Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Faina Gheller (nee Zalivanskaya)

Where and when were you born?

Saratov, 1941

Where else did you live?

Your educational level?

Finished Saratov Polytechnic College, Faculty of Energy

What sort of work do/did you do?

Design engineer at the radio equipment factory in Saratov, leading engineer at the Equipment College, since 1998 director of the club for elderly in Saratov regional Jewish charity center 'Hasdey Yerushalaim'

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

My mother went to synagogue, celebrated holidays, lit candles at Sabbath, read religious books, wore long skirts and covered her hair with a red kerchief. My father rarely went to synagogue. He didn't pray, celebrated holidays just habitually and wore casual clothes

What is your mother tongue?

Russian

What other languages do you speak?

None

Where were you during the Holocaust?

On not occupied territory - at home In Saratov

What did you do after the Holocaust?

Worked as engineer in Saratov

Siblings

Their names

Mirah Vilenchik (nee Zalivanskaya) - stepsister, from father's first wife

Israel Zalivanski

Elizaveta Zalivanskaya

Where and when were they born?

Mirah: Tambov, 1931

Israel: Saratov, 1935

Elizaveta: Saratov, 1937

What is their mother tongue?

All of them: Russian

Their educational level?

Mirah: 7 years in Saratov secondary school for girls Israel: Electric Engineering College in Saratov Elizaveta: 7 years in Saratov secondary school for girls

Their occupations?

Mirah: glue soles at the shoe factory Israel: assistant foreman at Saratov radio mechanic plant Elizaveta: N/A

Where do/did they live?

Mirah: Israel (don't remember the town) Israel: Saratov Elizaveta: Saratov

Where else did they live?

Mirah: Saratov, Vilnius (today Lithuania), Warsaw (today Poland), Israel: Moscow

Do they have children?

Mirah: daughter Elizaveta, born in 1954, lives and works in a kibbutz in Nahef, teaches Ivrit to repatriates from Russia, husband Tsachiy (I don't know his surname) and four children: older daughter Miri, son (don't remember his name), son Edan and younger daughter Adi; Mirah's daughter Malka, born in Israel in 1956, medical nurse in hospital in Petah Tikvah. Divorced, has a son and a daughter whose names I don't know.

Israel: daughter Marina Novikova, 1963, mathematic teacher in Jewish school in Saratov Daughter Nadezhda Chezron, 1966, programmer in Petah Tikvah (Israel) Elizaveta: N/A

Where and when did they die?

Mirah: Israel (don't know the town), 1968 Israel: Saratov, 1993 Elizaveta: Saratov, 1951

Spouse

Name?

Mark Gheller

Where and when was he/she born? Baryshniki village Ulyanovsk region 1941

Where else did he/she live? Verkhnedvinsk (today Belarus), Saratov

Is he/she Jewish?

Yes

What is his/her mother tongue Russian

His/her educational level?

College of Commerce in Saratov, Faculty of Economics

Occupation?

Worked as director of bakery storage

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).

Boris Gheller – born in 1926 in Verkhnedvinsk (today Belarus), during the Great Patriotic War was in evacuation in Baryshniki village Ulyanovsk region, perished near Konigsberg in 1945, single, not religious

Efim Gheller – born in 1928 in Verkhnedvinsk (today Belarus), during the Great Patriotic War was in evacuation in Baryshniki village Uljanovsk region, worked at Saratov equipment plant (pensioner now), lives in Saratov, his wife Anna Gheller (nee Gorelik), Jew. Their children: Seraphima Kaz (nee Gheller), teacher, lives in Israel (don't know the town); Tatiana Nosova (nee Gheller), economist, lives in Saratov

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Clara Gheller - born in 1936 in Verkhnedvinsk (today Belarus), during the Great Patriotic War was in evacuation in Baryshniki

village Uljanovsk region, single, no children, worked as accountant, lives in Babruysk (today Belarus)

I have no information about stepbrother Ovsiannikov

Children

Their names?

Dmitri Gheller

Albert Gheller

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

Yes

Where and when were they born?

Dmitri: Saratov, 1967

Albert: Saratov, 1974

Where else did they live?

Dmitri: Tver

Albert: Saratov

Their educational level?

Dmitri: Saratov Polytechnic College, Automobile Faculty

Albert: Agricultural Academy, Mechanic Faculty

Their occupations?

Both are Businessmen:

Dmitri grain dealer

Albert manager of Maaron stationery company

How many grandchildren do you have? Dmitri's son: grandson Alexandr, 1991 Albert's daughter: granddaughter Elina 1999,

Father

His name?

Naum Zalivanski (Zelvianski before, changed his surname during the Civil War in 1917 for a more common one)

Where and when was he born?

Grodno (today Belarus), 1900

Where else did he live?

Tambov, Saratov

Where and when did he die?

Saratov, 1964

What sort of education did he have?

3 years at cheder in Grodno

What sort of work did he do?

Tailor, worked in garment shops and in a military school in Saratov (made overcoats)

How religious was he?

Rarely went to synagogue, celebrated holidays habitually, basically he wasn't religious.

What was his mother tongue?

Army service: which army and what years?

Red Army 1919 - 1922, infantry unit 10, machine gunner, private

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 and	Biographical data of	Describe how religious they
	birth/death		origins of spouse	children	were
? Zelvianski (m)	Grodno, 1898	No information	No information	No information	No information
	In 1917 emigrated to	(tailor most			
	Canada. This is all	likely)			
	information				
Ichak Zalivanski	Grodno, 1903, died	Party official	Chava Zalivanskaya	Daughter Mirah	No information
(Zelvianski, changed	in Tambov, 1986		(nee Bark), Jew, shop	Nosovich (nee	
his surname during			assistant in	Zalivanskaya),	
the Civil War for			department store.	housewife;	
easier pronunciation)			Came from the family	Son Boris Zalivanski,	
(m)			of Polish refugees	1934 chief doctor in	
			1914	hospital in Lipetsk	
Boris Zalivanski	Grodno, 1914, died	Tailor	Raisa Zalivanskaya	Daughter Galina (nee	No information
(Zelvianski) (m)	in Voroshylovgrad		(nee?), Jew, librarian	Zelvianskaya),	
	(today Ukraine) in		at school	obstetrician in Lugansk	
	1995				
Bella Zelvianskaya	Grodno, 1916, died	Party official in	Grigori Levin, major	Son Victor Levin,	No information
(f)	in 1999 in Moscow	CC CPSU	in Red Army	electrician in Moscow	
		Moscow			

Where was he during the Holocaust?

On not occupied territory - at home in Saratov, released from military service being a skilled tailor in making military overcoats

If he survived, what did he do after?

Lived in Saratov, worked as Tailor

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

Israel Zelvianski

Where and when was he born?

Grodno, 1878

Where else did he live?

Tambov

Where and when did he die?

Tambov, 1920s

What sort of education did he have? Cheder

What sort of work did he do?

Tailor, assisted his father, they worked at home

How religious was he?

Very religious: observed Jewish traditions, went to synagogue, prayed, celebrated Sabbath and Jewish holidays, followed kashrut and wore a hat.

What was his mother tongue?

Army service: which army and what years?

No

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

Name	place and date of	Occupation	Biographical data and	Biographical data of	Describe how religious they
	birth/death		origins of spouse	children	were
No information					

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

Rochl-Beilia Zelvianskaya (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

Grodno, 1878

Where else did she live?

Tambov

Where and when did she die?

Tambov, 1920s

What sort of education did she have?

3 years at cheder for girls

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

Observed Jewish traditions, celebrated Saturday and Jewish holidays, went to synagogue, followed kashrut, wore a kerchief

What was her mother tongue?

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

Name	place and date of	Occupation	Biographical data and	Biographical data of	Describe how religious they
	birth/death		origins of spouse	children	were

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before

Mother

Her name?

Bertha Zalivanskaya (nee Weisman) (Rabinovich after her first husband)

Where and when was she born?

Kamenets-Podolskiy (today Ukraine), 1903

Where else did she live?

Tsaritsyn (then Stalingrad - present-day Volgograd), Saratov

Where and when did she die?

Saratov, 1968

What sort of education did she have?

3 years at cheder

What sort of work did she do?

Seamstress, worked at home. Before remarrying in 1934 she worked in the 'Krasnaya shveya' shop in Saratov, since 1934 – housewife

How religious was she?

Grew up in a very religious family. Was moderately religious: often went to synagogue, celebrated Jewish holidays and covered her head with a kerchief.

What was her mother tongue?

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

Name	place and date of	occupation	biographical data and	biographical data of	Describe how religious they
	birth/death		origins of spouse	children	were
Chava Gaitner (nee	Kamenets-Podolskiy,	Housewife	Michael Gaitner –	Daughter Tatiana	No information
Weisman) (f)	1904		Austrian Jew, vendor	Lanzman (nee Gaitner),	
	Died in Kuybyshev		at the market	dentist in Samara;	
	in 1975			Daughter Manya (nee	
				Gaitner, no information	
				about her job	
Michael Weisman	Kamenets-Podolskiy,	Mining engineer	No information	No information	No information
(m)	1906,				
	Died in Leningrad				
	1941				
Faina Chait (nee	Kamenets-Podolskiy,	Accountant	Chaim Chait,	Son Nathan Chait, 1942	No information
Weisman) (f)	1908,		Occupation not	, cabinetmaker	
	Died in USA in 1990		known	Son Efim Chait, 1946,	
				manager (both live in	
				New York, America)	
Alexandr (Shneyer)	Kamenets-Podolskiy,	Superintendent at	Faina Weisman (nee	Son Mikhail, Weisman,	No information
Weisman (f)	1914, died in 1988 in	the refinery	Gorelik)	1942 lives in St.	
	Saratov	'Cracking' in		Petersburg, deputy	
		Saratov		director at construction	
				company;	
				Son Zalman Weisman,	
				businessman, lives in	
				Saratov	
Bella? (nee	Saratov, 1918,	Accountant	No information	Son Michael, 1943	No information
Weisman) (f)	Died in 1983 in			manager/construction	
	Chernovtsy (today			trust in Chernovtsy	
	Ukraine)				
Arkadi (Abram)	Saratov, 1919, died	Builder	1 st wife Bella	Children in his 2 nd	No information
Weisman (m)	in 1986 in		Weisman (nee ?)	marriage:	
	Chernovtsy		2 nd wife Tunia	Stepson Victor;	
			Weisman (nee?),	Daughter Darina (nee	
			secretary	Weisman), lives in	
				America	

Where was she during the Holocaust?

On not occupied territory - at home In Saratov

If she survived, what did she do after?

Lived in Saratov, housewife

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

Mendel Weisman

Where and when was he born?

Austria (don't know the town), 1873

Where else did he live?

Kamenets-Podolskiy, Chernovtsy, Zastavna (today Ukraine), Kuibyshev (present-day Samara)

Where and when did he die?

in Chernovtsy (today Ukraine), 1959

What sort of education did he have? Cheder

What sort of work did he do?

Shoemaker, owned a small shop

How religious was he?

Very religious: observed all Jewish traditions, went to synagogue, read religious books, had a beard, wore a hat, tallit, tefillin, hummed to himself when praying.

What was his mother tongue?

Yiddish

Army service: which army and what years?

Did not serve

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

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

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

On not occupied territory - at home In Saratov

If he survived what did he do after?

Shoemaker, Lived with his children in various towns when they needed his help to look after the children

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

Bazia-Yonta Weisman (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

Kamenets-Podolskiy, (today Ukraine), 1879

Where else did she live?

Saratov, Chernovtsy, Zastavna, (today Ukraine)

Where and when did she die?

Chernovtsy, (today Ukraine), 1955

What sort of education did she have?

3 years of cheder for girls in Kamenets-Podolskiy

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

Religious: observed Jewish traditions, went to synagogue, celebrated Sabbath and other Jewish holidays, followed kashrut, covered her head with a kerchief and wore long skirts.

What was her mother tongue?

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

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

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

On not occupied territory - at home In Saratov

If she survived what did she do after?

Was a housewife and lived with her children when they needed her help with growing their children