

The interviewee and his family

Full name Maria Yekovlevna Komarovskaya

Where and when were you born? Oster, (Kiev region) July 19, 1925

Where else did you live? Kiev, Chernigov, Chkalovsk (outside Orenburg)

Your educational level? University degree Engineer faculty?

What sort of work do/did you do? Engineer in a research and design institute

What was the level of religiosity in your parent's home? How were you raised? Parents were not religious

What is your mother tongue? Russian

How many languages do you speak? Russian, Ukrainian

If you were in an army, tell us which army and the dates No

Where were you during the Holocaust? In evacuation in Chkalovsk (outside Orenburg), Russian Soviet Republic

Siblings

Their names Iosif Komarovsky

Where and when were they born? Kiev April 10, 1920

What is their mother tongue? Russian

Their educational level? Graduated from the Leningrad Military-Engineering College

Their occupations? Military

Where do/did they live? Kiev

Where else did they live? Leningrad

Do they have children? No

Where and when did they die? Was killed in January 1940 during the Finnish war

Spouse

Name? Naum Iosifovich Polyak

Where and when was he/she born? Fastov September 3, 1923

Where else did he live? Kiev

Is he/she Jewish? Yes

What is his/her mother tongue? Russian

His/her educational level? University degree Engineer Faculty?)

Occupation? Engineer

Where and when did he/she die?

Children

Their names?

- 1. Margarita Rybak (nee Polyak)
- 2. Yevgenia Polyak

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

Elder daughter, Margarita, identifies herself as a Jew and moved to live in Israel. Yevgenia tends to surround herself with the Russian and Ukrainian environment.

Where and when were they born?

- 1. Margarita Kiev, 1954
- 2. Yevgenia Kiev, 1959

Where else did they live? Margarita – in Ashkelon, Israel

Their educational level? Both have university degrees

Their occupations? Margarita – engineer Yevgenia works in a commercial company as a swimming coach

How many grandchildren do you have? Three

Father

His name? Yakov Chaimovich Komarovsky

Where and when was he was born? Kiev April 12, 1897

Where else did he live? Oster, Chernigov

Where and when did he die? Kiev November 18, 1975

What sort of education did he have? 10 grades of secondary school 3 years of the Polytechnic University

What sort of work did he do? Bookkeeper

What was his level of religiosity? Non-religious

What was his mother tongue? Russian

Army service: Which army and what years? Soviet Army: 1941– 1945

Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.) Leibl 1898 – 1942, killed at the front Gersh 1901 – 1941, killed in Babiy Yar Mitya 1903 – 1970, died in Kiev Rebecca 1908 – 1950, died in Riga

Where was he during the Holocaust? In the Soviet army in 1941 - 1945

If he survived, what did he do after? Worked as a bookkeeper and then retired on pension

Paternal grandfather

Your father's father name? Chaim Komarovsky

Where and when was he born? Kiev 1870-s

Where else did he live? Oster, Sol-Iletsk, Russia – in evacuation

Where and when did he die? Sol-Iletsk, Russia 1942

What sort of education did he have? None

What sort of work did he do? Metalworker; owned a workshop

What was his level of religiosity? Very religious, attended synagogue, celebrated all holidays and Shabbat, prayed and kept kosher laws

What was his mother tongue? Yiddish

Army service: Which army and what years? None

Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.) No information

Where was he during the Holocaust? Evacuation, Sol-Iletsk, Russia

Paternal grandmother

Your father's mother's name? Chaya-Risya Bezprozvannaya

Where and when was she born? Kiev 1975

Where else did she live? Oster, Sol-Iletsk, Russia – in evacuation

Where and when did she die? Kiev 1960

What sort of education did she have? None

What sort of work did she do? Housewife

What was her level of religiosity? Religious, attended synagogue, prayed, kept Shabbat and Jewish holidays, kept the laws of kosher

What was her mother tongue? Yiddish

Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.) No information

Where was she during the Holocaust? Evacuation, Sol-Iletsk, Russia

If she survived what did she do after? Did not work, but was on pension

Mother

Her name? Chaya-Beila Komarovksaya (nee – Bezprozvannaya)

Where and when was she was born? Kiev November 1, 1897

Where else did she live? Oster, Chernigov, Chkalovsk (outside Orenburg)

Where and when did she die? Kiev 1980

What sort of education did she have? 7 grades of secondary school

What sort of work did she do? Worked at a telegraph

What was her level of religiosity? Non-religious

What was her mother tongue? Russian

Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.) Shimon 1904 – 1974, military Leah 1908 – 1930, died in Kiev

Perl 1910 – 1930, died in childbirth Moisey 1915 – 1978, died in Kiev

Where was she during the Holocaust? Chkalovsk (outside Orenburg)

If she survived, what did she do after? Did not work

Maternal grandfather

Your mother's father's name? No information

Where and when was he born? No information

Where else did he live? No information

Where and when did he die? Kharkov 1944

What sort of education did he have? None

What sort of work did he do? Metalworker

What was his level of religiosity? No information

What was his mother tongue? Yiddish

Army service: Which army and what years? None

Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.) No information

Where was he during the Holocaust? Engels, Saratov region, Russia

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Your mother's mother's name? Bezprozvannaya No information

Where and when was she born? No information

Where else did she live? Kiev

Where and when did she die? 1930

What sort of education did she have? No information

What sort of work did she do? Housewife

What was her level of religiosity? Religious, prayed, kept Shabbat and holidays, kept kosher laws

What was her mother tongue? Yiddish

Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)

No information