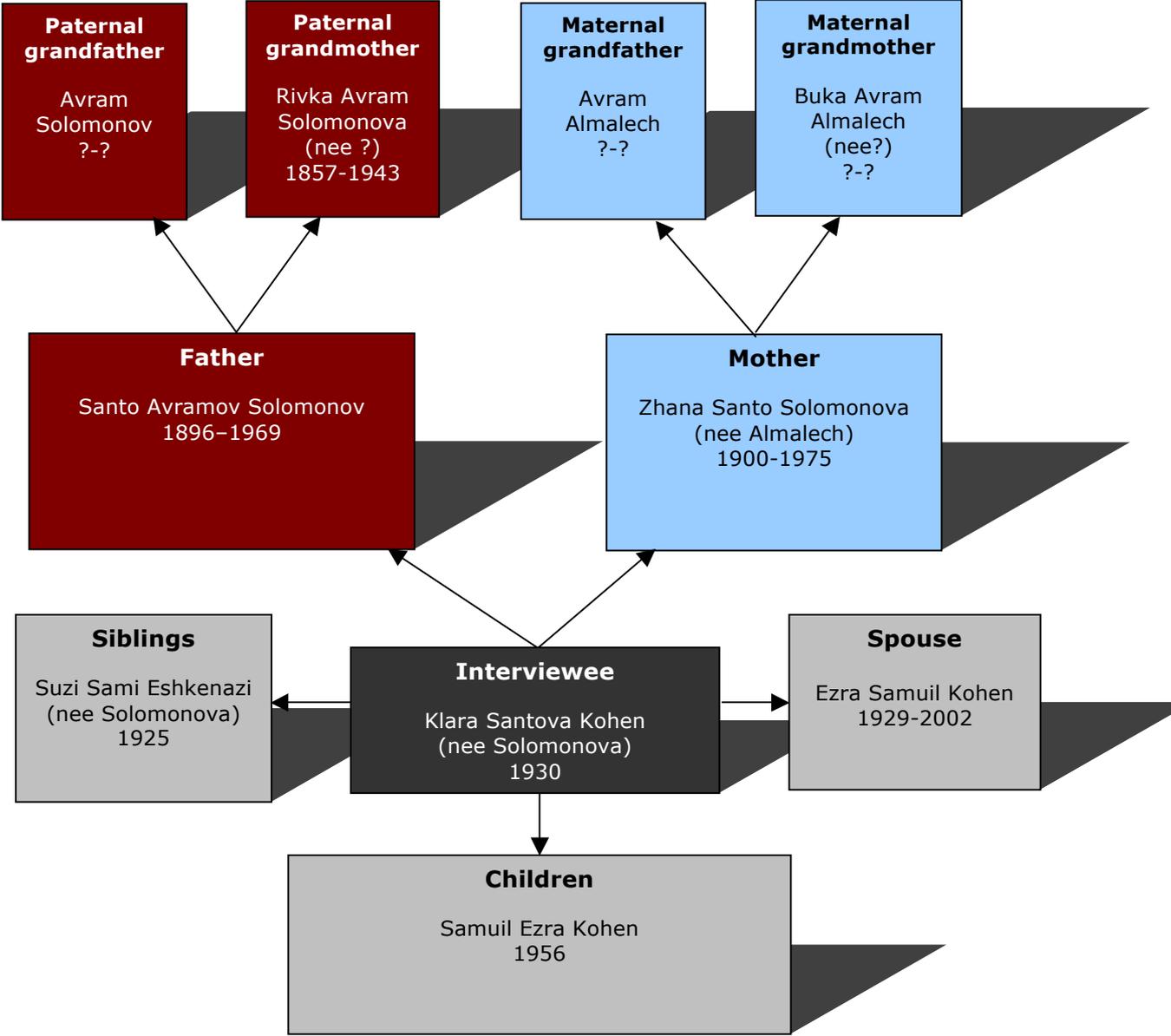


**Family Tree**



## The interviewee and his family

*Full name*

Klara Santova Kohen (nee Solomonova)

*Where and when were you born?*

Stara Zagora, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1930

*Where else did you live?*

Sofia, Targovishte

*Your educational level?*

Graduated in French philology from Sofia University

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

French teacher

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

Moderately religious, observed the greatest Jewish holidays – Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Chanukkah, Fruitas [Tu bi-Shevat]

*What is your mother tongue?*

Bulgarian

*What other languages do you speak?*

French, Russian, a little Ivrit

*Where were you during the Holocaust?*

Stara Zagora (at home) and interned to Targovishte

*What did you do after the Holocaust?*

Student and later French teacher

## Siblings

*Their names*

Suzi Sami Eshkenazi (nee Solomonova)

*Where and when were they born?*

Stara Zagora, 7<sup>th</sup> January 1925

*What is their mother tongue?*

Bulgarian

*Their educational level?*

High school

*Their occupations?*

Housewife

*Where do/did they live?*

Jaffa (today Israel)

*Where else did they live?*

Sofia

*Do they have children?*

Daughter Franklina (born on 10<sup>th</sup> February 1947 in Bulgaria) and son Menahem (born on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1957 in Israel)

## **Spouse**

*Name?*

Ezra Samuil Kohen

*Where and when was he/she born?*

Dupnitsa, 11<sup>th</sup> February 1929

*Where else did he/she live?*

Sofia

*Is he/she Jewish?*

Yes

*What is his/her mother tongue?*

Bulgarian

*His/her educational level?*

Graduated in Chemistry from Sofia University

*Occupation?*

Worked in chemical plant 'Himkombinat' in Dimitrovgrad; assistant professor at the Center of Hygiene of the Medical Academy in Sofia

*Where and when did he/she die?*

Sofia, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2002

*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).*

**Nissim Samuil Kohen** (ca. 1915 – ca. 1994): pharmacist, married to a Christian, Stefka, has a son – Samuil Nissim Kohen (born in 1947)

**Zhak Samuil Kohen** (ca. 1915/1920 – ca. 2000/2001): doctor, his wife Diana is Jewish; she used to work an obstetrician and is still alive. They have a daughter, Rezhina Djerassi (nee Kohen), and a son Samuil Zhak Kohen.

## Children

*Their names?*

Samuil Ezra Kohen

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

Yes

*Where and when were they born?*

Sofia, 24<sup>th</sup> May 1956

*Where else did they live?*

Israel, Spain

*Their educational level?*

Graduated in thermonuclear power engineering from the Institute of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, Sofia

*Their occupations?*

Engineer in 'Progress' Central Managing Department of Physics in Sofia  
(currently works in a construction company in Spain)

*How many grandchildren do you have?*

A granddaughter, Klara-Flor, born in 2001 (adopted)



*His name?*

Santo Avramov Solomonov

*Where and when was he born?*

Nova Zagora, 1896

*Where else did he live?*

Stara Zagora

*Where and when did he die?*

Jaffa (today Israel), 1969

*What sort of education did he have?*

Finished a two-year college in accounting

*What sort of work did he do?*

Accountant

*How religious was he?*

He observed the Jewish traditions and read the Haggadah at Pesach. He was a communist and observed the rituals as part of the traditions but was not really religious.

*What was his mother tongue?*

Bulgarian

*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.)*

name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Solomon Avramov Solomonov (m)	Nova Zagora, date unknown, lives in a kibbutz in Israel	No information	Widower (no further information)	Son Mordo, lives in Israel	Moderately religious
Mordo Avramov Solomonov (m)	Nova Zagora, date unknown – died very young (19 <sup>th</sup> October 1918)	Worked in the synagogue	None	None	Moderately religious
Joia ? (nee Solomonova) (f)	born in Stara Zagora (no further information)	Housewife	No information, lived in Israel	None	Moderately religious

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Interned to Targovishte (he was not in forced labor camps because he was older than 45 years)

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

Owner of workshop for bed manufacturing, nationalized after 1947; later director of a trade company



*Your paternal grandfather's name?*

Avram Solomonov (changed from Salamon after 1885, after Eastern Rumelia united with Bulgaria)

*Where and when was he born?*

Probably in Eski Zagra, date unknown

*Where else did he live?*

No information

*Where and when did he die?*

No information (died young)

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

No information

*How religious was he?*

Probably religious

*What was his mother tongue?*

Probably Ladino

*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
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No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before



*Your paternal grandmother's name?*

Rivka Avram Solomonova (nee ?)

*Where and when was she born?*

Place unknown, 1857

*Where else did she live?*

No information

*Where and when did she die?*

Nova Zagora, 1943

*What sort of education did she have?*

None

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

Probably religious

*What was her mother tongue?*

Probably Ladino

*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
Bohor ? (m)	No information	No information	No information	Had children (no further information)	Probably deeply religious
Rahel ? (nee ?) (f)	No information	No information	No information	Duda, Buka and Shapat (no further information)	Probably deeply religious

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Nova Zagora (died in 1943 of natural cause)



*Her name?*

Zhana Santo Solomonova (nee Almalech)

*Where and when was she born?*

Stara Zagora, 1900

*Where else did she live?*

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*Where and when did she die?*

Jaffa (today Israel), 1975

*What sort of education did she have?*

Elementary school education

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

Very religious. She observed rituals and Jewish holidays. Being an enlightened person she had a modern view on life, however, she did not neglect the Jewish traditions.

*What was her mother tongue?*

Bulgarian

*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
Rosa Danish Mitrani (nee Almalech) (f)	Stara Zagora, (older sister but birthdate unknown)	Housewife	Danish Mitrani, trader from Sliven	Belina Mitrani (f) and Alis Mitrani (f) born in the 1920s	Moderately religious

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Interned to Targovishte

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

Housewife



*Your maternal grandfather's name?*

Avram Almalech

*Where and when was he born?*

Eski Zagra, date unknown

*Where else did he live?*

No information

*Where and when did he die?*

No information

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

No information

*How religious was he?*

Probably religious

*What was his mother tongue?*

Probably Ladino

*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
Aron Almalech (m)	Stara Zagora 1885-1977	Trader	Zelma Almalech (nee ?) 1896-1942	Eshua Aron Almalech (m), born in Stara Zagora, 1924, lives in Sofia; Roza Natan (f) (nee Almalech), born in Stara Zagora, 1920, lives in Israel	Moderately religious
Mordo Almalech (m)	Eski Zagra 1880-1945	Peddler	Rashel Almalech (nee ?) ?-1990	Roza Almalech (f) 1912-1945) Eshua Almalech 1914-2000 Luna Almalech 1921-1994 Pepo Almalech 1927-?	Moderately religious
Solomon Almalech (m) – Azmanov (changed his name when he moved to France, for euphony)	Stara Zagora , ?- 1943/1944, France (killed in a concentration camp)	Trader in Avignon (today France)	No information	Eshua Azmanov born in early 1900s	No information
Ester Adug (nee Almalech) (f)	Stara Zagora 1887-?	No information	Married in Israel	Four daughters and two sons (no further information)	No information
Miriam Assa (nee Almalech) (f)	Stara Zagora (?-?)	No information	Married in Israel	Moritz Assa ?-?	No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Maternal grandmother

*Your maternal grandmother's name?*

Buka Avram Almalech (nee ?)

*Where and when was she born?*

Svishtov, date unknown

*Where else did she live?*

Stara Zagora

*Where and when did she die?*

No information

*What sort of education did she have?*

None

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

Very religious

*What was her mother tongue?*

Probably Ladino

*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
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No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Died before