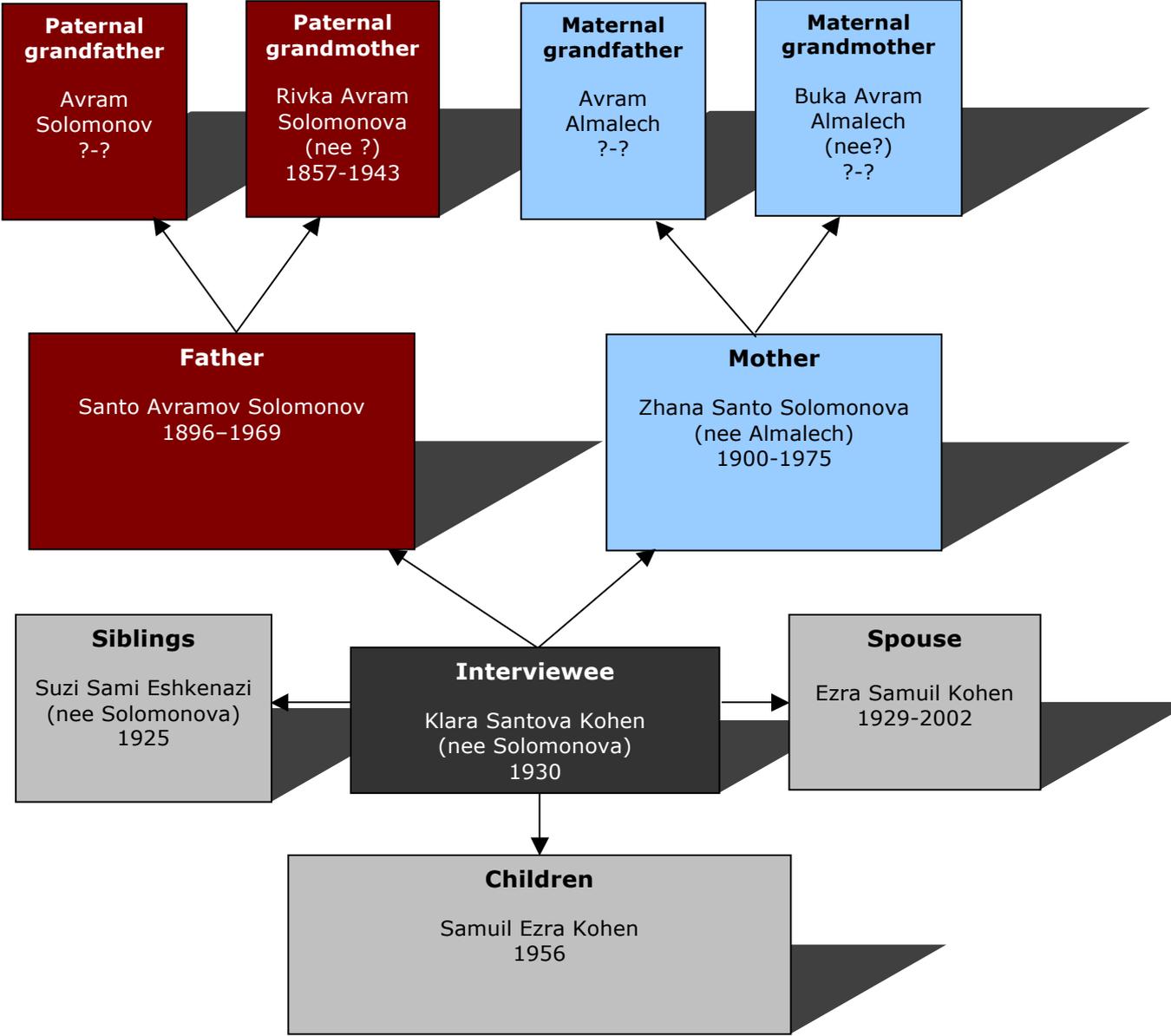


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Klara Santova Kohen (nee Solomonova)

Where and when were you born?

Stara Zagora, 2nd 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, 7th 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 10th February 1947 in Bulgaria) and son Menahem (born on 10th January 1957 in Israel)

Spouse

Name?

Ezra Samuil Kohen

Where and when was he/she born?

Dupnitsa, 11th 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, 31st 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, 24th 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 th 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.

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|------|----------------------------------|------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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.

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| 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