## Family Tree



# The interviewee and his family

*Full name* David Levin

Where and when were you born? Vitebsk, 1924

Where else did you live? 1928-to the present time: Leningrad

Your educational level? Graduated from connection and radio electronics' faculties of two Leningrad Military Colleges

What sort of work do/did you do? Employee of the Soviet Military Navy; engineer in the various industrial institutions.

How religious was your parents' home? How were you raised? They were not religious people. They never observed Sabbath or celebrated holidays. They were completely secular people and raised me as a secular person too.

What is your mother tongue? Russian

How many other languages do you speak? Some English *If you were in an army, tell us which army and the dates* Soviet army, Military Navy: 1941-1956

## Where were you during the Holocaust?

In Soviet Army: on Leningrad front (1941-1942), then in Military Navy on Baikal Lake, Caspian Sea and Far East (1942-1945)

What did you do after the Holocaust? Was an officer, worked as an engineer

## Siblings

None

#### Spouse

Name? Rebecca Levina (nee Alpert)

Where and when was he/she born? Bologoye, Kalinin region, 1923

Where else did he/she live? Saratov, Leningrad, Dauvgapils (today Latvia)

*Is he/she Jewish?* Yes

What is his/her mother tongue? Russian

#### *His/her educational level?*

Graduated from philological faculty of Leningrad State University and post graduate course at Leningrad State University (department of Russian language)

#### Occupation?

Head teacher, head of Russian language department at Daugavpils Pedagogical Institute; teacher of Russian language at Leningrad Gorny Institute

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).

**Eizer Alpert** (m), Bologoye, 1922 – Moscow, 1993, engineer, married twice, both wives were Jewish, daughter Sophia, not religious

## Children

Their names? Elena Proskuryakova (nee Levina)

Were they raised Jewish/do they identify themselves as Jews? She didn't get any Jewish education, however, she knows that she is Jewish

Where and when were they born? Leningrad, 1951

Where else did they live?

Their educational level?

Graduated from Leningrad Gorny Institute; Moscow Psychological Institute (she lived in Leningrad and studied in Moscow, going there twice a year to pass exams)

Their occupations? An engineer, then a psychologist

How many grandchildren do you have? Sergey Proskuryakov, 1974

## Father

*His name?* Zakhar Levin

Where and when was he born? Dvinsk (today it is called Daugavpils and is situated in Latvia), 1896

Where else did he live? Vitebsk (today Belarus), Leningrad

Where and when did he die? Leningrad, 1967

What sort of education did he have? Non completed secondary school

What sort of work did he do? Machine-operator at artel, driver, servant of the supply department

### How religious was he?

He wasn't very religious, but he knew Yiddish and studied Hebrew and Jewish religious texts. He didn't observe Sabbath and Traditions.

What was his mother tongue? Yiddish Army service: which army and what years?

Russian Army (1915-1917), was poisoned with gases during World War I Soviet army (1941-1946), on Leningrad front and in 1943-1946 in the railway troupes

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

name	place and date of	occupation	biographical data	biographical data	attitude to Jewish
	birth/death	·	and origins of	of children	traditions
			spouse		
Haim Levin (m)	Place unknown,	bookeeper	No information	No information	No information
	1890s -				
	Duagavpils,				
	(today Latvia),				
	1960				
Yacob Levin (m)	place unknown,	civil servant	Hava	Esther	religious, went to the
	1890s -		was Jewish	Dvinsk,	synagogue, prayed
	Israel, 1970s			Russia (today	and observed Sabbath
				Latvia), 1920s	
Udel Levin (m)	place unknown,	No	No information	son was killed in	No information
	1880s -	information		1942 too	
	place unknown,				
	1942				
Itsik Levin (m)	place unknown	leader of the	No information	Mark,	No information
	1880s -	social-		place unknown,	
	America, date	democrat		1930s,	
	unknown	party		translator,	
				employed at the	
				United Nations;	
				Doda,	
				place unknown,	
				1940s	
? Levin (m)	place unknown,	No	No information	Benyamin,	No information
	1880s –	information		place unknown,	
	Sverdlovsk,			1920s,	
	1960s			Military College,	
				officer	

Where was he during the Holocaust? On Leningrad front in 1941-1943 and in the railway troupes in 1943-1946

## If he survived, what did he do after?

Worked in different institutions of Leningrad: has been a driver and worked in the supply department of factory named after Stalin

## **Paternal grandfather**

*Your paternal grandfather's name?* David Levin

Where and when was he born? Place unknown, 1862

Where else did he live? Slonim, Grodno province (today Belarus); Dvinsk, (today Daugavpils, Latvia)

Where and when did he die? Place unknown, 1917

What sort of education did he have? No information

What sort of work did he do? No information

How religious was he? No information

What was his mother tongue? Yiddish

Army service: which army and what years? none

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No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?* Died before

## **Paternal grandmother**

Your paternal grandmother's name? Frieda Levina (nee Shatkes)

Where and when was she born? No information

Where else did she live? Dvinsk, (today Daugavpils, Latvia)

Where and when did she die? Dvinsk (today Latvia), 1930

What sort of education did she have? No information

What sort of work did she do? No information

How religious was she? No information

What was her mother tongue? Yiddish

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place and date of occupation biographical data birth/death and origins of

biographical data biographical data

of children

attitude to Jewish traditions

spouse

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust? Died before

## Mother

Her name? Slava Levina (nee Meerson)

Where and when was she born? Vitebsk (today Belarus), 1896

Where else did she live? Vitebsk (today Belarus); Leningrad; Kopeisk

Where and when did she die? Leningrad, 1979

What sort of education did she have? Gymnasium

What sort of work did she do? Cassier, during World War II she was working on the factory

How religious was she? Not religious, didn't observe Sabbath or go to the synagogue

*What was her mother tongue?* Yiddish

#### Name place and date of occupation biographical data biographical data attitude to Jewish birth/death and origins of of children traditions spouse Naum Meerson Vitebsk, 1890scivil servant Lubov, Jewish, Daughter Lilia No information (m) Leningrad, 1942 civil servant (engineer) and Anna (cashier in bookstore) Isaac Vitebsk, 1890scivil servant Eugenia, Jewish, Zinovy, 1920s, No information Meerson (m) Leningrad, 1942 civil servant Geologist, immigrated to America and died there Boris Meerson Vitebsk, 1890scivil servant No information Mikhail, 1920s No information (m) Efim, 1920s place unknown, date unknown Zina Diner (nee Vitebsk, 1890s -Librarian No information Genrich, died, No information Meerson) (f) Leningrad, date being young unknown Emma ? (nee Vitebsk, 1890s - civil servant No information Son was killed No information Meerson) (f) Latvia, 1940s during WWII Bertha Malkina Vitebsk, 1890s - civil servant No information Zalman, Vitebsk, No information (nee Meerson) Leningrad, 1967 1920s - killed in (f) 1942 Efim, Vitebsk, 1920s, served in the Soviet Army Frada Zelenova Vitebsk, 1890s -Housewife Michail Zelenov, Gennady, Ukraine, No information 1930s (nee Meerson) Donbass, and Jewish, was a Ukraine, 1970s (f) bookkeeper mine surveyor, died during World War II

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

Where was she during the Holocaust? In Leningrad blockade (1941-1942), in evacuation in Kopeisk (Chelyabinsk region) (1942-1945)

from typhus

If she survived, what did she do after? She worked as a cashier and then was retired

## **Maternal grandfather**

Your maternal grandfather's name? Sergey Meerson (Jewish name Shmera)

Where and when was he born? No information

Where else did he live? Vitebsk (today Belarus)

Where and when did he die? Vitebsk (today Belarus), 1940

What sort of education did he have? No information

What sort of work did he do? Craftsman

How religious was he? No information

What was his mother tongue? Yiddish

Army service: which army and what years? None

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		spouse		

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust? Died before

# Maternal grandmother

*Your maternal grandmother's name?* Lesya Meerson (nee ?)

Where and when was she born? No information

Where else did she live? Vitebsk, (today Belarus)

Where and when did she die? Tashkent (today Uzbekistan), 1942

What sort of education did she have? No information

*What sort of work did she do?* Housewife

How religious was she? No information

What was her mother tongue? Yiddish

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	birth/death		data and	of children	traditions
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			spouse		
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Where was she during the Holocaust? She died in 1942 in evacuation in Saratov