

The interviewee and his family

Full name Elina Falkenshtein (nee Falkov)

Where and when were you born? Riga, November 1938

Where else did you live?

Your educational level? Graduated from Latvian University (in physic and mathematics), has a PhD in pedagogical sciences

What sort of work do/did you do? Teacher

How religious was your parents' home? How were you raised? My father was a secular man but he knew everything about Jewish history, holidays and traditions and told me about it.

What is your mother tongue? Russian

What other languages do you speak? Latvian, English Where were you during the Holocaust? In evacuation: Sverdlovsk region (today Russia)

What did you do after the Holocaust? Worked as a teacher

Siblings

Their names Israel Falkov

Where and when were they born? Riga, 1st January 1935

What is their mother tongue? Russian

Their educational level? Graduated from Oil Institute in Moscow (today Russia)

Their occupations? Manual laborer

Where do/did they live? USA

Where else did they live? Riga

Do they have children? No information

Spouse

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Name? Yevgenii Falkenshtein

Where and when was he/she born? Riga, 1931

Where else did he/she live?

Is he/she Jewish? Yes

What is his/her mother tongue? Russian

His/her educational level?					
No information					

Occupation? Radio engineer (and formerly officer in Soviet army)

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). No information

Children

Their names? Marina ? (nee Falkenshtein) Leonid Falkenshtein

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

Where and when were they born? Marina: Riga, 1957 Leonid: Riga, 1959

Where else did they live?

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Their educational level? No information

Their occupations? Marina: housewife Leonid: businessman

How many grandchildren do you have? Marina: Karina and Polina Leonid: Dina and Roman

Father

His name? Mikhail Falkov (Jewish name: Mihoel)

Where and when was he born? Ludza, 23rd December 1899

Where else did he live? Riga

Where and when did he die? Riga, December 1964

What sort of education did he have? Graduated from Latvian University (presumably from the Faculty of Mechanics)

What sort of work did he do? Teacher (in 1920s), engineer in Elgava forest industry

How religious was he?

He wasn't orthodox but a secular man. However, he knew and understood a lot about Jewish history, holidays and traditions.

What was his mother tongue? Russian Army service: which army and what years? Latvian army, 1920

Tell me about his brothers and sisters

name	place and date of	occupation	biographical data	biographical data	describe how religious
	birth/death		and origins of	of children	they were
			spouse		
Raisa ?	Ludza, 1895-	English	No information	two children,	No information
(nee Falkova)	Moscow (today	teacher		daughter lives in	
	Russia), 1973			Canada	
Mina ?	Ludza, 1897-	engineer	several	Mihail Falkov, lives	No information
(nee Falkova)	Riga, 1988		marriages (no	in Riga	
			further		
			information)		
Ljuba Falkova	Ludza, 1898-	engineer	none	none	No information
	Riga, 1974				
Polina ? (nee	Ludza, 1906-	no	No information	one daughter	No information
Falkova)	Canada, 1987	information		(no further	
				information)	
Yasha Falkov	Ludza, 1900s-	No	married to	three children	No information
	Russia, 1956	information	Russian (no	(no further	
			further	information)	
			information)		

Where was he during the Holocaust? In evacuation: Sverdlovsk region (today Russia)

If he survived, what did he do after? Manager with Latvian Ministry of Forestry, engineer with Elgava forest management

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name? Ilija Falkov

Where and when was he born? Ludza, 1867

Where else did he live?

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Where and when did he die? Ludza, 1923

What sort of education did he have? Finished two classes of elementary school

What sort of work did he do? timber merchant

How religious was he? He knew Hebrew, Ivrit, the Talmud and Jewish history (no further information)

What was his mother tongue? No information

Army service: which army and what years? No information

name

place and date of occupation biographical data biographical data birth/death and origins of

of children

describe how religious they were

spouse

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust? Died before

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name? Goda Falkova (nee Gordina)

Where and when was she born? Ludza, 1870

Where else did she live? Riga

Where and when did she die? Riga, 1939

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

name

place and date of occupation biographical data biographical data birth/death and origins of

of children

describe how religious they were

spouse

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust? Died before

Mother

Her name? Dina Falkova (nee Borovika)

Where and when was she born? Ludza, 23rd May 1899

Where else did she live? Riga

Where and when did she die? Riga, 25th March 1969

What sort of education did she have? Graduated from Teacher Training Institute

What sort of work did she do? Teacher

How religious was she? She wasn't Orthodox (no further information)

What was her mother tongue? Russian

name	place and date of	occupation	biographical data	biographical data	describe how religious
	birth/death		and origins of	of children	they were
			spouse		
Yasha Borovik	Ludza, 1903-	No	No information	two children	No information
	Brazil, ?	information		(no further	
				information)	
Moisey Borovik	Ludza, 1905-	Furrier	No information	none	No information
	Israel, 1980				

Where was she during the Holocaust? In evacuation: Sverdlovsk region (today Russia)

If she survived, what did she do after? Worked as a teacher in secondary schools in Riga

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name? Isidor Borovik

Where and when was he born? Vilnius (today Lithuania), date unknown

Where else did he live? Ludza

Where and when did he die? Ludza, 1924

What sort of education did he have? No information

What sort of work did he do? Teacher (also was as a rabbi in Ludza for a while)

How religious was he? He was religious (no further information)

What was his mother tongue? No information

Army service: which army and what years? No information

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	birth/death	and origins of	of children	they were
		spouse		

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust? Died before

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name? Hannah Borovik (nee ?) (Jewish name Haja)

Where and when was she born? near Vilnius (today Lithuania), 1873

Where else did she live? Ludza, Riga

Where and when did she die? Riga, 1958

What sort of education did she have? No information

What sort of work did she do? Housewife (and dressmaker)

How religious was she? She was Orthodox, but she did not wear a wig. She was the one who kept the traditions in the Falkov family.

What was her mother tongue? No information

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		spouse		

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust? In evacuation: Sverdlovsk region (today Russia)

If she survived what did she do after? Housewife (retired)