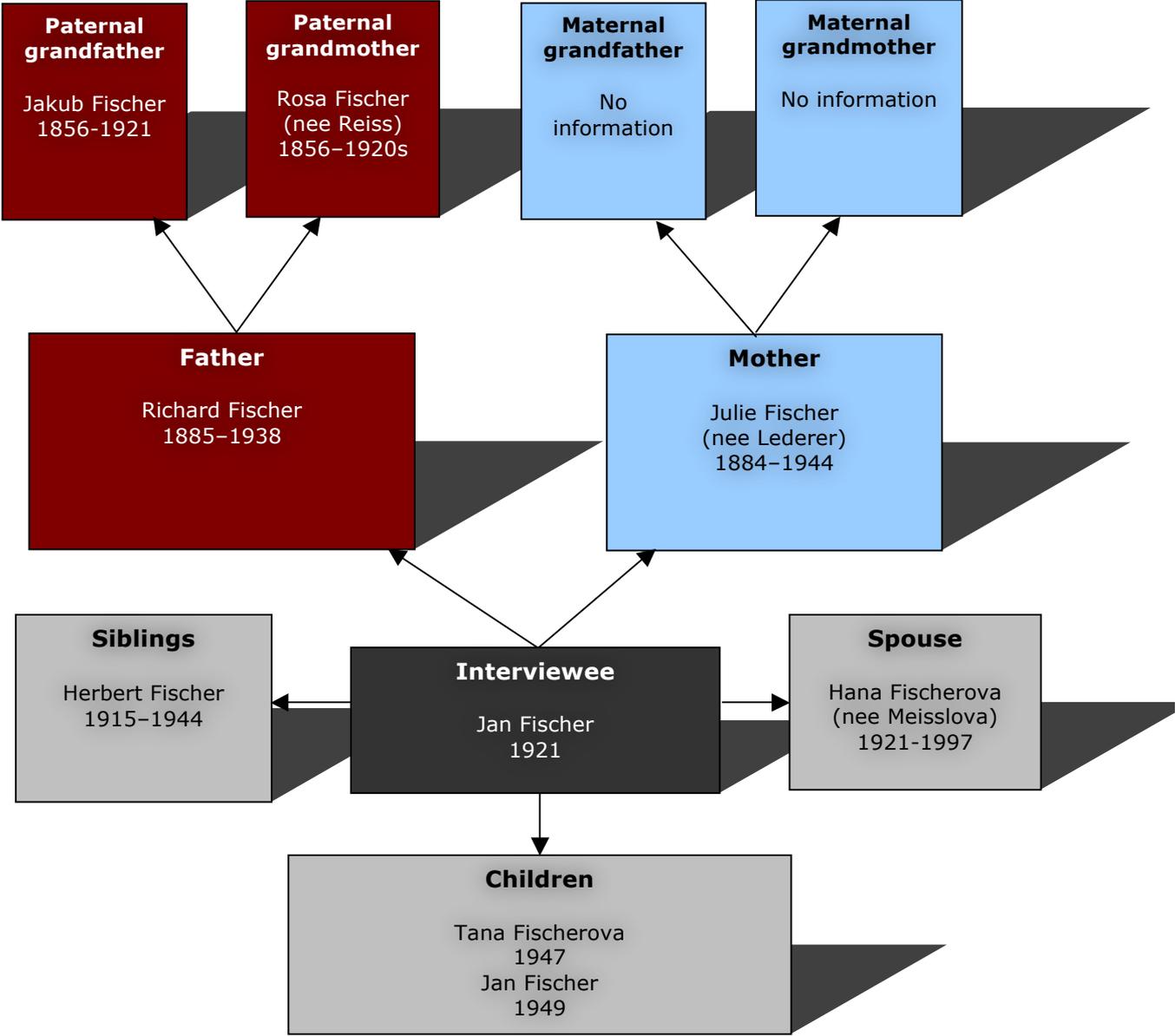


**Family Tree**



## The interviewee and his family

*Full name*

Jan Fischer

*Where and when were you born?*

Prague, 19<sup>th</sup> July 1921

*Where else did you live?*

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*Your educational level?*

Finished secondary school, completed two semesters at Theater Academy

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

Actor, theater director

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

Our family was assimilated. Jewish traditions were respected but not kept. We did not eat kosher, we did not go to the synagogue. The generation of my grandparents was religious.

*What is your mother tongue?*

German and Czech

*What other languages do you speak?*

English

*If you were in an army, tell us which army and the dates*

Czechoslovak Army in Kosice and Poprad (today Slovakia) in spring 1945

*Where were you during the Holocaust?*

In ghetto in Terezin, in concentration camp in Auschwitz (today Poland), in labor camp in Gleiwitz (today Poland).

*What did you do after the Holocaust?*

Theater director in Prague until 1971 when he was expelled from the Communist Party; various kinds of jobs afterwards (water pumper, warehouseman, ...)

## Siblings

*Their names*

Herbert Fischer

*Where and when were they born?*

Prague, 1915

*What is their mother tongue?*

German and Czech

*Their educational level?*

Technical School

*Their occupations?*

Worked in a workshop producing glasses

*Where do/did they live?*

Prague

*Where else did they live?*

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*Do they have children?*

No

*Where and when did they die?*

Probably in Auschwitz (today Poland) in 1944

## **Spouse**

*Name?*

Hana Fischerova (nee Meisslova)

*Where and when was he/she born?*

Prague, 1<sup>st</sup> January 1921

*Where else did he/she live?*

Near Prague (on a manor)

*Is he/she Jewish?*

Yes

*What is his/her mother tongue?*

Czech

*His/her educational level?*

Finished two years of high school (didn't graduate)

*Occupation?*

Teacher of dancing and gymnastics, secretary at the trade union central council

*Where and when did he/she die?*

Prague, 9<sup>th</sup> July 1997

*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).*

Dasa Meisslova: born in 1924 (or 1925); was not married and didn't work. She died in Auschwitz (today Poland).

## Children

*Their names?*

Tana Fischerova (f)

Jan Fischer (m)

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

They were not raised Jewish. We told them about it when they grew up.

Nevertheless they identify themselves as Jews but not in a religious way.

*Where and when were they born?*

Tana: Prague, 1947

Jan: Prague, 1949

*Where else did they live?*

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*Their educational level?*

Tana: finished secondary school and two years at Theater Academy

Jan: finished secondary school

*Their occupations?*

Tana: actress, politician

Jan: businessman

*How many grandchildren do you have?*

Tana: Krystof (m)

Jan: Martin (m), Valerie (f)

## Father

*His name?*

Richard Fischer

*Where and when was he born?*

Prague, 19<sup>th</sup> January 1885

*Where else did he live?*

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*Where and when did he die?*

Prague, 1938

*What sort of education did he have?*

Graduated from Business Academy

*What sort of work did he do?*

Representative of German optical companies in Prague

*How religious was he?*

Our family was assimilated, so we had no direct connection with Jewish traditions. We weren't observant, didn't eat kosher food, and didn't go to the synagogue. As a family we were traditionally aware of our Jewishness, so it was respected but not celebrated. We kept company with Jews who were assimilated like us.

*What was his mother tongue?*

German

*Army service: which army and what years?*

28<sup>th</sup> Prague regiment in Bruck an der Mur (today Austria) during WWI

*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 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Oskar Fischer (m)           | Prague, 1890–ca. 1962, ?      | Businessman                     | Valerie Fischer (nee Pietsch) from Vienna, not jewish                       | None                                     | Not religious                    |
| Erich Fischer (m)           | Prague, 1893–1943, Terezin    | Employee in different companies | ? Fischer (nee Weiner)  | Jiri Fischer 1921–1988 worked as plumber | Not religious                    |
| Anna Altschul (nee Fischer) | Prague, 1895–1980s, Canada    | Housewife                       | Rudolf Altschul born in Prague, psychiatrist (In 1939 they moved to Canada) | None                                     | Not religious                    |

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Paternal grandfather

*Your paternal grandfather's name?*

Jakub Fischer

*Where and when was he born?*

Beroun, 27<sup>th</sup> March 1856

*Where else did he live?*

Prague

*Where and when did he die?*

Prague, 1921

*What sort of education did he have?*

Tailor school

*What sort of work did he do?*

Tailor

*How religious was he?*

Probably observed all holidays (no further information)

*What was his mother tongue?*

German

*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   |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Adolf Fischer (m)         | Beroun, 1852-1906, Beroun     | Salesman   | None   | None                          | No information                     |
| Emma Kitten (nee Fischer) | ?, 1862-?                     | Housewife  | Josef Kitten born in Prague, cantor in synagogue | No information                | Religious (no further information) |

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Paternal grandmother

*Your paternal grandmother's name?*

Rosa Fischer (nee Reiss)

*Where and when was she born?*

Stirin, 1<sup>st</sup> June 1856

*Where else did she live?*

Prague

*Where and when did she die?*

Prague, late 1920s (or early 1930s)

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

Observed all holidays

*What was her mother tongue?*

German

*Tell me about her 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 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Gottlieb Reiss (m)          | Stirin 1846–1866, ?                   | Businessman         | None  | None                          | No information                   |
| Johanna Schwenk (nee Reiss) | No information                        | Housewife           | Adolf Schwenk salesman                      | No information                | No information                   |
| Benjamin Reiss (m)          | ?-1881, ?                             | No information      | No information                              | No information                | No information                   |
| Josef Reiss (m)             | Stirin, 14 <sup>th</sup> March 1852-? | Director of brewery | Bertha Reiss (nee Rosenbaum) born in Prague | Friedrich Reis (m)            | No information                   |
| Gotthard Reiss (m)          | No information                        | No information      | No information                              | No information                | No information                   |
| Emanuel Reiss (m)           | No information                        | Lawyer              | No information                              | No information                | No information                   |

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Mother

*Her name?*

Julie Fischer (nee Lederer)

*Where and when was she born?*

Prague, 1884

*Where else did she live?*

Vysehorovice

*Where and when did she die?*

Probably in Bergen-Belsen (today Germany), exact date unknown (1940s)

*What sort of education did she have?*

Elementary school

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

Not religious

*What was her mother tongue?*

Probably German

*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 |
|------------|-------------------------------|----------------|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| One sister | No information                | No information | No information                          | No information                | No information                   |

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

In ghetto in Terezin, in concentration camp in Auschwitz (today Poland), in concentration camp in Bergen-Belsen (today Germany) where she most likely perished

## Maternal grandfather

*Your maternal grandfather's name?*

No information

*Where and when was he born?*

No information

*Where else did he live?*

Prague

*Where and when did he die?*

No information

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

Goldsmith

*How religious was he?*

Not Jewish

*What was his mother tongue?*

Serbian

*Army service: which army and what years?*

No information

*Tell me about his brothers and sisters.*

|      |                                  |            |   |                                  |                                     |
|------|----------------------------------|------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| name | place and date of<br>birth/death | occupation | biographical data<br>and origins of<br>spouse | biographical data<br>of children | describe how religious<br>they were |
|------|----------------------------------|------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|

No information

## Maternal grandmother

*Your maternal grandmother's name?*

No information

*Where and when was she born?*

No information

*Where else did she live?*

Prague

*Where and when did she die?*

No information

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information.

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

Not religious

*What was her mother tongue?*

No information

*Tell me about his brothers and sisters.*

|      |                                  |            |   |                                  |                                     |
|------|----------------------------------|------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| name | place and date of<br>birth/death | occupation | biographical data<br>and origins of<br>spouse | biographical data<br>of children | describe how religious<br>they were |
|------|----------------------------------|------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|

No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Died before