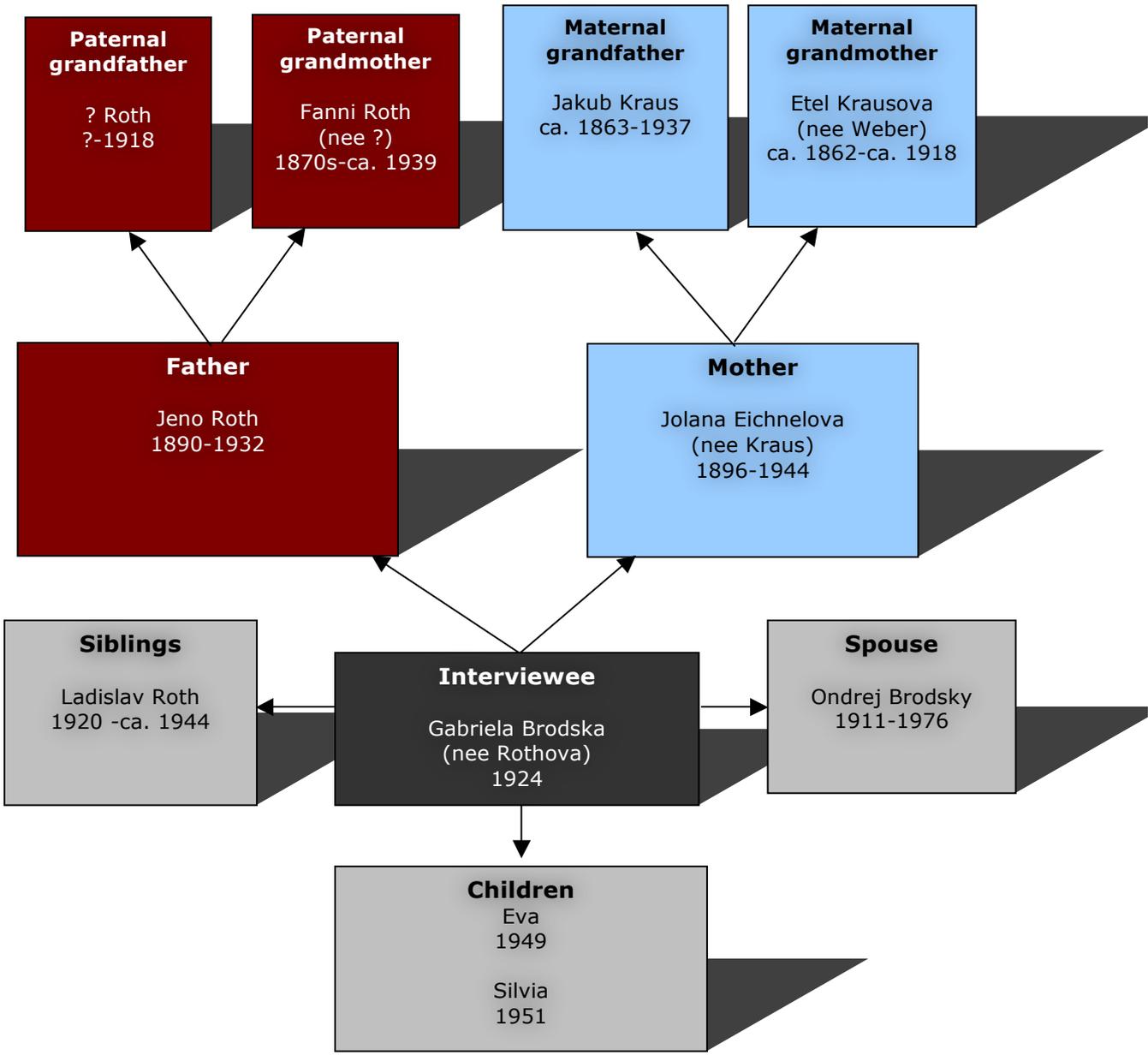


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Gabriela Brodska (nee Rothova)

Where and when were you born?

Roznava (today Slovak Republic), 1924

Where else did you live?

Prague, 1945 - 1946

Carlsbad, 1946 -

Your educational level?

Studied music at the conservatory in Bratislava. After the start of World War II she was thrown out of school due to her Jewish roots, and never finished her studies.

What sort of work do/did you do?

I worked as an accountant. I had two employers, The Surface Construction Company and The Agricultural Construction Company, where I worked the entire time I was employed.

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

I didn't come by a lot of religion at home, because though my parents observed holidays, it was more out of respect for their parents and traditions than from some sort of religious conviction. Irrespective of the fact that I attended a Catholic convent school and didn't have even one Jewish girlfriend. My friends were from among my classmates. How do I perceive my Jewish identity? Well, that's really tough, because I lived in an exclusively Christian environment, just that school alone, that I attended from the age of three, even nursery school. My parents had many Christian friends, there may have been more of them than those from Jewish families. We were very assimilated. I perceived Judaism solely as a religion. When my classmates had catechism, I had time off. And then when I had religion lessons, they had time off. This is the only place I saw a difference, nowhere else. For me Jewishness wasn't a nationality or a race. I didn't come into contact with this until those sad times began [the time of World War II], but otherwise I didn't see any differences. One was a Protestant, Catholic, and I was

of Israelite denomination. So that's all what Jewishness meant to me.

What is your mother tongue?

Slovak

What other languages do you speak?

Hungarian, Czech, German

Where were you during the Holocaust?

Ghetto: Roznava (today Slovak Republic), 1944

Ghetto: Diosgyor (today Hungary), 1944

Concentration camp: Auschwitz (today Poland), 1944 - 1945

Death march: from Auschwitz (today Poland), 1945

What did you do after the Holocaust?

After the war I wanted to finish conservatory, so I moved to Prague. But there I met my husband, it was the 16th of August, and the next day he proposed. We had our wedding on the 31st, in 1945. Then I worked as an accountant. I had two employers, The Surface Construction Company and The Agricultural Construction Company, where I worked the entire time I was employed.

Siblings

Their names

Ladislav Roth

Where and when were they born?

Roznava (today Slovak Republic), 1920

What is their mother tongue?

Slovak

Their educational level?

Finished high school in Roznava

Their occupations?

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Where do/did they live?

Roznava (today Slovak Republic)

Where else did they live?

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Do they have children?

No

Where and when did they die?

Died in the Holocaust, ca. 1944

Spouse

Name?

Ondrej Brodsky

Where and when was he/she born?

Place unknown, 17th October 1911

Where else did he/she live?

Zilina (today Slovak Republic), ? - 1939

Prague, 1945 - 1946

Carlsbad, 1946 -1976

Is he/she Jewish?

Yes

What is his/her mother tongue?

Slovak

His/her educational level?

Finished public and council school

Occupation?

Before the war my husband had been a technical manager in a coop in Zilina where they manufactured spirits, cognac and whatnot. He was there until the Republic fell apart. He then emigrated and joined the Czechoslovak Foreign Legion. After the war he worked in army administration, he was this housing officer, a bureaucrat. At that time my husband was already retired, but because the state of his health was bad, he was reevaluated. After his return he was in the army for about a year and a half. He was listed as having a military disability pension.

Where and when did he/she die?

Carlsbad, 1976

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).

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Children

Their names?

Eva (f)

Silvia (f)

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

They know that they're Jewish, but don't identify themselves as such.

Where and when were they born?

Eva: Carlsbad, 5th December 1949

Silvia: Carlsbad, 30th December 1951

Where else did they live?

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Their educational level?

Eva: Vocational high school, trained as a goldsmith

Silvia: Teachers' high school in Carlsbad

Their occupations?

Eva: Owner of a beauty salon for dogs

Silvia: Governess at the Pedagogical High School residence in Carlsbad

How many grandchildren do you have?

Eva: Tomas (m) 1970, Peter (m) 1972

Silvia: Jan (m) 1974, Ondrej (m) 1981

Father

His name?

Jeno Roth

Where and when was he born?

Zadrofalva (today Hungary), 1st May 1890

Where else did he live?

Miskolc (today Hungary)

Roznava (today Slovak Republic)

Where and when did he die?

Roznava (today Slovak Republic), 1932

What sort of education did he have?

Finished high school

What sort of work did he do?

Owned forests in the Roznava region that he farmed

How religious was he?

My father wasn't very religiously inclined. Our family was assimilated. My father didn't wear payes, a beard, not even a hat. On Friday he'd always search for his hat [this means that he usually didn't have his head covered, while the Jewish faith requires covering the head] when he was off to the synagogue.

What was his mother tongue?

Hungarian

Army service: which army and what years?

Austro-Hungarian kuk army: 1911-1918

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
Andor Roth (m)	Zadorfalva (today Hungary), ?/ died in the Holocaust	Lawyer	? Roth (nee ?), piano professor at the conservatory in Budapest (today Hungary)	Agnes (f), died in the Holocaust	Neolog
Sandor Roth (m)	Zadorfalva, ?/?, Budapest	Retail merchant	Magdolna Roth (nee ?), ?, ?/ died in the Holocaust	Andor (m), survived the war and after the war lived in Budapest	Neolog
Mihaly Roth (m)	Zadorfalva, ?/ Died in the Holocaust	Landowner	Bozena Roth (nee ?), ?, ?/ died in the Holocaust	Zsuzsanna (f), lives in Israel	Neolog
Erno Roth (m)	Zadorfalva, ?/ died in the Holocaust	Retail merchant and landowner	Rozsi Roth (nee ?), Putnok (today Hungary), ?/ died in the Holocaust	Jozsef (m), died in the Holocaust	Neolog
Gyula Roth (m)	Zadorfalva, ?/ died in the Holocaust	Manual laborer	Panni Roth (nee ?), ?, ?/ died in the Holocaust	1 daughter, died in the Holocaust	Neolog
Laszlo (Ladislav) Roth (m)	Zadorfalva, ?/?, USA	Doctor	Zsuzsanna Roth (nee ?), ?, ?/?, USA	Eva (f), survived the war	Neolog
Gizella ? (nee Roth) (f)	Zadorfalva, ?/ died in the Holocaust	Housewife	Name unknown, died in the Holocaust	No information	Neolog
Paula Fischer (nee Roth) (f)	Zadorfalva, ?/ died in the Holocaust	Housewife	Lenard Fischer ?,?/? died in the Holocaust	Klara (f), died in the Holocaust Tibor (m), lives partly in Hungary and partly in Israel	Neolog
Marketa ? (nee Roth) (f)	Zadorfalva, ?/ died in the	Housewife	Viliam ? ?, ?/ ? , ?	Magda (f) ?, ?/ died in the Holocaust	Neolog

Holocaust

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

? Roth

Where and when was he born?

No information

Where else did he live?

Zadorfalva (today Hungary)

Miskolc (today Hungary)

Where and when did he die?

Miskolc, 1918

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Landowner

How religious was he?

Most likely Neolog

What was his mother tongue?

Hungarian

Army service: which army and what years?

No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

Fanni Roth (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

Place unknown, 1870s

Where else did she live?

Zadorfalva (today Hungary)

Miskolc (today Hungary)

Where and when did she die?

Miskolc, ca. 1939

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

As far as religion goes, grandma was assimilated.

What was her mother tongue?

Hungarian

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before

Mother

Her name?

Jolana Eichnelova (Jolana Rothova, after the death of her first husband she remarried and took the surname of her new husband – Alexander Eichnel) (nee Kraus)

Where and when was she born?

Zlate (today Slovak Republic), 1896

Where else did she live?

Roznava (today Slovak Republic)

Where and when did she die?

Auschwitz (today Poland), 1944

What sort of education did she have?

Finished elementary school

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

My parents attended the synagogue only during holidays. While my grandpa was still alive [*Jakub Kraus*], they were a little more devout, of course. For Passover the dishes were changed and so on. And then, when Grandpa was already dead, it wasn't taken so seriously any more. We also cleaned house before Passover, but it was only normal spring cleaning. I definitely ate leavened bread. We bought matzah, after all, traditions are traditions. We also had a Christmas tree. Yes, Chanukkah, we observed that too. Then came Christmas and we had a tree and presents. Our parents were quite lukewarm but they were believers. While Grandpa was still alive we kept kosher, but afterwards we didn't. Mother fasted at Yom Kippur, but we didn't have to.

What was her mother tongue?

Slovak

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
Gejza Kraus (m)	Zlate (today Slovak Republic), ?/1942, Lublin (today Poland)	Retail merchant	Friderika Krausova (nee Hirschbeinova) Bratislava (today Slovak Republic), ?/1942, Lublin	Alica (f), died in the Holocaust	Neolog
Berta Deuschova (nee Krausova) (f)	Zlate, ?/ died in the Holocaust	Housewife	? Deutsch, No information	Vojtech (m), committed suicide because of a girl Jolana (f), died in the Holocaust	Neolog

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Getto: Roznava (today Slovak Republic), 1944

Ghetto: Diosgyor (today Hungary), 1944

Concentration camp: Auschwitz (today Poland), died there in 1944

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

Jakub Kraus

Where and when was he born?

Place unknown, ca. 1863

Where else did he live?

Zlate (today Slovak Republic)

Roznava (today Slovak Republic)

Where and when did he die?

Roznava, 1937

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Owned a general store

How religious was he?

My grandpa was Neolog. While my grandpa was still alive, my family was a little more devout, of course. For Passover the dishes were changed and so on. And then, when Grandpa was already dead, it wasn't taken so seriously any more. While Grandpa was still alive we kept kosher, but afterwards we didn't.

What was his mother tongue?

Slovak

Army service: which army and what years?

No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

Etel Krausova (nee Weber)

Where and when was he born?

Place unknown, ca. 1862

Where else did he live?

Zlate (today Slovak Republic)

Roznava (today Slovak Republic)

Where and when did he die?

Roznava, ca. 1918

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Housewife

How religious was he?

No information

What was his mother tongue?

Slovak

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before