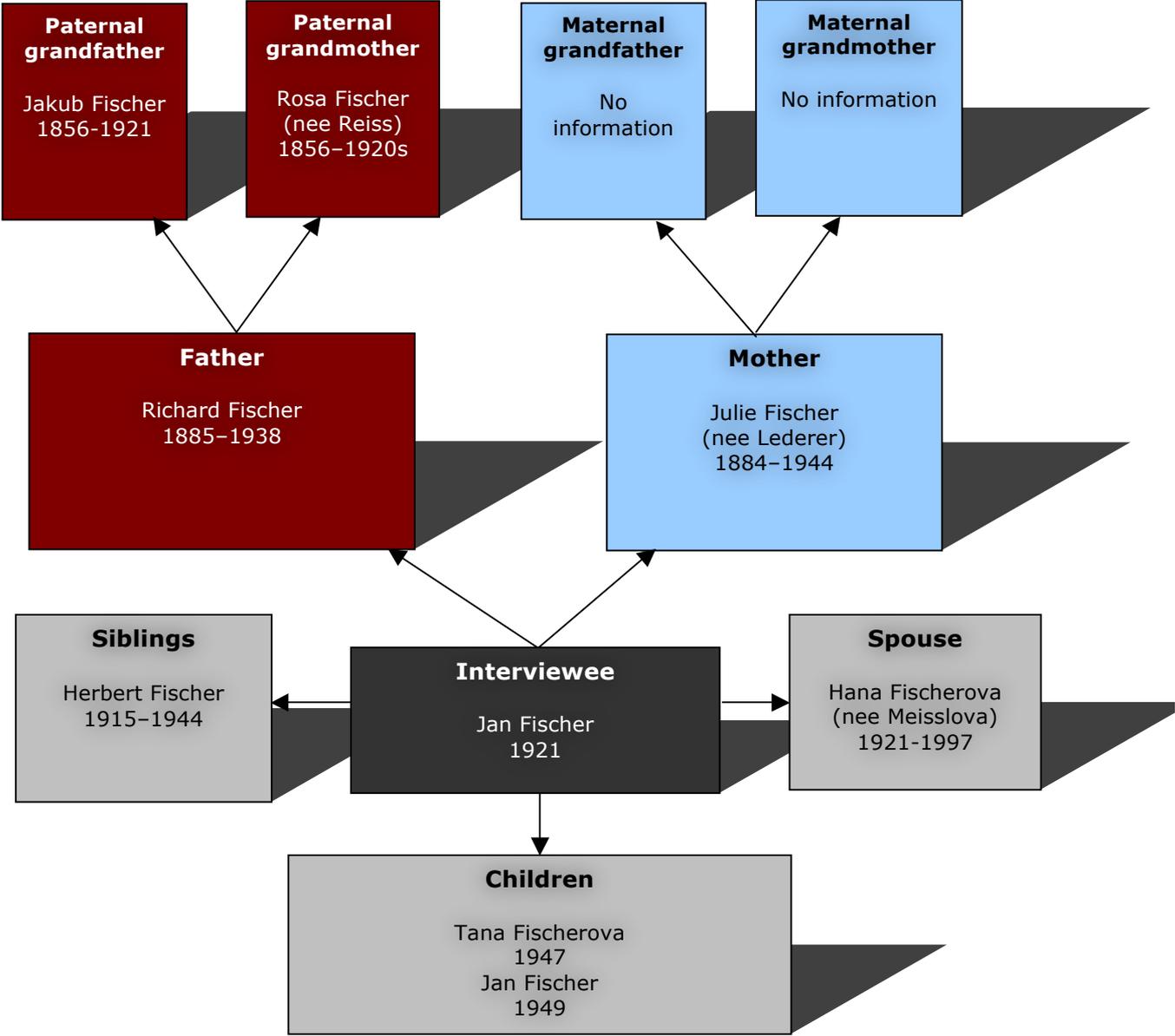


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Jan Fischer

Where and when were you born?

Prague, 19th July 1921

Where else did you live?

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Your educational level?

Finished secondary school, completed two semesters at Theater Academy

What sort of work do/did you do?

Actor, theater director

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

Our family was assimilated. Jewish traditions were respected but not kept. We did not eat kosher, we did not go to the synagogue. The generation of my grandparents was religious.

What is your mother tongue?

German and Czech

What other languages do you speak?

English

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

Czechoslovak Army in Kosice and Poprad (today Slovakia) in spring 1945

Where were you during the Holocaust?

In ghetto in Terezin, in concentration camp in Auschwitz (today Poland), in labor camp in Gleiwitz (today Poland).

What did you do after the Holocaust?

Theater director in Prague until 1971 when he was expelled from the Communist Party; various kinds of jobs afterwards (water pumper, warehouseman, ...)

Siblings

Their names

Herbert Fischer

Where and when were they born?

Prague, 1915

What is their mother tongue?

German and Czech

Their educational level?

Technical School

Their occupations?

Worked in a workshop producing glasses

Where do/did they live?

Prague

Where else did they live?

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Do they have children?

No

Where and when did they die?

Probably in Auschwitz (today Poland) in 1944

Spouse

Name?

Hana Fischerova (nee Meisslova)

Where and when was he/she born?

Prague, 1st January 1921

Where else did he/she live?

Near Prague (on a manor)

Is he/she Jewish?

Yes

What is his/her mother tongue?

Czech

His/her educational level?

Finished two years of high school (didn't graduate)

Occupation?

Teacher of dancing and gymnastics, secretary at the trade union central council

Where and when did he/she die?

Prague, 9th July 1997

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).

Dasa Meisslova: born in 1924 (or 1925); was not married and didn't work. She died in Auschwitz (today Poland).

Children

Their names?

Tana Fischerova (f)

Jan Fischer (m)

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

They were not raised Jewish. We told them about it when they grew up.

Nevertheless they identify themselves as Jews but not in a religious way.

Where and when were they born?

Tana: Prague, 1947

Jan: Prague, 1949

Where else did they live?

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Their educational level?

Tana: finished secondary school and two years at Theater Academy

Jan: finished secondary school

Their occupations?

Tana: actress, politician

Jan: businessman

How many grandchildren do you have?

Tana: Krystof (m)

Jan: Martin (m), Valerie (f)

Father

His name?

Richard Fischer

Where and when was he born?

Prague, 19th January 1885

Where else did he live?

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Where and when did he die?

Prague, 1938

What sort of education did he have?

Graduated from Business Academy

What sort of work did he do?

Representative of German optical companies in Prague

How religious was he?

Our family was assimilated, so we had no direct connection with Jewish traditions. We weren't observant, didn't eat kosher food, and didn't go to the synagogue. As a family we were traditionally aware of our Jewishness, so it was respected but not celebrated. We kept company with Jews who were assimilated like us.

What was his mother tongue?

German

Army service: which army and what years?

28th Prague regiment in Bruck an der Mur (today Austria) during WWI

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
Oskar Fischer (m)	Prague, 1890–ca. 1962, ?	Businessman	Valerie Fischer (nee Pietsch) from Vienna, not jewish	None	Not religious
Erich Fischer (m)	Prague, 1893–1943, Terezin	Employee in different companies	? Fischer (nee Weiner)	Jiri Fischer 1921–1988 worked as plumber	Not religious
Anna Altschul (nee Fischer)	Prague, 1895–1980s, Canada	Housewife	Rudolf Altschul born in Prague, psychiatrist (In 1939 they moved to Canada)	None	Not religious

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

Jakub Fischer

Where and when was he born?

Beroun, 27th March 1856

Where else did he live?

Prague

Where and when did he die?

Prague, 1921

What sort of education did he have?

Tailor school

What sort of work did he do?

Tailor

How religious was he?

Probably observed all holidays (no further information)

What was his mother tongue?

German

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
Adolf Fischer (m)	Beroun, 1852-1906, Beroun	Salesman	None	None	No information
Emma Kitten (nee Fischer)	?, 1862-?	Housewife	Josef Kitten born in Prague, cantor in synagogue	No information	Religious (no further information)

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

Rosa Fischer (nee Reiss)

Where and when was she born?

Stirin, 1st June 1856

Where else did she live?

Prague

Where and when did she die?

Prague, late 1920s (or early 1930s)

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

Observed all holidays

What was her mother tongue?

German

Tell me about her 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
Gottlieb Reiss (m)	Stirin 1846–1866, ?	Businessman	None	None	No information
Johanna Schwenk (nee Reiss)	No information	Housewife	Adolf Schwenk salesman	No information	No information
Benjamin Reiss (m)	?-1881, ?	No information	No information	No information	No information
Josef Reiss (m)	Stirin, 14 th March 1852-?	Director of brewery	Bertha Reiss (nee Rosenbaum) born in Prague	Friedrich Reis (m)	No information
Gotthard Reiss (m)	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information
Emanuel Reiss (m)	No information	Lawyer	No information	No information	No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before

Mother

Her name?

Julie Fischer (nee Lederer)

Where and when was she born?

Prague, 1884

Where else did she live?

Vysehorovice

Where and when did she die?

Probably in Bergen-Belsen (today Germany), exact date unknown (1940s)

What sort of education did she have?

Elementary school

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

Not religious

What was her mother tongue?

Probably German

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
One sister	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

In ghetto in Terezin, in concentration camp in Auschwitz (today Poland), in concentration camp in Bergen-Belsen (today Germany) where she most likely perished

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

No information

Where and when was he born?

No information

Where else did he live?

Prague

Where and when did he die?

No information

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Goldsmith

How religious was he?

Not Jewish

What was his mother tongue?

Serbian

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

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

No information

Where and when was she born?

No information

Where else did she live?

Prague

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?

Not religious

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
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No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before