

Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Frida (Jewish name Frima) Muchnik

Where and when were you born?

Bershad town, Vinnitsa region, 1926

Where else did you live?

Haifa (today Israel)

Your educational level?

Banking operation school, Vinnitsa

What sort of work do/did you do?

Cashier, cashier accountant in a cooperative

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

My family observed some Jewish traditions, always fasted on Yom Kippur, did not eat pork, mother and father did no work on Saturday in conformity with Jewish traditions.

Mother or father did not cover their heads.

What is your mother tongue?

Yiddish

What other languages do you speak?

Ukrainian, Russian

Where were you during the Holocaust?

Ghetto in Bershad

What did you do after the Holocaust?

Finished school and technical school, worked as a cashier in Bershad

Siblings

Their names

Velvl Muchnik

Ehil Muchnik

Where and when were they born?

Velvl: Bershad, 1918

Ehil: Bershad, 1922

What is their mother tongue?

Both - Yiddish

Their educational level?

Velvl: Jewish 7-year school, artillery school in Leningrad

Ehil: technical school

Their occupations?

Velvl: worker

Ehil: N\A

Where do/did they live?

Both lived in Odessa

Do they have children?

N\A

Where and when did they die?

Velvl: perished at the front during the defense of Odessa in 1941

Ehil: perished at the front in 1941

Spouse

Name?

None

Children

Their names?

None

Father

His name?

Moisey Muchnik

Where and when was he born?

Bershad, 1886

Where and when did he die?

Bershad, 1971

What sort of education did he have?

Cheder

What sort of work did he do?

Leather jacket maker

How religious was he?

My father was moderately religious, he didn't wear a kippah, went to the synagogue on holidays, celebrated holidays, he did no work on Saturday in conformity with Jewish traditions. My father was raised religious, but watching indecent conduct of Jews at the synagogue where they argued and cursed, he grew indifferent to religion. He said that if a Jew prayed from morning till night, wears a kippah, etc., this still does not prove his Jewish identity since a real Jew is the one who follows the covenants and lives an honest life.

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.)

name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Motl Muchnik	Bershad, 1882- ?,?	No information	Jew, No information	No information	religious
Folyk Muchnik	Bershad, 1884- ?,?	No information	Jew, No information	No information	religious
Rosia Farberman (nee Muchnik)	Bershad, 1884- ?,?	No information	Isaac Farberman, ?-?, Jew	Daughter Hana ? (nee Farberman), 1920s-1986	religious

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Ghetto in Bershad

If he survived, what did he do after?

Lived and worked in Bershad, was a pensioner

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

Yankel Muchnik

Where and when was he born?

Bershad, 1840s

Where and when did he die?

Bershad, 1920s

What sort of education did he have?

Cheder

What sort of work did he do?

Manager, worked for a merchant

How religious was he?

My grandfather was very religious, he wore a kippah, went to the synagogue, celebrated holidays, observed traditions, read religious books and prayed at home

What was his mother tongue?

Yiddish

Army service: which army and what years?

None

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
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of spouse

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

Frima Muchnik (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

Bershad, 1860s

Where and when did she die?

Bershad, 1920s

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

My grandmother was very religious. She wore a kerchief, went to the synagogue, observed traditions and celebrated holidays.

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	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
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of spouse

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before

Mother

Her name?

Elka Muchnik (nee Roiter)

Where and when was she born?

Kravetskoye village in Vinnitsa province, 1895

Where else did she live?

Bershad

Where and when did she die?

Bershad, 1972

What sort of education did she have?

No education

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife, worked in a kolkhoz

How religious was she?

Mama was not religious, but she observed some traditions: she fasted on Yom Kippur, for example, and she cooked a Saturday dinner. She didn't cover her head and went to the synagogue very rarely. She didn't keep 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	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
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			of spouse		
Sura ? (nee Roiter)	Kravetskoye village, 1870s- 1968	housewife	?, Jew,?	Two daughters: I don't remember their names	religious
Ehil Roiter	Kravetskoye village , 1897- 1918 Chechel'nik	?	Jew	None	religious
Two brothers and two sisters moved to Argentina in the 1910s; I don't know their names					

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Ghetto in Bershad

If she survived, what did she do after?

Lived with her husband and daughter

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

Iosif Roiter

Where and when was he born?

?, 1850s

Where else did he live?

Kravetskoye village

Where and when did he die?

Chechelnyk, Vinnitsa region, 1920s

What sort of education did he have?

Cheder

What sort of work did he do?

Owned a store in the village, rented a river area, land and a pond

How religious was he?

My grandfather Iosif was religious. He went to the synagogue, wore a hat, followed kashrut, celebrated Sabbath and Jewish holidays

What was his mother tongue?

Yiddish

Army service: which army and what years?

None

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 he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

? Roiter (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

?, 1850s

Where else did she live?

Kravetskoye village

Where and when did she die?

Kravetskoye village, 1918

What sort of education did she have?

No education

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

My grandmother was very religious. She wore a kerchief, observed traditions, celebrated Sabbath and all religious holidays, went to the synagogue in Chechelnyk with grandfather on holidays

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
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No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before