Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name Zoltan Blum (Jewish name: Sloimer Zalman)

Where and when were you born? Fizesul Gherlei (Cluj county), 10th Octomber 1927

Where else did you live? Gherla (Cluj county)

Your educational level? Finished 7 classes of elementary school

What sort of work do/did you do? Wagoner, then butcher

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

We only ate kosher meals at home. We had separate pots for dairy products and for meat. We had a larger vessel that we called parva – meaning large cup or bucket –, where water was stored. Using the water from the parva for cooking both dairies and meat was okay; but our faith didn't allow us to take the water from the dairy products and use it to cook meat. We did wear a kippah. We, the children, wanted to wear straw hats, just like the other [Christian] kids and my dear mother bought us ones and let us wear them, but sewed a kippah on the inside.

What is your mother tongue? Yiddish and Hungarian What other languages do you speak? Romanian

If you were in an army, tell us which army and the dates Romanian army: 1949-51, in Ploiesti and Campina

Where were you during the Holocaust? Ghetto: Gherla, Cluj Napoca Concentration camp: Auschwitz III. (Buna), Mauthausen Death march: Wels (Austria)

What did you do after the Holocaust? Returned to Fizesul Gherlei and worked as a manual laborer, got married and moved to Gherla.

Siblings

Their names Matei Blum (Jewish name: Mayer) Ernest Blum (Jewish name: Gershun) Margareta Blum (Jewish name: Malvina) Eugen Blum (Jewish name: Mendl)

Where and when were they born? Matei: Fizesul Gherlei, 1917 Ernest: Fizesul Gherlei, 1919 Margareta: Fizesul Gherlei, 1921 Eugen: Fizesul Gherlei, 1925

What is their mother tongue? Yiddish

Their educational level? Matei: 7 classes of elementary, cheder and school of commerce Ernest: 7 classes of elementary and cheder Margareta: 7 classes of elementary and cheder Eugen: 7 classes of elementary and cheder

Their occupations? Matei: tradesman and farmer Ernest, Margareta, Eugen were pupils before WWII.

Where do/did they live? Matei: Akko (Israel)

Where else did they live?

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Do they have children? Matei: Iankef (m)

Where and when did they die? Matei: Akko (Israel), 2002 Ernest: Auschwitz, 1945 Margareta: Auschwitz, 1944 Eugen: Auschwitz, 1945

Spouse

Name? Rozalia Blum (nee Hideg)

Where and when was he/she born? Fizesul Gherlei (Cluj county), 16th September 1933

Where else did he/she live? Gherla (Cluj county)

Is he/she Jewish? No

What is his/her mother tongue? Hungarian

His/her educational level?7 classes of elementary

Occupation? Housewife

Where and when did he/she die? Still alive

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).

None

Children

Their names? Berta Marian (nee Blum)

Were they raised Jewish/do they identify themselves as Jews? She considers herself Jewish as origin and at school she was registered as Jewish nationality.

Where and when were they born? Fidesul Gherlei, 1955

Where else did they live? Bucharest, Oradea

Their educational level? Graduated from the Faculty of Economic Cybernetics, Bucharest

Their occupations? Economist

How many grandchildren do you have? Petrisor Marian (m)

Father

His name? Mauritiu Blum (Jewish name: Moshe Iankef)

Where and when was he born? Unguras (Cluj county), 1888

Where else did he live? Fizesul Gherlei (Cluj county), near Budesti (Bistrita county)

Where and when did he die? Auschwitz, 1944 (Poland)

What sort of education did he have? Cheder

What sort of work did he do? Merchant

How religious was he?

He didn't wear beard, he was a modern Jew. He wasn't extremely religious. He didn't wear kippa, but he had a hat all the time on his head.

What was his mother tongue? Yiddish Army service: which army and what years? Austro-Hungarian army in WWI

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	describe how religious
	birth/death		and origins of	of children	they were
			spouse		
Tiberiu Blum (m)	? – Auschwitz,	Merchant	Had a Jewish	1) Beri Blum (m)	They were very
	1944, lived in		wife	(Jewish name:	religious.
	Gherla			Ber), lived in	
				Gherla	
				2) Zalman Blum	
				(m) (Jewish name:	
				Leibe), lived in	
				Gherla	
				3) Eugen Blum (m)	
				(Jewish name:	
				Mendl), lived in	
				Gherla	
				Two girls, who died	
				in Auschwitz, 1944	
Iosif Blum	? – Auschwitz,	Merchant	Had a Jewish	1) Ludovic Blum	They were very
(Jewish name:	1944, lived in		wife	(m)	religious.
Iosef) (m)	Sinnicoara			2) One son who	
				lived in Arad	
				3) Vilma Blum (f)	
Martin Blum	? – Auschwitz,	Merchant	Single	None	He was very religious
(Jewish name:	1944, lived in				and we were speaking
Mordechai) (m)	Fizesul-Gherlei				with him only in
					Yiddish.

Where was he during the Holocaust? Concentration camp: Auschwitz, 1944, died there

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name? ? Blum

Where and when was he born? No information

Where else did he live? No information

Where and when did he die? Unguras (Cluj county), date unknown

What sort of education did he have? Most probably cheder

What sort of work did he do? No information

How religious was he? He was religious, but not to an exaggerated extent. He didn't have beard.

What was his mother tongue? Yiddish

Army service: which army and what years? Most probably in Austro-Hungarian army in WWI

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

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

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust? Died before

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name? Scheindl Blum (nee ?)

Where and when was she born? No information

Where else did she live? Fizesul Gherlei (Cluj county)

Where and when did she die? Gherla (Cluj county), 1932/3

What sort of education did she have? No information

What sort of work did she do? Most probably housewife

How religious was she? She was religious, wore a wig and ate only kosher food, so probable she also had kosher household.

What was her mother tongue? Yiddish

Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

Name

place and date of occupation biographical date of biographical date of origins of

biographical data biographical data

of children

describe how religious they were

spouse

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust? Died before

Mother

Her name? Berta Blum (nee Salamon)

Where and when was she born? Budesti (Bistrita Nasaud county), 1888

Where else did she live? Fizesul Gherlei (Cluj county)

Where and when did she die? Auschwitz, 1944 (Poland)

What sort of education did she have? No information

What sort of work did she do? Housewife

How religious was she?

She wore wig all the time and also wore kerchief. She used separate dishes for the milk and for the meat, had the poultry cut with the shochet. She has a kosher household.

What was her mother tongue? Yiddish

Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

Name

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

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spouse

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust? Concentration camp: Auschwitz, 1944, was killed there

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name? Gaspar Salamon

Where and when was he born? No information

Where else did he live? Budesti (Bistrita Nasaud county)

Where and when did he die? Probably in Budesti, date unknown

What sort of education did he have? Most probably cheder

What sort of work did he do? Probably farmer

How religious was he? He was religious.

What was his mother tongue? Yiddish

Army service: which army and what years? No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

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

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust? Died before

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name? ? Salamon (nee ?)

Where and when was she born? No information

Where else did she live? Budesti

Where and when did she die? Probably in Budesti, date unknown

What sort of education did she have? No information

What sort of work did she do? Probably housewife

How religious was she? No information

What was her mother tongue? Yiddish

Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

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

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust? Died before