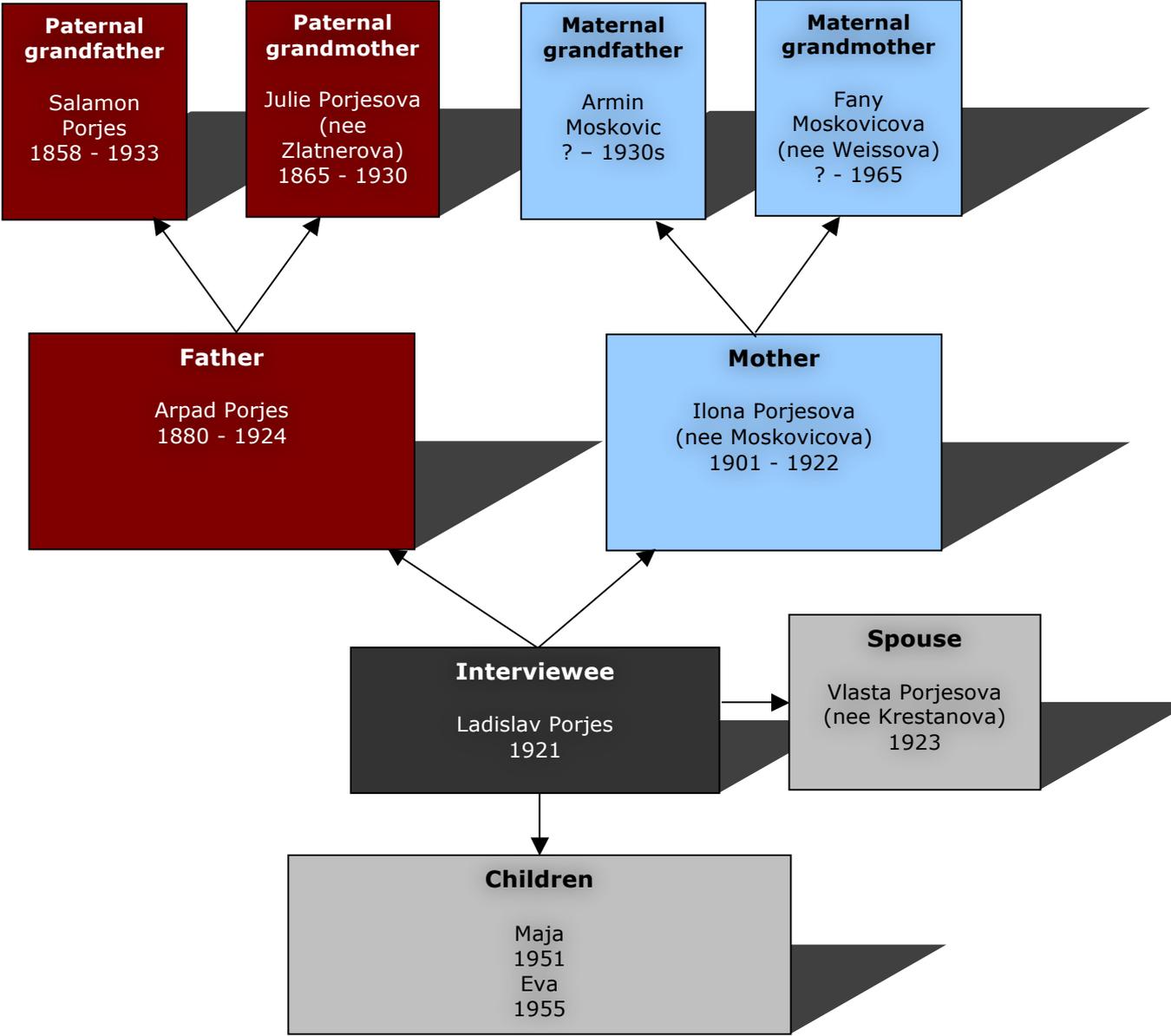


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Ladislav Porjes (Jewish name: David)

Where and when were you born?

Zilina (today Slovakia), 14th December 1921

Where else did you live?

Prague

Your educational level?

High school

What sort of work do/did you do?

Journalist

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

Both families, the Moskovics and the Porjeses, cooked kosher. There were separate dishes for dairy foods, separate dishes for meat, so as to keep it strictly separated. In Zilina it wasn't so strict, but in Michalovce my grandma made sure that everything was according to the rules, ritually pure. My grandparents in Zilina employed a cook, a Catholic girl named Hanka, who cooked excellent dishes. We ate traditional foods – during Passover matzot and also during other holidays, traditional foods. For Sabbath we also lit candles. Before eating we had in both families some Hebrew prayer, but today I don't remember these things at all. I also know that we had to eat everything, not a crumb was allowed go to waste. We attended the synagogue more in Michalovce. There at the age of 13 I had my bar mitzvah. In my mother's home town, in Michalovce, my parents decided that over the summer holidays they'd make a faithful Orthodox Jew out of me. I had to grow payes, I got a yarmulka for my head, they put an under-tabard with fringes that stuck out over my short pants. They even hired me a

private religion teacher.

What is your mother tongue?

Slovak

What other languages do you speak?

Czech, English, German, Yiddish, French, Hungarian, Russian, Polish, Spanish, Hebrew (passively)

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

Sloboda army: Krakow (today Poland), 1945

Where were you during the Holocaust?

Sixth Labor Battalion: Svaty Jur (today Slovakia)

Prison: Bratislava (today Slovakia)

Prison: Poprad (today Slovakia)

Forced labor camp: Sered (today Slovakia)

Concentration camp: Auschwitz-Birkenau (today Poland)

Sloboda Army: Krakow (today Poland)

What did you do after the Holocaust?

Worked as a journalist

Spouse

Name?

Vlasta Porjesova (nee Krestanova)

Where and when was he/she born?

Skalsko, 1923

Where else did he/she live?

Bratislava (today Slovakia)

Is he/she Jewish?

No

What is his/her mother tongue?

Slovak

His/her educational level?

High school with honors, 1941

Occupation?

Civil servant

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?

Maja (f)

Eva (f)

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

Yes

Where and when were they born?

Maja: Prague, 1954

Eva: Prague, 1955

Where else did they live?

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Their educational level?

No information

Their occupations?

Maja: translator

Eva: chemical engineer, IT-teacher, Judaism lecturer

How many grandchildren do you have?

Altogether five grandchildren (no further information)

Father

His name?

Arpad Porjes

Where and when was he born?

Zilina (today Slovakia), 1880

Where else did he live?

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Where and when did he die?

Zilina, 1924

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Lawyer

How religious was he?

Neolog Jew, seldom attended the synagogue. Observed holidays. Ate kosher.

What was his mother tongue?

Slovak/German

Army service: which army and what years?
 Austro-Hungarian KuK army in WWI, Italian front

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

My father was one of eighteen siblings, of those thirteen were sisters and five brothers. I don't remember all of their names.

name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Emil Porjes (m)	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information
Armin Porjes (m)	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information
Stefanie (f)	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information
Olga (f)	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information
Aranka (f)	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information
Anna (f)	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information
Margit (f)	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information
Alzbeta (f)	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

Salamon Porjes

Where and when was he born?

Pruzina (today Slovakia), 1858

Where else did he live?

Zilina (today Slovakia)

Where and when did he die?

Zilina, 1933

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Toll collector on the Vah River

How religious was he?

Neolog Jew, seldom attended the synagogue. Observed holidays. Ate kosher.

What was his mother tongue?

German

Army service: which army and what years?

Austro-Hungarian KuK army

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

Julie Porjesova (nee Zlatnerova)

Where and when was she born?

Rosina (today Slovakia), 1865

Where else did she live?

Zilina (today Slovakia)

Where and when did she die?

Zilina, 1930

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

Neolog Jewess. Observed holidays. Ate kosher.

What was her mother tongue?

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before

Mother

Her name?

Ilona Porjesova (nee Moskovicova)

Where and when was she born?

Michalovce (today Slovakia), 1901

Where else did she live?

Zilina (today Slovakia)

Where and when did she die?

Zilina, 1922

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

Orthodox, observed holidays and observed ritual regulations. Ate kosher.

What was her mother tongue?

Yiddish

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
Paula Jakobovits (nee Moskovicova) (f)	Michalovce (today Slovakia), ? - Auschwitz-Birkenau (today Poland), 1940s	Housewife	Bela Jakobovits Lawyer, Lived in Budapest (today Hungary), killed in WWII by members of the Hungarian Arrow Cross Party	No information	No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

Armin Moskovic

Where and when was he born?

Michalovce (today Slovakia), date unknown

Where else did he live?

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Where and when did he die?

Michalovce, 1930s

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Had a general store

How religious was he?

Strictly Orthodox

What was his mother tongue?

Yiddish

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

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

Fany Moskvicova (nee Weissova)

Where and when was she born?

Michalovce (today Slovakia), date unknown

Where else did she live?

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Where and when did she die?

Place unknown, 1965

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

My grandmother's mother, my great-grandmother Mina Weissova, was the daughter of the miraculous Rabbi Weiss. The family was strictly Orthodox, my great-grandmother, for example, had her hair completely cut off and wore this wig on her head. Grandma Moskvicova survived the Shoah, and after the war completely lost any religious illusions she may have had. She took an intense dislike to kosher cuisine and stopped observing all rituals.

What was her mother tongue?

Yiddish

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

In hiding: Michalovce (today Slovakia)

If she survived what did she do after?

No information