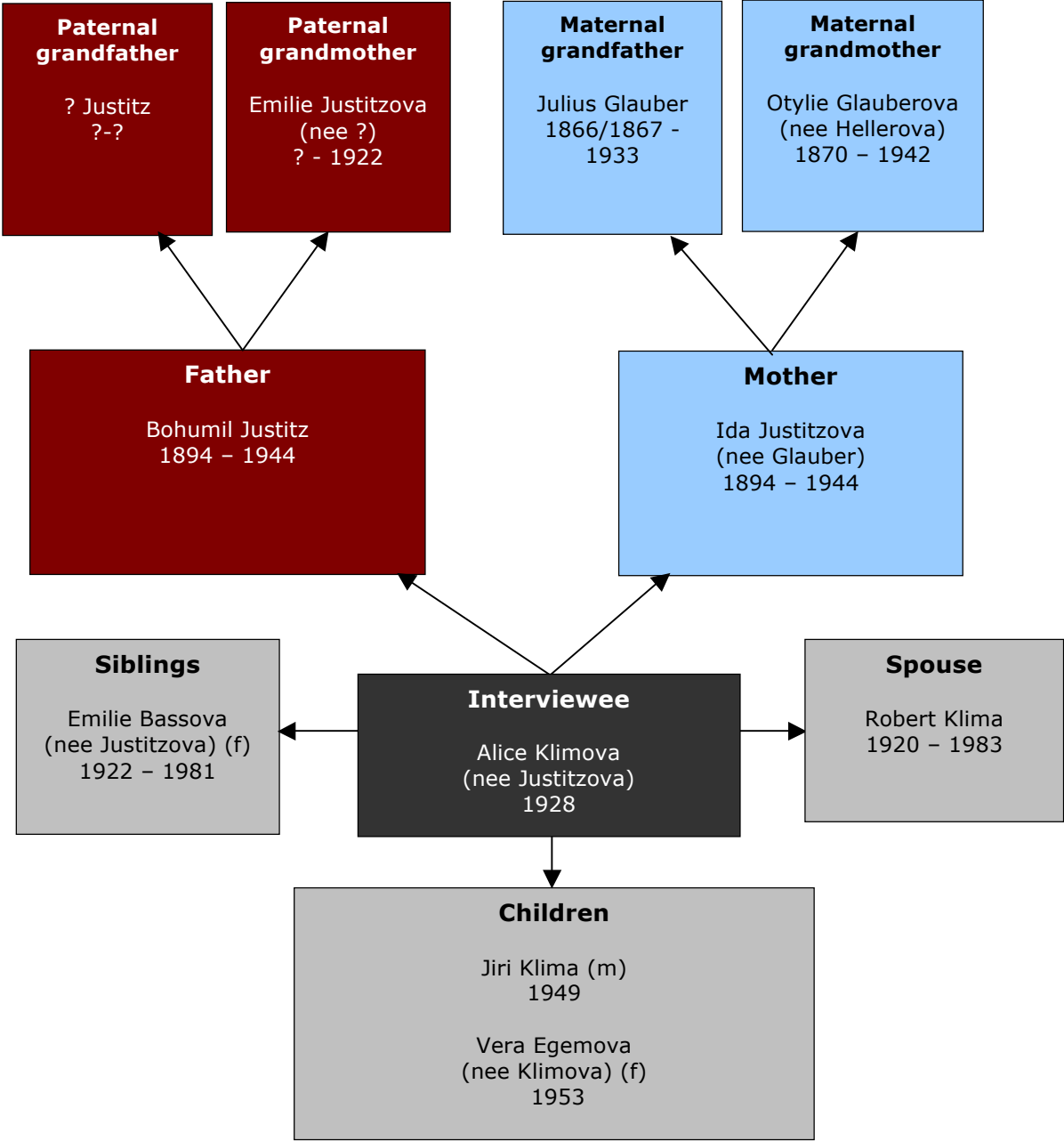


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Alice Klimova (nee Justitzova)

Where and when were you born?

Prague, 5th July 1928

Where else did you live?

Great Britain, 1939 - 1945

Litvinov

Your educational level?

Elementary school teacher

What sort of work do/did you do?

I worked for six years at Artia, a printing company, and I liked this work probably the best. But after the occupation [in 1968] I became a persona non grata and got fired. I looked around for something to do, and found work at a lung clinic in Veleslavin, where I was a girl Friday. I did everything from translating scientific articles to going to the post office. But then my husband fell ill, and as soon as it was possible I retired, so that I could take care of him. Alas, that lasted for only a couple of months, as he soon died. I then gave English lessons, which still I do to this day. My other activities consist of traveling around schools, either with the director, Mr. Minac [*Minac, Matej (born 1961)*] or with someone else, when they show the film 'The Power of Good' [*The Power of Good – Nicholas Winton (2001): A documentary film about Nicholas Winton, who just prior to the outbreak of World War II saved hundreds of mainly Jewish children from the Nazis. Directed by Matej Minac, the film was the first Czech film to be nominated for the international Emmy award.*], and talk about my experiences and feelings. In this way I'm at least partly paying off my debt.

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

Everyone in our family was Jewish. At home we observed holidays, and that was the beginning and end of it. We definitely didn't do things like attend services during the week or keep kosher. We celebrated the New Year [*Rosh Hashanah: the Jewish New Year*]; my parents would go to the synagogue, and perhaps I did too. For seder supper we'd go to Aunt Kamila's, and for Chanukkah we'd light candles. What really bothered me was that at Christmastime we weren't allowed to have a tree at home. So I'd go visit my girlfriends, and felt terribly sorry for myself.

What is your mother tongue?

Czech

What other languages do you speak?

English, German

Where were you during the Holocaust?

On unoccupied territory: Great Britain, 1939 – 1945

What did you do after the Holocaust?

After the war, I finished school, got married and started working.

Siblings

Their names

Emilie Bassova (nee Justitzova)

Where and when were they born?

Prague, 22nd November 1922

What is their mother tongue?

Czech

Their educational level?

Secondary school

Their occupations?

Office clerk, translator

Where do/did they live?

Prague, 1922 – 1939, 1945 - 1981

Where else did they live?

London (Great Britain), 1939 - 1945

Do they have children?

One daughter and one son

Where and when did they die?

Prague, 5th June 1981

Spouse

Name?

Robert Klima

Where and when was he/she born?

Ostrava, 7th April 1920

Where else did he/she live?

Great Britain

Prague

Litvinov

Is he/she Jewish?

Yes

What is his/her mother tongue?

Czech

His/her educational level?

Finished secondary school

Occupation?

My husband worked for the Ministry of Foreign Trade, and in 1951 they threw him out. More or less because he was a Jew, though they didn't say that directly. They threw out a lot of people along with him, in the end he was lucky that they didn't throw him in jail. Back then there was also this campaign called Action 77,000 taking place, which was actually a disguised method of getting inconvenient people, intellectuals, into the factories. My husband started working at what were back then the Stalin Works, today the Litvinov Chemical Works. As a reaction to the 1953 currency reform, a strike took place at their company, everyone went on strike, but only he was immediately fired because of it. Why? A Jew and on top of that he'd served in the Western army. So he went to work in the mines and his health suffered as a result. We of course tried very hard to get back to Prague, which was impossible. They didn't give you an apartment if you didn't have a job, and they didn't give you a job if you didn't have a permanent address. Just like during feudal times, a vicious circle. Luckily my mother-in-law had a bachelor apartment in Prague, and my husband lived with her for some time and thanks to that found a job. He did translations, first for Sentinel, which were the State Technical Literature Publishers, then freelance.

Where and when did he/she die?

Prague, 5th November 1983

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).

He had a brother and a sister (no further information).

Children

Their names?

Jiri Klima (m)

Vera Egemova (f)

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

My children know that they are of Jewish origin, but we didn't bring them up in any consciously Jewish manner. We never observed any Jewish holidays at home.

Where and when were they born?

Jiri: Prague, 1949

Vera: Most, 1953

Where else did they live?

Jiri: Litvinov

Vera: Litvinov, Prague

Their educational level?

Jiri: Prague Technical University

Vera: Finished secondary school

Their occupations?

Jiri: Translator

Vera: X-ray assistant

How many grandchildren do you have?

Jiri: has three children

Vera: has one son

Father

His name?

Bohumil Justitz

Where and when was he born?

Prague, 14th October 1894

Where else did he live?

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Where and when did he die?

Auschwitz (today Poland), was probably gassed right upon arrival, in September 1944

What sort of education did he have?

Finished secondary school

What sort of work did he do?

Owner of an electrode factory

How religious was he?

Not particularly, the high holidays were observed at home, but not the kashrut.

What was his mother tongue?

Czech

Army service: which army and what years?

Austro-Hungarian army in WWI

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
Kamila Morawitzova (nee Justitzova) (f)	Prague, ? - Died in the Holocaust	Housewife	? Morawitz	No information	No information
Olga Epsteinova (nee Justitzova) (f)	Prague, ? - Died in the Holocaust	Housewife	? Epstein	No information	No information
Helga Tukova (nee Justitzova) (f)	Prague, ? - Died in the Holocaust	Housewife	? Tuka	No information	No information
Karel Justitz (m)	Prague, ? - Prague, 1937	No information	No information	No information	No information
Rudolf Justitz (m)	Prague, ? - Died in the Holocaust	No information	No information	No information	No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Ghetto: Terezin, 1942 – 28th September 1944

Concentration camp: Auschwitz (today Poland), died there

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

? Justitz

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?

No information

How religious was he?

No information

What was his mother tongue?

No information

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?

Emilie Justitzova (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

No information

Where else did she live?

Prague

Where and when did she die?

Prague, November 1922

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

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before

Mother

Her name?

Ida Justitzova (nee Glauber)

Where and when was she born?

Prague, 12th June 1894

Where else did she live?

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Where and when did she die?

Auschwitz (today Poland), was probably gassed right after arriving, in October 1944

What sort of education did she have?

Charles University, Faculty of Philosophy, state exams in English

What sort of work did she do?

Helped in the office at Grandpa's wholesale coffee business

How religious was she?

Not particularly, observed the high holidays, but not the kashrut

What was her mother tongue?

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
Bedrich Glauber (m)	Prague, 1 st April 1890s - Died in the Holocaust	Businessman	No information	Eva (f) , died in the Holocaust Vera (f), died in the Holocaust	No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Ghetto: Terezin 1942 – 1st October 1944

Concentration camp: Auschwitz (today Poland), died there

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

Julius Glauber

Where and when was he born?

Probably Prague, 1st April 1866 or 1867

Where else did he live?

Prague

Where and when did he die?

Prague, April or May 1933

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Owner of a wholesale coffee business

How religious was he?

Observed holidays

What was his mother tongue?

No information

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?

Otylie Glauberova (nee Hellerova)

Where and when was she born?

Probably Prague, 8th August 1870

Where else did she live?

Prague

Where and when did she die?

Treblinka (today Poland), 1942

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

Grandma observed the high holidays

What was her mother tongue?

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
Laura ? (nee Hellerova) (f)	No information	Housewife	No information	No information	No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Ghetto: Terezin

Concentration camp: Treblinka (today Poland), died there