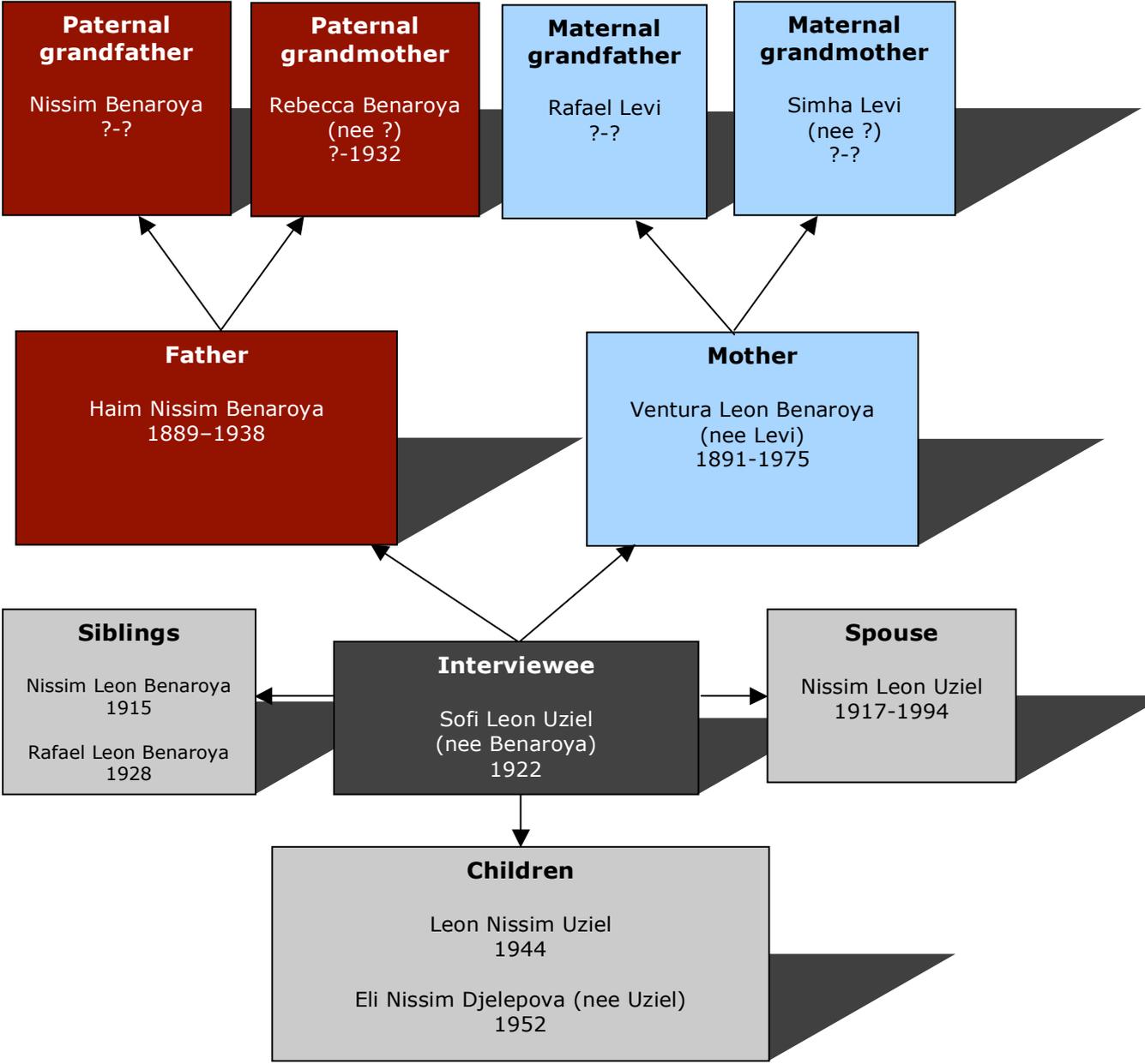


**Family Tree**



## The interviewee and his family

*Full name*

Sofi Leon Uziel (nee Benaroya)

*Where and when were you born?*

Sofia, 10<sup>th</sup> January 1922

*Where else did you live?*

Sofia, Svoge, Pleven (1943 – 1944)

*What is your educational level?*

Graduated in history from Sofia University

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

Svoge: history teacher (for 2 years)

Sofia: worker in bookstore

Pleven: dressmaker

*What was the level of religiosity in your parents' home? How were you raised?*

My parents were very religious, but I'm not quite so religious myself

*What is your mother tongue?*

Ladino, Bulgarian

*How many languages do you speak?*

French (a little)

*Where were you during the Holocaust?*

Interned to Pleven

## Siblings

### *Their names*

Nissim Leon Benaroya

Rafael Leon Benaroya

### *Where and when were they born?*

Nissim: Sofia, 15<sup>th</sup> December 1915

Rafael: Sofia, 28<sup>th</sup> September 1928

### *What is their mother tongue?*

Nissim: Hebrew (he emigrated to Israel in 1948)

Rafael: Ladino

### *What is their educational level?*

Nissim: high school

Rafael: high school

### *What are their occupations?*

Nissim: milliner in Bulgaria, construction worker in Israel

Rafael: used to work for Boyana Film Center

### *Where do/did they live?*

Nissim: Israel

Rafael: Bulgaria

### *Where else did they live?*

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### *Do they have children?*

Nissim: two girls and a boy: Violeta (Ventura), Leon (Ari) and Betti

Rafael: Violeta (lives in Israel)

## **Spouse**

*Name?*

Nissim Leon Uziel

*Where and when was he/she born?*

Sofia, 19<sup>th</sup> December 1917

*Where else did he live?*

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*Is he/she Jewish?*

Yes

*What is his/her mother tongue?*

Ladino (but he also knew Hebrew)

*What is his/her educational level?*

High school

*Occupation?*

Organizational worker (with Trade Union)

*Where and when did he/she die?*

Sofia, 31<sup>st</sup> May 1994

## Children

*What are their names?*

Leon Nissim Uziel

Eli Nissim Djelepova (nee Uziel)

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

Yes

*Where and when were they born?*

Leon: 7<sup>th</sup> December 1944, Sofia

Eli: 4<sup>th</sup> May 1952, Sofia

*Where else did they live?*

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*What is their educational level?*

Leon: Higher Institute of Mechanical and Electric Engineering, Sofia (radio engineering, television and electronics)

Eli: Institute of Forestry, Sofia (mechanical technology of wood and ecology)

*What are their occupations?*

Both are engineers

*How many grandchildren do you have?*

Leon: Nissim and Yosif (live in Israel)

Eli: Tsvetelina (lives in Israel) and Sonya (lives in Bulgaria)

## Father

*His name?*

Leon Nissim Benaroya

*Where and when was he was born?*

Vidin, 1889

*Where else did he live?*

Sofia

*Where and when did he die?*

Sofia, 19<sup>th</sup> October 1938

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

Corn merchant

*What was his level of religiosity?*

He wasn't very religious, but he respected the traditions.

*What was his mother tongue?*

Ladino (but fluent in six other languages)

*Army service: Which army and what years?*

He participated in WWI

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

Bucko: no information

Sara: housewife

Yosif: corn-merchant

Sofia: milliner

Leon: no information

Rashel (Rahel): milliner

They all lived in France (no further information)

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Paternal grandfather

*What is your father's father name?*

Nissim Benaroya

*Where and when was he born?*

Vidin, date unknown

*Where else did he live?*

Sofia

*Where and when did he die?*

Sofia, date unknown

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

No information

*What was his level of religiosity?*

He was very religious (no further information)

*What was his mother tongue?*

Hebrew, Ladino

*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.)*

No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Paternal grandmother

*Your father's mother's name?*

Rebecca Benaroya (nee ?)

*Where and when was she born?*

Vidin, (date unknown)

*Where else did she live?*

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*Where and when did she die?*

Vidin, 1932

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

No information

*What was her level of religiosity?*

She was very religious (no further information)

*What was her mother tongue?*

Ladino

*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

## Mother

*Her name?*

Ventura Leon Benaroya (nee Levi)

*Where and when was she was born?*

Place unknown, 1891

*Where else did she live?*

Pazardjik, Sofia

*Where and when did she die?*

Sofia, 25<sup>th</sup> September 1975

*What sort of education did she have?*

Elementary education (grades 1-2)

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*What was her level of religiosity?*

Not extremely religious

*What was her mother tongue?*

Ladino

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

Brother Avram, owned a grocery (no further information)

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Interned in Pleven

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

Pensioner

## Maternal grandfather

*Your mother's father's name?*

Rafael Levi

*Where and when was he born?*

No information

*Where else did he live?*

Anatolia (today Turkey)

*Where and when did he die?*

Anatolia, date unknown

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

No information

*What was his level of religiosity?*

Very religious, almost fanatically so

*What was his mother tongue?*

Ladino

*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.)*

No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Maternal grandmother

*Your mother's mother's name?*

Simha Levi (nee ?)

*Where and when was she born?*

No information

*Where else did she live?*

Anatolia (today Turkey)

*Where and when did she die?*

Anatolia, date unknown

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*What was her level of religiosity?*

She was very religious

*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