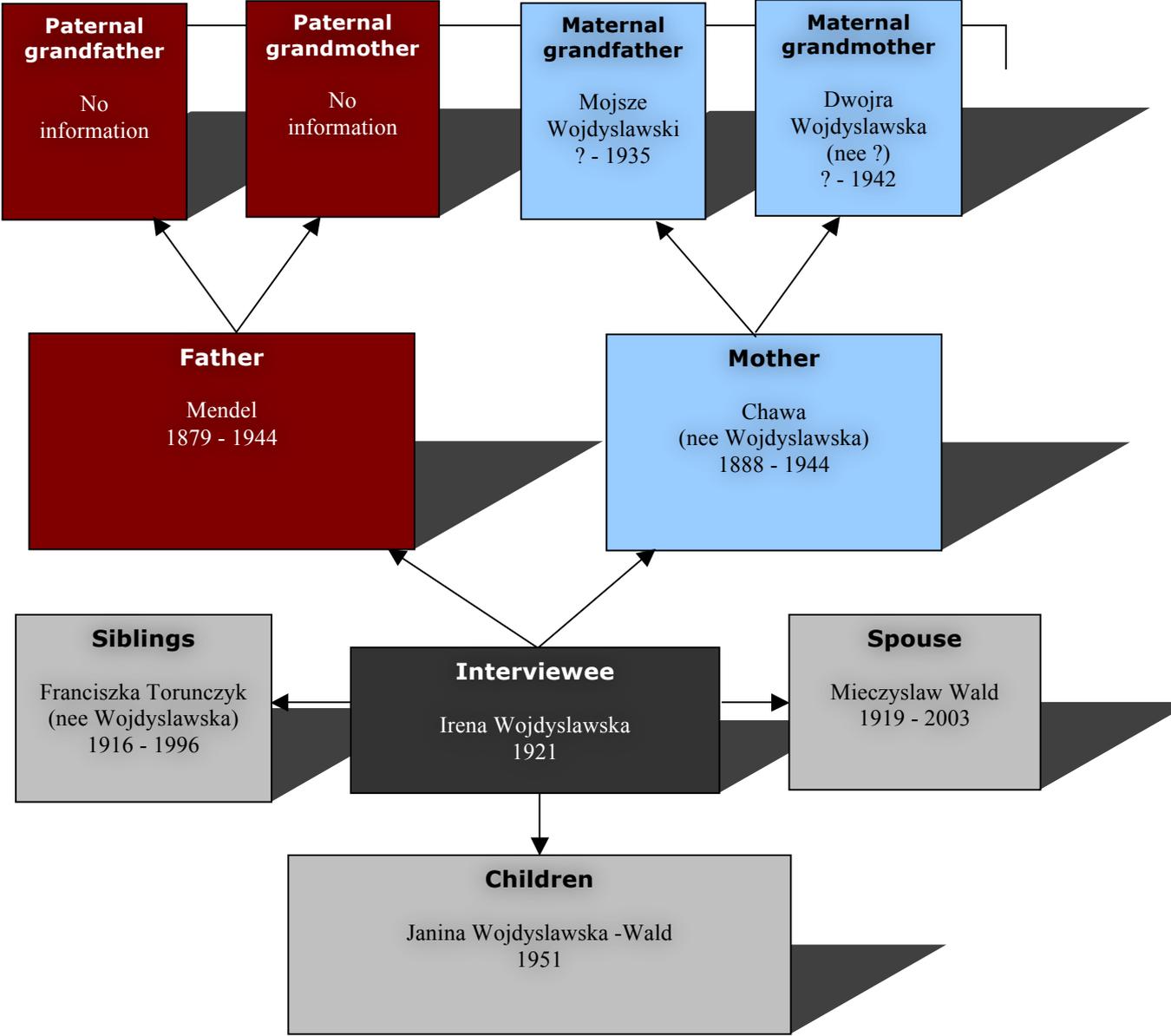


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Irena Wojdyslawska

Where and when were you born?

Lodz, 9th May 1921

Where else did you live?

nowhere

Your educational level?

PhD in Medicine from The Lodz Medical Academy

Graduate from the Teachers' Training College in Lodz

What sort of work do/did you do?

Psychiatrist in Babicki Psychiatric Hospital, since 1970 the director of the clinic

After retirement - Psychiatrist in a psychiatric outpatient clinic on Bardowskiego Street, part-time work

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

Mrs. Wojdyslawska's parents were atheists. Just like their siblings, they were not religious people. But her Mother's parents, as she remembers, were very religious. Grandfather didn't work, he was supported by wealthy Jews. All his life he studied the Talmud and the Torah. He was a man who lay in bed, with a waist-length beard. Grandmother was at home and she raised the children. She was always very pious. Mrs. Wojdyslawska's parents didn't keep kosher in the ghetto. But grandmother didn't eat anything that wasn't kosher, so she didn't eat much. She used to drink some tea, make herself some bread with something, because she did her own cooking. This malnourishment really exhausted her.

What is your mother tongue?

Polish

How many other languages do you speak?

German

Where were you during the Holocaust?

Ghetto, Lodz

Concentration camp, Auschwitz

Forced labor camp, Birmbaumel

What did you do after the Holocaust?

Graduated from The Lodz Medical Academy, worked as a psychiatrist

Siblings

Their names

Franciszka Torunczyk (nee Wojdyslawska)

Where and when were they born?

Lodz, 16th January 1916

What is their mother tongue?

Polish

Their educational level?

Graduated from Warsaw University in Economics, Masters Degree received

Their occupations?

She worked in the radio, then as a journalist for 'Czytelnik' and 'Kultura' in Paris.

Where do/did they live?

Lodz

Where else did they live?

Warsaw

Paris

New York

Do they have children?

Daughter, Ewa, graduated from University in the United States of America, works as an architect

Where and when did they die?

New York, 1995

Spouse

Name?

Mieczyslaw Wald

Where and when was he/she born?

Lodz, 1919

Where else did he/she live?

Bielsko-Biala, Torun

Hebron (today: Israel)

Is he/she Jewish?

Yes

What is his/her mother tongue?

Polish

His/her educational level?

Master's degree in acting, no information about the institution

Occupation?

Theater actor

Where and when did he/she die?

Hebron (today: Israel), 2003

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	attitude to Jewish traditions
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No information

Children

Their names?

Janina Wojdyslawska-Wald

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

She wasn't raised Jewish and she doesn't identify herself as a Jew.

Where and when were they born?

Lodz, 9th January 1951

Where else did they live?

Poddebice near Lodz

Their educational level?

Graduated from the University of Lodz in Chemical Engineering

Their occupations?

Insurance agent

How many grandchildren do you have?

Mateusz, born 1977, graduated from the University of Lodz with a degree in Geography and Tourism

Father

His name?

Mendel /interviewee did not agree to give her father's surname, because it sounded vulgar . In 1919 he changed it to Wojdyslawski./

Where and when was he born?

Strykow near Lodz

Where else did he live?

Lodz

Where and when did he die?

Lodz Ghetto, 1944

What sort of education did he have?

Graduated from technical high school

What sort of work did he do?

Tailor, owned a textile business

How religious was he?

Mrs. Wojdyslawska's father was an atheist. He wasn't a religious man, he had leftist views. But he had some relatives in the Jewish district. Mrs. Wojdyslawska used to visit this place with him.

What was his mother tongue?

Polish

Army service: which army and what years?

Russian Army 1914 – 1918

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	attitude to Jewish traditions
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No
information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Ghetto, Lodz

Your paternal grandfather's name?

No information

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

Bajla Wojdyslawska

Where and when was she born?

No information

Her name?

Chawa Wojdyslawska

Where and when was she born?

Zychlin in Warsaw district, 1888

Where else did she live?

Lodz

Where and when did she die?

Auschwitz, 1944

What sort of education did she have?

Educated at home, no formal education

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

She was an atheist, but she observed the Sabbath and Jewish holidays.

What was her mother tongue?

Polish

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	attitude to Jewish traditions
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Lonia	killed in Auschwitz	Her son Lolek lives until today in Australia. The other son Bolek died in the ghetto.
Dora	killed in Auschwitz, 1944	Her daughter Gutka was killed with her.
Rozka	killed in Auschwitz 1943	
Szyjek	killed in Majdanek	Irek, his son was killed in Majdanek in 1944
Icek	killed in Majdanek, 1944	

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Ghetto, Lodz

Concentration camp, Auschwitz

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

Mojsze Wojdyslowski

Where and when was he born?

Zychlin

Where else did he live?

Lodz

Where and when did he die?

Lodz, 1930

What sort of education did he have?

Cheder

What sort of work did he do?

No information

How religious was he?

He was very religious. He didn't work, was supported by wealthy Jews. All his life he studied the Talmud and the Torah. He was a man who lay in bed, with a waist-length beard.

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 of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	attitude to Jewish traditions
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No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

No information

If he survived what did he do after?

No information

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

Dwojra Wojdyslawska

Where and when was she born?

No information

Where else did she live?

Lodz

Where and when did she die?

Lodz Ghetto, 1942

What sort of education did she have?

Educated at home, no formal schooling

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

Mrs. Wojdyslawska's grandparents on Mother's side were very religious. Grandmother was at home and she raised the children. She was always very pious. She didn't eat anything that wasn't 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	attitude to Jewish traditions
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No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Ghetto, Lodz