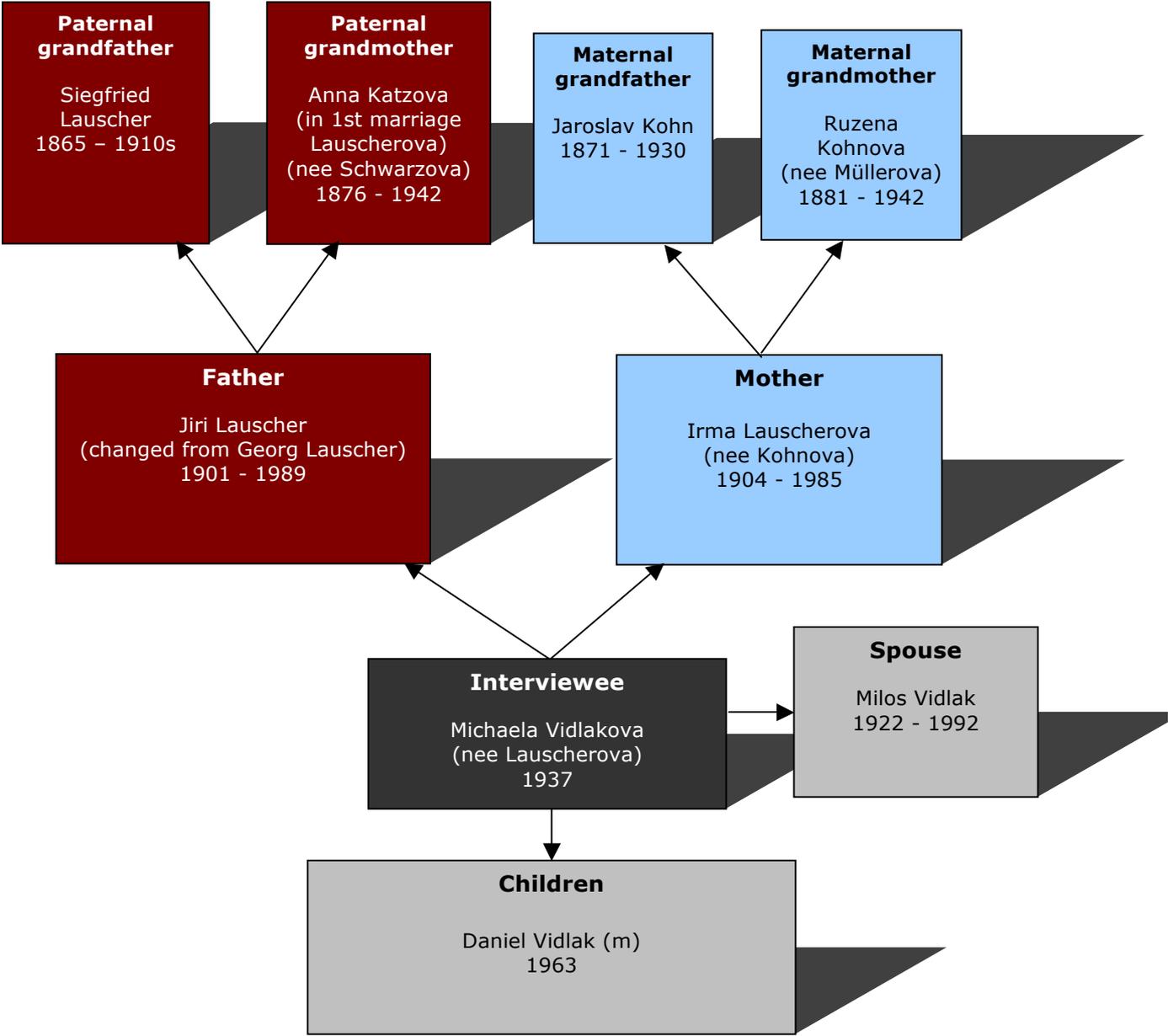


**Family Tree**



## The interviewee and his family

*Full name*

Michaela Vidlakova (nee Lauscherova)

*Where and when were you born?*

Prague, 1937

*Where else did you live?*

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*Your educational level?*

Graduated from Faculty of Science, Charles University in Prague

*What sort of work do/did you do?*

Researcher for the Nutrition Research Institute in Prague

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

My parents observed Jewish traditions at home. We went to synagogue for the High Holidays, and at home we celebrated all the Jewish holidays. My father wore a kippah only in the synagogue, or for Passover or when he was lighting candles. For Chanukkah we lit a candelabra at home, and sang Chanukkah songs. My mother also fasted on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av and for Yom Kippur, but my father didn't and they didn't force me to. In our household the Sabbath took place without prayer; we just made a fancier supper, had a white tablecloth and lit two candles. We didn't observe Christmas or other non-Jewish holidays at all.

*What is your mother tongue?*

Czech

*What other languages do you speak?*

English, German, partly French and Russian, a little Hebrew

*Where were you during the Holocaust?*

Ghetto: Terezin

*What did you do after the Holocaust?*

I graduated from university and worked at the Nutrition Research Institute in Prague

## **Spouse**

*Name?*

Milos Vidlak

*Where and when was he/she born?*

Prague, 1922

*Where else did he/she live?*

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*Is he/she Jewish?*

No

*What is his/her mother tongue?*

Czech

*His/her educational level?*

Graduated from Faculty of Philosophy, Charles University

*Occupation?*

For a long time he worked for the Invalids' Union, in the area of work, wages and general care for invalids. Because of the Communists he didn't complete his PhD until 1968, and then worked for the Ministry of Social Affairs.

*Where and when did he/she die?*

Prague, 1992

## Children

*Their names?*

Daniel Vidlak (m)

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

Though raised in Jewish traditions, my son is a convinced atheist, and doesn't distinguish between Jewish and non-Jewish friends.

*Where and when were they born?*

Prague, 1963

*Where else did they live?*

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*Their educational level?*

Graduated from Czech Technical University

*Their occupations?*

Daniel works in his field and devotes himself exclusively to technology

*How many grandchildren do you have?*

One granddaughter

## Father

*His name?*

Jiri Lauscher (changed from Georg Lauscher)

*Where and when was he born?*

Terezin, 1901

*Where else did he live?*

California (USA)

Kibbutz Sarid (today Israel)

Prague

*Where and when did he die?*

Prague, 16<sup>th</sup> November 1989

*What sort of education did he have?*

Graduated from German council school, and then took a two-year business course (something like less advanced high school, but without a leaving exam).

*What sort of work did he do?*

Worked at the Israeli embassy in Prague

*How religious was he?*

My parents observed Jewish traditions at home. We went to synagogue for the High Holidays, and at home we celebrated all the Jewish holidays. My father wore a kippah only in the synagogue, or for Passover or when he was lighting candles. For Chanukkah we lit a candelabra at home, and sang Chanukkah songs. My mother also fasted on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av and for Yom Kippur, but my father didn't and they didn't force me to. In our household the Sabbath took place without prayer; we just made a fancier supper, had a white tablecloth and lit two candles. We didn't observe Christmas or other non-Jewish holidays at all. My father was of the opinion that a Jew shouldn't enter a Catholic church, not even as a tourist for

example. He wouldn't have forbidden Catholics to enter a synagogue, but he just thought that everyone should keep to his own.

*What was his mother tongue?*

German

*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
Frantisek Lauscher (m)	Terezin, 1899 - Auschwitz-Birkenau (today Poland), 1943	Chemist	None	None	Frantisek was less of a Zionist than my father. He attended synagogue during the High Holidays.

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Ghetto: Terezin

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

Worked at the Israeli embassy in Prague

## Paternal grandfather

*Your paternal grandfather's name?*

Siegfried Lauscher

*Where and when was he born?*

Revnicov, 1865

*Where else did he live?*

Terezin

*Where and when did he die?*

Terezin, 1911 or 1912

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

Office worker

*How religious was he?*

No information

*What was his mother tongue?*

German

*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	describe how religious they were
Anna ? (nee Lauscherova) (f)	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information
Karel Lauscher (m)	No information	No information	Terezie Lauscherova (nee ?), came from Hungary	Viktor Lauscher (m)	No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Paternal grandmother

*Your paternal grandmother's name?*

Anna Katzova (nee Schwarzova) (in first marriage: Lauscherova)

*Where and when was she born?*

Pribram, 1876

*Where else did she live?*

Terezin

Liberec

Prague

*Where and when did she die?*

Auschwitz-Birkenau (today Poland), 1942

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

Grandma wasn't exceptionally religious in any way, she simply just upheld Jewish traditions. She used to go to synagogue for the High Holidays. She didn't keep a kosher household.

*What was her mother tongue?*

German

*Tell me about her brothers and sisters.*

One brother, lived in Liberec

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Ghetto: Terezin

Concentration camp: Auschwitz-Birkenau (today Poland), died there

## Mother

*Her name?*

Irma Lauscherova (nee Kohnova)

*Where and when was she born?*

Hermanuv Mestec, 1904

*Where else did she live?*

Prague

*Where and when did she die?*

Prague, 1985

*What sort of education did she have?*

Graduated from Faculty of Philosophy, Charles University in Prague

*What sort of work did she do?*

Teacher

*How religious was she?*

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*What was her mother tongue?*

Czech

*Tell me about her 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
Jiri Kohn (m)	Hermanuv Mestec, 1909 - Great Britain, 1984	In England he had a radio sales and repair shop.	- Marie (non Jewish), died in 1960 in Great Britain - Susan	Mirek (m) Zdenka (f) Petr (m) Pavel (m) Simon (m)	No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Ghetto: Terezin

*If she survived, what did she do after?*

Teacher, and also worked for the Israeli embassy in Prague

## Maternal grandfather

*Your maternal grandfather's name?*

Jaroslav Kohn

*Where and when was he born?*

Stare Hradý, 1871

*Where else did he live?*

Kamenice

*Where and when did he die?*

Kamenice, 1930

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

Shoemaker

*How religious was he?*

My grandfather still observed some Kohanite dictates, like for example he wouldn't enter a cemetery, but they didn't keep a kosher household any longer. Perhaps they just avoided pork. The Kohn family was somewhat more religious than the Lauscher family. In the very least, they fasted for Yom Kippur.

*What was his mother tongue?*

Czech

*Army service: which army and what years?*

No information

*Tell me about his brothers and sisters.*

No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Maternal grandmother

*Your maternal grandmother's name?*

Ruzena Kohnova (nee Müllerova)

*Where and when was she born?*

Chocen, 1881

*Where else did she live?*

Kamenice

Prague

*Where and when did she die?*

Treblinka (today Poland), 1942

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

She was originally a housewife, but then when Grandpa died, she made a living by facilitating or offering goods.

*How religious was she?*

My grandfather still observed some Kohanite dictates, like for example he wouldn't enter a cemetery, but they didn't keep a kosher household any longer. Perhaps they just avoided pork. The Kohn family was somewhat more religious than the Lauscher family. In the very least, they fasted for Yom Kippur.

*What was her mother tongue?*

Czech

*Tell me about her 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
? Müller (m)	No information	No information	No information	Hana Brumlova (in 1 <sup>st</sup> marriage: Schiffova) (nee Müllerova)	No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Ghetto: Terezin

Concentration camp: Treblinka (today Poland), died there