# Family Tree

**Paternal grandfather**

Tsvi Mussel
?-1941

**Paternal grandmother**

Chaya Sarah Mussel
(nee ?)
?-1930s

**Maternal grandfather**

Shlomo Stolyar
?-1930s

**Maternal grandmother**

Chasya Stolyar
(nee ?)
?-1930s

**Father**

Isaih Girshevich Mussel
1892-1974

**Mother**

Hannah Shlemovna Mussel
(nee Stolyar)
1890-1971

**Siblings**

Chasya Isayevna Mussel
1920-1989

Liya Isayevna Kitaychik
(nee Mussel)
1926

**Interviewee**

Alexander Isayevich Mussel
1923

**Spouse**

Anna Movshevna Mussel
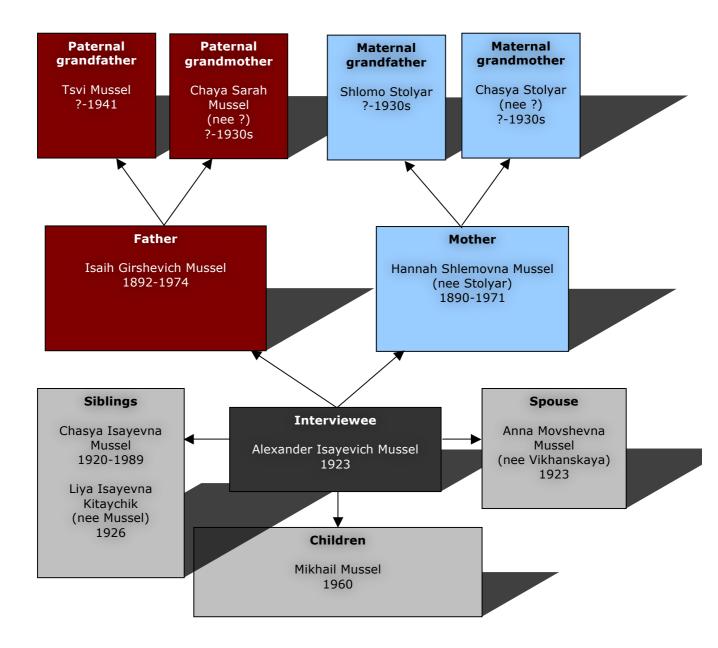(nee Vikhanskaya)
1923

**Children**

Mikhail Mussel
1960

# The interviewee and his family

*Full name*

Alexander Isayevich Mussel

*Where and when were you born?*

Petrograd (later known as Leningrad and St. Petersburg), 1923

*Where else did you live?*

1923-1941: Petrograd

1941-1958: in the Army: Leningrad, Omsk, Azerbaijan, Kapustin Yar, Astrakhan region

1958-up to present time: Leningrad

*Your educational level?*

1930-1941: Jewish school #30, Leningrad

1941-1942: antiaircraft college, Leningrad – Omsk

1945-1947: Military and Engineering Academy, Moscow

1947-1952: Communication Academy, Leningrad

1970: higher courses for Radio and Engineering Academy in Kharkov (today Ukraine)

*What sort of work do/did you do?*

1942-1971: antiaircraft defense forces officer: platoon leader, commander, senior officer, military representative

1971-up to present time: teacher, Leningrad

*What was the level of religiosity in your parents' home? How were you raised?*

My parents worked and were not able to strictly observe religious traditions. They celebrated Jewish holidays.

*What is your mother tongue?*

Russian

*How many languages do you speak?*

English

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

World War II, antiaircraft defense forces, lieutenant, 1941-1945

Education at Military Academies and service at antiaircraft defense forces until October 1971

*Where were you during the Holocaust?*

1941-1945, the Red Army, lieutenant, platoon leader commander, Trans-Caucasian front, Baku district, flak regiment

## Siblings

*Their names*

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| Chasya Isayevna Mussel |
| Liya Isayevna Kitaychik (nee Mussel) |

*Where and when were they born?*

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| Chasya: Leningrad (today St. Petersburg), 1920 |
| Liya: Leningrad, 1926 |

*What is their mother tongue?*

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| Chasya: Russian |
| Liya: Russian |

*Their educational level?*

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| Chasya: Jewish high school (ten years), Leningrad<br><br>Liya: high school (nine years), foreign languages courses (three years) |

*Their occupations?*

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| Chasya: Technician, Hydro-Meteorological Service for the Baltic Navy, 1941-1945; Technician, Hydro-Meteorological Observatory, 1946-1966 |
| Liya: radio operator, Hydro-Meteorological Service for the Leningrad front, 1942-1945; radio operator, Hydro-Meteorological Service for the Baltic Navy, 1946-1999 |

*Where do/did they live?*

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| Chasya: Leningrad |
| Liya: Leningrad |

*Where else did they live?*

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## Siblings

*Do they have children?*

Chasya: no children

Liya:  Isabella, born in 1951, St. Petersburg, engineer, son Boris

        Yakov, born in 1959, St. Petersburg, engineer, has a daughter

*Where and when did they die?*

Chasya: Leningrad, 1989

## Spouse

*Name?*

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| Anna Movshevna Mussel (nee Vikhanskaya) |

*Where and when was he/she born?*

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| Rzhev, Kaliningradskaya (today Tverskaya) region, 1923 |

*Where else did he live?*

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| Leningrad, Kazan |

*Is he/she Jewish?*

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| Yes |

*What is his/her mother tongue?*

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| Russian |

*His/her educational level?*

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| 1946-1951: Leningrad Conservatory<br>1951-1952: Post-graduate studies |

*Occupation?*

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| 1951-1952: musicologist, teacher (assistant professor) at the Pioneer House in Petrogradsky district<br>1953-1983: Institute of Culture, Music History teacher<br>1983-up to present time: retired, works as a teacher |

## Children

*Their names?*

Mikhail Mussel

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

He was raised as a Jew and identifies himself as a Jew.

*Where and when were they born?*

Leningrad (today St. Petersburg), 1960

*Where else did they live?*

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*Their educational level?*

1967-1977: high school, Leningrad

1977-1982: Leningrad Railroad Transport Institute

*Their occupations?*

Engineer/computer programmer

*How many grandchildren do you have?*

Victoria, born in 1989

Anna, born in 1992

*His name?*

Isaih (Shaya) Girshevich Mussel

*Where and when was he was born?*

Zarasay (today Lithuania), 1892

*Where else did he live?*

1916-1918: Arkhangelsk

from 1918: Petrograd/Leningrad (today St. Petersburg)

*Where and when did he die?*

Leningrad, 1974

*What sort of education did he have?*

Two years of elementary school

*What sort of work did he do?*

Watchmaker

*What was his level of religiosity?*

Father was raised as a Jew, thus knew Jewish traditions. However, he could not observe all religious rules, since he worked in a non-Jewish environment.

*What was his mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*Army service: Which army and what years?*

None

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

Riva Etl (Revekka): 1889-1981, Zarasay, Cape Town (South Africa), emigrated in 1933 with her husband Kusiel Abramovich Levin;

Yakov: 1800s-1941, Zasaray, teacher, married, murdered by Fascists

Chava Rasel:  died at the age of 23

Feiga (Feicha Hamburg): husband – Chaim Hamburg

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

1941-1945: Leningrad

*If he survived, what did he do after?*

Worked as a watchmaker at national factories in Leningrad

*Your father's father name?*

Tsvi (Girsh) Mussel

*Where and when was he born?*

Zarasay (today Lithuania), date unknown

*Where else did he live?*

No information

*Where and when did he die?*

Zarasay, August 1941, probably murdered by Fascists

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

Housekeeping (farming), carrier's trade

*What was his level of religiosity?*

Observed religious traditions and customs

*What was his mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*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.)*

No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

1941: Zarasay (today Lithuania), perished there

*Your father's mother's name?*

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| Chaya Sarah Mussel (nee ?) |

*Where and when was she born?*

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| No information |

*Where else did she live?*

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| Zarasay |

*Where and when did she die?*

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| Zarasay (today Lithuania), 1930s |

*What sort of education did she have?*

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| No information |

*What sort of work did she do?*

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| Housewife |

*What was her level of religiosity?*

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| Observed all religious rules and customs |

*What was her mother tongue?*

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| Yiddish |

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

No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Died before

*Her name?*

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| Hannah Shlemovna Mussel (nee Stolyar) |

*Where and when was she was born?*

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| Zarasay (today Lithuania), 1890 |

*Where else did she live?*

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| From 1910: Vyborg<br>From 1917: Petrograd/Leningrad (today St. Petersburg) |

*Where and when did she die?*

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| Leningrad, 1971 |

*What sort of education did she have?*

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| Four years of elementary school |

*What sort of work did she do?*

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| Milliner |

*What was her level of religiosity?*

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| Knew and observed traditions |

*What was her mother tongue?*

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| Yiddish |

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

Elder brother Yakov: lived in Lithuania

Elder sister Rakhil: lived in Zarasay, Vyborg and Helsinki (today Finland), owned a lady's hat atelier with her husband, had a son and a daughter

Younger brother Isaac: lived in Zarasay, Leningrad

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Leningrad

*If she survived, what did she do after?*

Housewife

*Your mother's father´s name?*

Shlomo Stolyar

*Where and when was he born?*

No information

*Where else did he live?*

Zarasay (today Lithuania)

*Where and when did he die?*

Zarasay, before 1941

*What sort of education did he have?*

Cheder, yeshivah

*What sort of work did he do?*

Rabbi

*What was his level of religiosity?*

Orthodox

*What was his mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*Army service: Which army and what years?*

No information

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

No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

# Maternal grandmother

*Your mother's mother's name?*

Chasya Stolyar (maiden name unknown)

*Where and when was she born?*

No information

*Where else did she live?*

Zarasay (today Lithuania)

*Where and when did she die?*

Vyborg, before 1940

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*What was her level of religiosity?*

Orthodox

*What was her mother tongue?*

Yiddish

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

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| No information |

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

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| Died before |