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# The interviewee and her family

Full name Tinka Mois Kohen (nee Iakova)		
Where and when were you born?		Formatted
Sofia, 24 <sup>th</sup> April 1918	er e	Deleted: 24,
Where else did you live? Vratsa and Sliven		
Your educational level?		
Graduated from high school		
What sort of work do/did you do?		
Clerk in the State Insurance Institute  How religious was your parents' home? How were you raised?		
Mildly religious: we observed Pesach, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, but only to keep the traditions. We never observed Sabbath.		Deleted:
What is your mother tongue? Bulgarian		Deleted: the
What other languages do you speak?		
French		

Where were you during the Holocaust? Interned to Vratsa and Sliven 3

# Siblings Their nar

Their names Sophie Mois Keshales (nee Iakova) Milka Mois Aroyo (nee Iakova)

Liza Mois Levi (nee Iakova)

Stela Mois Iakova (nee Iakova) (birth name Estreya)

Where and when were they born?

All were born in Sofia.

Sophie: 1902 Milka: 1904 Liza: 1906

Stela<u>:</u> 1908

What is their mother tongue?

Bulgarian

Their educational level?

Sophie, Milka and Stela have secondary education, Liza has university education in French Philology

Their occupations?

Sophie and Milka were accountants, Liza a teacher, Stela a designer and actress

Where do/did they live?

Sofia

Where else did they live?

Sliven and Lom

Do they have children?

Sophie 2 daughters

Milka\_\_\_2 sons

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Liza <u>:</u> 1 son	Ĺ	Deleted: -
Stela: 1 son	 1	Deleted: -
Where and when did they die?		
All died in Sofia.		
Sophie <u>: ,</u> 1964	 1	Deleted: ,
Milka:_ 1979	 1	Deleted: ,
Liza <u>:</u> 1983	1	Deleted:,
Stela <u>:</u> 2000	 $\left( \right)$	Deleted: ,

Spouse Name?	
Pepo Menahem Kohen (birth name Josif)	Deleted: (Josif)
Where and when was he/she born?	Formatted
Skopje (today Macedonia), <u>11<sup>th</sup> June 1911</u>	Deleted: 11,
Where else did he live?	
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s he/she Jewish?	
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What is his/her mother tongue?	
Bulgarian	
His/her educational level?	
Iniversity education	

Occupation? Lawyer

Sofia, 1995

Where and when did he/she die?

#### Children

Their names?

Leah Pepo Kohen-Ausburger (nee Kohen)

Valeri Pepo Kohen

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

Yes

Where and when were they born?

Leah: Sofia, 1942

Valeri: Sofia, 1947

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Where else did they live?

Vratsa, Sliven, Brussels (Belgium) and Bern (Switzerland)

Their educational level?

Both have university education

Their occupations?

Leah is a music critic, former Bulgarian ambassador to NATO in Brussels, Belgium and Luxemburg, then ambassador to Switzerland and Li $\underline{\mathbf{e}}$ chtenstein.

Valeri is an engineer.

How many grandchildren do you have?

Leah: Ivan, born in 1964

Valeri: Josif, born in 1969, Diana, born in 1981,

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**Deleted:** Josif (1969 – Valeri's son) and

Deleted: (1981 - Valeri's daughter)

#### Father

Bulgarian

His name? Mois Iakov Moyseev				
Where and when was he was born? Pleven, 1877				
Where else did he live? Sofia and Sliven				
Where and when did he die? Sofia, 1971				
What sort of education did he have? High school education				
What sort of work did he do? Clerk				
How religious was he?  Mildly religious – he observed Pesach, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur to keep the tradition, but did not observe Sabbath.	 Deleted:	the		
What was his mother tongue?				

Army service: Which army and what years?

He fought in WWI (1915-18) in the Bulgarian army.

Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

Haim: helped his father in his business, stayed in Pleven, had two children

Bohora: she lived in Asenovgrad, had two children

Rica: lived in Rousse, had four children

Mordo: lived in Pleven and Israel, had two children

Where was he during the Holocaust? Sofia and Sliven

If he survived, what did he do after? In the porter's office of the Musical Theater  $\underline{in}$  Sofia

**Deleted:** He has two sisters and two brothers. The sisters are Bohora (she lived in Asenovgrad – 2 children) and Rica (in Rousse – 4 children) and brothers – Haim (helped his father in his business, stayed in Pleven, has two children) and Mordo (in Pleven and Israel – 2 children).

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### Paternal grandfather

Your father's father name?	
Iakov Haimov Moyseev	
Where and when was he born? Pleven, 1827	
Where else did he live?	
Where and when did he die? Pleven, 1928	
What sort of education did he have? No information	
What sort of work did he do?  Dealer in corn and wine	
How religious was he? No information	
What was his mother tongue? Bulgarian	
Army service: Which army and what years? He fought in the Russian-Turkish War in 1877-1878.	
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Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust? Died before

### **Paternal grandmother**

Your father's mother's name? ? Moyseeva (nee ?)	
Where and when was she born? Thessaloniki (today Greece), date unknown	
Where else did she live? No information	
Where and when did she die? Pleven, 1912	
What sort of education did she have?  No information	
What sort of work did she do? Housewife	
How religious was she? No information	
What was her mother tongue?  No information	

Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust? Died before

Her name?
Matilda Mois Iakova (nee Avramova)

Where and when was she was born?
Samokov, 1880

Where else did she live?
Sofia and Sliven

Where and when did she die?
Sofia, 1968

What sort of education did she have?
High school

What sort of work did she do? Housewife

How religious was she?

Mildly <u>religious</u> – <u>she</u> observed Pesach, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, but did not observe Sabbath.

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What was her mother tongue? Bulgarian

Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

Gavriel Avramov (?-1965, Israel): had a son and a daughter and all left for Israel in 1935.

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Rebecca (1879-1970): lived in Israel to where she emigrated in 1949, had  $\underline{\text{four}}$  sons.

Marco Avramov (?-1932, Sofia), factory owner had a son and a daughter who emigrated with their mother to the USA after his death.

Where was she during the Holocaust? Sofia and Sliven

If she survived, what did she do after? Housewife

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Your mother's father's name? ? Avramov	
Where and when was he born? No information	
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? No information	
What was his mother tongue? Bulgarian	
Army service: Which army and what years? None	

Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust? Died before

## **Maternal grandmother** Your mother's name? Amada Avramova (nee ?) Where and when was she born? No information Where else did she live? No information Where and when did she die? Deleted: Sofia, 1941 What sort of education did she have? No information What sort of work did she do? No information How religious was she? No information What was her mother tongue? No information 18

Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

One sister, Zimbula

Where was she during the Holocaust? Died before