Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name Maya Gerasimovna Dembo

Where and when were you born? Paris (France), 1931

Where else did you live?

1934-1941; 1945-1955; 1957-up to now: Leningrad (today St. Petersburg) 1941: Iskra, Yaroslav region 1942: Verkhnaya Salda, Molotov (today Perm) region, Urals 1943-1944: Podolsk, Moscow region 1955-1957: Kirovsk, Murmansk region, Kola peninsula

Your educational level?

1940-1951: secondary school, Leningrad 1951-1955: Leningrad State Library Institute

What sort of work do/did you do? 1955-1957: librarian, Kirovsk, Murmansk region 1957-1967: librarian, Children's Literature Publishing House, Leningrad 1967-1982: Writers' House employee, Leningrad 1982-1987: Monuments' Protection Society employee, Leningrad

What was the level of religiosity in your parents' home? How were you raised? My parents were not religious.

What is your mother tongue? Russian Where were you during the Holocaust?

In evacuation in Yaroslav region; Podolsk, the Urals (1941-1945)

Siblings

Their names None

Children

Their names? None

Spouse

Name? Lev Samuilovich Freidman

Where and when was he/she born? Leningrad (today St. Petersburg), 1926

Where else did he live? Kirovsk

Is he/she Jewish? Yes

What is his/her mother tongue? Russian

His/her educational level? Secondary school, Leningrad Institute of Law, Leningrad Construction technical school, Leningrad

Occupation? Constructor, industrial equipment installation

Where and when did he/she die? Leningrad, 1993

Father

His name? Gerasim Isaacovich Dembo (Jewish name: Gerson)

Where and when was he was born? Riga (today Latvia), 1900

Where else did he live? Paris (France); Leningrad (today St. Petersburg); Verkhnaya Salda, Molotov region; Podolsk, Moscow region

Where and when did he die? Leningrad, 1988

What sort of education did he have? Cheder in Riga Classical gymnasia in St. Petersburg Applied mechanics faculty at the Sorbonne (France)

What sort of work did he do? Stoker, train driver assistant, Oktyabrskaya railroad, Petrograd Worthington plants worker, France Engineer, Leningrad Metal Plant (LMP), Economizer plant, Leningrad

What was his level of religiosity? Not religious What was his mother tongue? Russian

Army service: Which army and what years? 1941-1942: people's volunteer corps, Leningrad, soldier

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

Aron Isaacovich Dembo (1898-1958): nicknamed Ronya, chemical engineer, graduated from Berlin University (today Germany); lived in Leningrad (today St. Petersburg); participated in the war; developed oilfields in Bashkiria, perished in a car accident; wife Olga Lvorna Tsymbal, is a doctor; one son, Lev
Cecilia Isaacovna Dembo (1904-1981): otolaryngologist, graduated from Tartu University, lived in Riga (today Latvia); was in evacuation in the Urals; single, adopted her cousin's son, Alexandr Genkin, who is named after her and an artist.

Where was he during the Holocaust?

In the blockade of Leningrad; in evacuation in the Urals and in Podolsk, Moscow region

If he survived, what did he do after? Engineer at LMP and `Economizer' plant, Leningrad

Paternal grandfather

Your father's father name? Isaac Dembo

Where and when was he born? Riga (today Latvia), 1870s

Where else did he live? Yalta, Crimea (today Ukraine)

Where and when did he die? Yalta, 1914

What sort of education did he have? Some kind of technical education

What sort of work did he do? Worked in timber processing and paper industry, Riga

What was his level of religiosity? No information

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? Died before Your father's mother's name? Sara Lazarevna Dembo (nee Sivashinskaya) (Jewish name: Sorel)

Where and when was she born? Riga (today Latvia), 1865

Where else did she live? Petrograd; Verkhnaya Salda, Molotov region, Urals; Podolsk, Moscow region

Where and when did she die? Riga, 1959

What sort of education did she have? No education

What sort of work did she do? Housewife

What was her level of religiosity? No information

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.) She had several brothers and sisters:

Max Bugg: owner of a fur factory in Riga, moved to Stockholm (Sweden) in 1938; son Natan was an engineer, lived in Riga, married to Yudit, an artist.
Brother (name unknown): was thrown by the Germans into the burning synagogue in Riga (today Latvia)
No information available about other brothers and sisters

Where was she during the Holocaust? In evacuation in the Urals and Podolsk, Moscow region

If she survived what did she do after? Housewife



Her name? Frida Moiseyevna Dembo (nee Sivashinskaya)

Where and when was she was born? St. Petersburg, 1901

Where else did she live? Paris (France); Verkhnaya Salda, Urals, Podolsk, Moscow region

Where and when did she die? Leningrad, 1989

What sort of education did she have? Incomplete theatrical education, Live Word Institute, Petrograd

What sort of work did she do? Seller in a store; French-Russian translator; registering clerk in a polyclinic; worked at a tularemic station; housewife

What was her level of religiosity? Not religious

What was her mother tongue? Russian Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

2 brothers and 3 sisters:

Vulf Sivashinsky (1904-1963):was called Vladymir at home, lived in Leningrad; got diploma of a rabbi student; chemical engineer; participated in the war, wife Esphir Berkovna Starobina, was a pharmacist. 2 sons, the elder, Mikhail, born in 1924, perished in 1941; the younger son Semyon, born in 1940, is a mathematician.

Serafima Gutman (nee Sivashinskaya) (Jewish name: Sima) (1907-1998): biochemist; husband was a construction engineer, lived in Leningrad, moved to USA in 1992, where she died of an infarct. 3 sons, two live in the USA, one in Israel.

Maria Starobina (nee Sivashinskaya) (Jewish name: Musya) (1911-1955): accountant, husband was a skilled worker, lived in Leningradl. 1 daughter, works as a translator in Paris (France).

Iosif Sivashinsky, 1914-2000, electronics engineer, his wife Tasya (German) died early, lived in Leningrad, 1 daughter, moved to the USA.

Polina Berlina (nee Sivashinskaya) (born1917): telecommunications worker, husband Zalman Berlin had the same occupation, was in the war, died. 1 daughter and 1 son , lived in Leningrad, now live in the USA.

Where was she during the Holocaust? In evacuation in the Urals and in Podolsk, Moscow region

If she survived, what did she do after? Worked at the tularemic station, housewife *Your mother's father's name?* Moisey Vulfovich Sivashinsky (Jewish name: Moishe-Isik)

Where and when was he born? St. Petersburg, 1877

Where else did he live? Omsk, Siberia

Where and when did he die? Leningrad, 1953

What sort of education did he have? No information

What sort of work did he do? Mochel, shochet

What was his level of religiosity?

Was religious, observed all Jewish traditions: kept kosher, Sabbath, fasts, Jewish holidays, prayed at the synagogue and at home; was buried in the Jewish cemetery according to the Jewish ceremony.

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.)

Rakhil Vulfovna Vilenskaya (nee Sivashinskaya) (1880-1942): pediatrician, husband Vilensky was a revolutionary, got divorced, lived in Paris, perished in Auschwitz (today Poland)

Fruma Yuzvinskaya (nee Sivashinskaya) (1883-1942): housewife, husband was an engineer, perished in the blockade of Leningrad, had a daughter and 3 sons, sons perished in the war, daughter lives in the USA

Sinay Sivashinsky (1887-1970s): economist, lived in Leningrad, spent 10 years in Stalin's camps in Solikamsk (1937-1947), was rehabilitated, elder son perished at the front, younger one survived, is a doctor.

Where was he during the Holocaust? 1941-1942: in the blockade of Leningrad 1942-1944: in evacuation in Omsk, Siberia 1945: in liberated Leningrad

If he survived what did he do after? Mochel, shochet

Maternal grandmother

Your mother's mother's name? Khana Yevseyevna Sivashikskaya (nee Nemoitina) (Jewish name Khana-Feiga)

Where and when was she born? St. Petersburg, 1881

Where else did she live? Omsk, Siberia

Where and when did she die? Leningrad, 1954

What sort of education did she have? Did not obtain education

What sort of work did she do? Housewife

What was her level of religiosity?

Was religious, observed all Jewish traditions: kept kosher, Sabbath, fasts, Jewish holidays, buried in the Jewish cemetery according to the Jewish ceremony

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.)

2 brothers, Samuil and Avron, and 2 sisters, Musya and Leya. Musya died early, Leya and her family moved to the USA at the beginning of WWII (no more information)

Where was she during the Holocaust? In the blockade of Leningrad; in evacuation in Omsk, Siberia

If she survived what did she do after? Housewife