Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name Moris Florentin

Where and when were you born? Thessaloniki, 1923

Where else did you live? Athens

Your educational level? Agricultural University of Thessaloniki, left one year before completion of degree.

What sort of work do/did you do? After WWII: translator for Greek English Intelligence Service, 1945-1948 Owner of representative's office, 1953-1958 Commercial Manger for Vitamin Department of La Roche, 1958- 1993

How religious was your parents' home? How were you raised? Not religious, didn't keep Sabbath or the kashrut, kept Pesach and Yom Kippur.

What is your mother tongue? French

What other languages do you speak? Greek, Ladino and English *If you were in an army, tell us which army and the dates* None

Where were you during the Holocaust?

I joined ELAS, the Greek Resistance Army. During the Holocaust I was on the mountains of Greece and bordering countries.

What did you do after the Holocaust?

I worked in Thessaloniki for three years and then moved to Athens where I have lived ever since. I got married and had two children.

Siblings

Their names Ektor Iesoua Salvator Florentin

Where and when were they born? Thessaloniki, 1921

What is their mother tongue? French

Their educational level? Baccalaureate from French Lycée

Their occupations? Before WWII: Office clerk for representative's office After WWII: Worked in a diamond cutting factory in Israel Created a diamond cutting factory in Israel

Where do/did they live? Tel Aviv (today Israel)

Where else did they live? He was born and lived in Thessaloniki until 1943

Do they have children? Ada Schindler (f) Zinet Benderski (f)

Spouse

Name? Ester Florentin (nee Altcheh) (nickname: Nina)

Where and when was he/she born? Thessaloniki, 1932

Where else did he/she live? Jerusalem (today Israel), 1944-1949

Is he/she Jewish? Yes

What is his/her mother tongue? French

His/her educational level?

Finished elementary school in Thessaloniki. After the war she studied another five years in Jerusalem.

Occupation?

Worked as legal representative of certain companies in self-managed business.

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).

Solomon Altcheh (1935-1943): Ester's family was taken to the concentration camp, her brother and father died there. He was only eight years old when he died.

Children

Their names? Ida Nadia Florentin Iosif Tony Florentin

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

Where and when were they born? Both in Athens Ida: 1952 Tony: 1956

Where else did they live?

Both lived in Paris (France), Ida for three years and Tony for six for their studies. Now they both live in Athens.

Their educational level?

Ida: Pharmaceutical University of Athens, master's in Molecular Biology in Paris, Montessori technique Tony: Polytechnic School of Athens - Chemical Engineer, PhD in Mechanics of Production and Renewable Sources of Energy in Paris.

Their occupations? Ida: Researcher for National Research Institute (currently she is looking for a job in a kindergarten) Tony: Manager in D.E.P.A. (Public Gas Supply Corporation of Greece)

How many grandchildren do you have? Two from Tony: Philip Florentin (m) Faedon Florentin (m)

Father

His name? Iosif (Pepo) Florentin

Where and when was he born? Thessaloniki, late 1870s

Where else did he live?

Where and when did he die? Auschwitz (today Poland), probably in 1943

What sort of education did he have? Elementary school

What sort of work did he do? Money changer and then shop manager for his father-in-law's business

How religious was he?

Not at all, went to the synagogue three times a year only because his brother was a gisbar in the Kal d'Italia.

What was his mother tongue? Ladino

Army service: which army and what years? None

Name	place and date of	occupation	biographical data	biographical data	describe how religious
	birth/death		and origins of	of children	they were
			spouse		
Samouil Florentin	No information	worked as a	No information	Anri (Erikos)	Very religious
		gisbar in the		Florentin, left	
		Kal d'Italia in		Thessaloniki and	
		Thessaloniki		went to Israel and	
				then Canada	
				Nina Florentin,	
				became Christian,	
				lived in Canada,	
				had two children,	
				died after the war	
				in an air crash in	
				Greece.	
Tsoutsa Florentin	No information	None	No information	One daughter, was	No information
			(died before the	mentally weak	
			Holocaust)		
14 more siblings					
(no further					
information on					
them)					

Tell me about his brothers and sisters

Where was he during the Holocaust?

He was taken from the Thessaloniki ghetto and died in Auschwitz (today Poland), probably in 1943.

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

? Florentin (died before WWII, no further information

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name? Oro Florentin (nee ?) (No further information)

Mother

Her name? Ida Florentin (nee Zadok)

Where and when was she born? Thessaloniki, 1890s

Where else did she live?

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Where and when did she die? Auschwitz (today Poland), probably in 1943

What sort of education did she have? Elementary school

What sort of work did she do? Housewife

How religious was she? Not very religious, never went to the synagogue, didn't observe Sabbath or ate kosher food.

What was her mother tongue? Ladino

Name	Place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Ludovic Zadok	Born in Thessaloniki, died in Paris (France) long before the Holocaust (aged 23)	No information	No information	None	No information
Viktor Zadok	23) Born in Thessaloniki, died in Israel in 1980	Owner of 'Galerie Moderne' furniture shop in Thessaloniki	Adina Zadok born in Thessaloniki, lived in Israel and then Athens, where she died in the 1970s	Ines (Nika) Nisim Born in 1928 in Thessaloniki, was married twice, has a daughter. Now she is a widow and lives in Israel Ivet (Veta) Tabah (nee Zadok) 1929-1962 Born in Thessaloniki, she married Marko Tabah, she had two daughters and died in a tragic car two daughters and died in a tragic car fabah, she had crash in Greece. Keti Tabah (nee Zadok) Born in 1931 in Thessaloniki, she married Marko Tabah, her sister's husband, after her death. They have a daughter named	Not very religious, didn't keep the Sabbath or eat kosher' food. Kept some of the High Holidays, we always had seder together.
				Christian.	

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

Where was she during the Holocaust?

She was in the Thessaloniki ghetto until she was taken to Auschwitz (today Poland) where she died, probably in 1943.

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name? Saltiel Zadok

Where and when was he born? Thessaloniki, 1850s

Where else did he live?

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Where and when did he die? Thessaloniki, 1939

What sort of education did he have? No information

What sort of work did he do? Factory and furniture shop owner

How religious was he? Not very religious, didn't keep the Sabbath or eat kosher food. He kept the seder night for Pesach.

What was his mother tongue? Ladino

Army service: which army and what years? No information

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		

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust? Died before

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name? Masaltov Zadok (nee Matalon)

Where and when was she born? Thessaloniki, 1860s

Where else did she live?

Where and when did she die? Auschwitz (today Poland), probably in 1943

What sort of education did she have? No information

What sort of work did she do? Housewife

How religious was she?

She wasn't very religious because of her husband. She didn't keep the Sabbath or eat kosher food. She kept the seder night (Pesach).

What was her mother tongue? Ladino

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		
		No	No information		
? Matalon (m)	Born in	information		A son and	
	Thessaloniki			daughter	

Where was she during the Holocaust?

She was in the Thessaloniki ghetto with my parents until she was taken to Auschwitz (today Poland) where she died, probably in 1943.