not go to synagogue on a regular basis.

What is your mother tongue?

Ladino

What other languages do you speak?

Macedonian

Serbian

Some Turkish

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

1939 drafted into Army of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia

Retired from Yugoslav National Army in 1970s

Where were you during the Holocaust?

In partisans units

What did you do after the Holocaust?

Served in the Yugoslav National Army as professional soldier

Siblings

Their names

David – Dario- Ruso

Avram – Albert - Ruso

Where and when were they born?

Dario: Bitola 1916

Albert: Bitola 1924

What is their mother tongue?

Ladino

Their educational level?

Dario:– French elementary school and Military training

Albert: Military training

Their occupations?

Dario: farmer

Albert: professional military

Where do/did they live?

Dario: Israel

Albert: Rijeka (today Croatia)

Where else did they live?

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Do they have children?

Dario: Solina (f) and Isak (m)

Albert: Jadranka (f) and Srecko (m)

Where and when did they die?

Dario: Israel, 1986

Spouse

Name?

Roza Kamhi

Where and when was he/she born?

Bitola 1922

Where else did he/she live?

Skopje

Nis (today Serbia)

Kumanovo (35 kilometers north of Skopje)

Belgrade (today Serbia)

Is he/she Jewish?

Yes

What is his/her mother tongue?

Ladino

His/her educational level?

Graduated from Commercial Academy

Occupation?

Worked in finance in Macedonia

Where and when did he/she die?

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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).

Mois Kamhi: born in Bitola, killed in Treblinka

Josef Pepo Kamhi: born in Bitola, killed in Treblinka

Children

Their names?

Vida Trajkovska (nee Ruso)

Berta Sapunova (nee Ruso)

Isak Ruso

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

They know that they are Jewish but they were not raised to make a distinction between people.

Where and when were they born?

Vida: Skopje

Berta: Nis (today Serbia)

Isak: Belgrade (today Serbia)

Where else did they live?

Nis (today Serbia)

Kumanova

Belgrade (today Serbia)

Skopje

Their educational level?

All graduated from the University of Skopje

Vida and Isak: Electro-technical faculty

Berta: Medical School of Skopje

Their occupations?

Vida: Electrical engineer

Berta: Doctor

Isak: Electrical engineer

How many grandchildren do you have?

Vida: Tatjana 1968, Jasmina 1978

Berta: Bojan 1978, Maja 1992

Father

His name?

Isak Benjamin Ruso

Where and when was he born?

Bitola, 1887

Where else did he live?

No information

Where and when did he die?

Bitola, 1937

What sort of education did he have?

Unknown but he was literate in Serbo-Croatian and Ladino. Maybe he even finished a French school.

What sort of work did he do?

He had a coffehouse

How religious was he?

No. He was not religious.

What was his mother tongue?

Ladino

Army service: which army and what years?
 Serbian Army during the Balkan Wars (1912-13)

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
David Ruso	1892-unknown Died young	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Mato Levi (nee Ruso)	1897-1943 Killed in Treblinka	Unknown	Bencion Levi. He was a grocer	Benjamin 1932-1943 Treblinka Mois 1927-1943 Treblinka Rejna 1934-1943 Treblinka Palomba 1936-1943 Treblinka Ester 1938-1943 Treblinka	Unknown
Rejina	1892-unknown Went to live in America	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Simha	Died in childbirth 1895-1920	Unknown	Unknown	Simha died in Israel in 1995	Unknown

Where was he during the Holocaust?
 Died before

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

Benjamin Ruso

Where and when was he born?

Russia, 1844

Where else did he live?

Unknown

Where and when did he die?

Bitola, 1925

What sort of education did he have?

none

What sort of work did he do?

Sold leather and coal

How religious was he?

No but he donated money 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
Mordehaj Ruso	1846-1924	Innkeeper and wine maker	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
David Ruso	1842-unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

Simha Ruso

Where and when was she born?

Bitola, date unknown

Where else did she live?

No information

Where and when did she die?

No information

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

No information

How religious was she?

No information

What was her mother tongue?

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
Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before

Mother

Her name?

Vida Ruso (nee Levi)

Where and when was she born?

Bitola, 1888

Where else did she live?

No information

Where and when did she die?

Treblinka, 1943

What sort of education did she have?

none

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

She kept kosher

What was her mother tongue?

Probably 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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Buhor Levi

Went to Israel

Unknown

Unknown

Had a big family

Unknown

Where was she during the Holocaust?

She was interned in Bulgaria, deported to Skopje and then taken to Treblinka where she was killed.

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

No information

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

No information