



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Maria Krych (nee Goldwag) (Original first name: Perla, changed to hide her Jewish identity and also because of communist ideology)

Where and when were you born?

Zamosc, 1913

Where else did you live? Lwow (today Ukraine) Lublin Warsaw

Your educational level? Graduated from a Polish public high school

What sort of work do/did you do? Private teacher Accountant Secretary Translator

How religious was your parents' home? How were you raised? Both parents came from assimilated but religious families. Father attended the Sabbath service on a regular basis. Mother went to the synagogue only on High Holidays. At home all Jewish holidays were observed. The children were forced to perform religious practices only until high school age. What is your mother tongue? Yiddish

How many other languages do you speak? Polish French

Where were you during the Holocaust?

Hiding in different places in central Poland: Warsaw, Lublin, Deblin forest.

What did you do after the Holocaust?

1944 - a member of the temporary communist government which was formed in Lublin and the secretary of one of its greatest leaders – Wladyslaw Gomulka 1950s - an officer of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers Party 1960s-1980s – translator of Yiddish books into Polish

Siblings

Their names

Bernard Goldwag (changed from Dow-Ber because of assimilation) Jerzy Kowalewski (changed from Izrael Goldwag because of assimilation and also because of communist ideology) Michal Goldwag

Where and when were they born? Bernard: Zamosc, 1909 Jerzy: Zamosc, 1910 Michal: Zamosc,1914

What is their mother tongue? Yiddish

Their educational level?

Bernard: graduated from the Medical Academy in Warsaw Jerzy: completed four years of Law Studies at Warsaw University Michal: graduated from a Polish public high school

Their occupations? Bernard: medical doctor Jerzy: communist activist, journalist Michal: none

Where do/did they live? Bernard: Zamosc Jerzy: Zamosc Michal: Zamosc

Where else did they live? Bernard: Lublin Jerzy: Lwow (today Ukraine), USSR, Warsaw Michal: Warsaw Do they have children? Bernard: two daughters Jerzy: one son Michal: none

Where and when did they die? Bernard: killed in Majdanek, 1943 Jerzy: died in Warsaw, 2004 Michal: killed in Warsaw, 1939

Spouse

Name?

Henryk Krych

Where and when was he/she born? Place unknown, 1914

Where else did he/she live? Warsaw

Is he/she Jewish? No

What is his/her mother tongue? Polish

His/her educational level? No information

Occupation? Communist activist, Central Committee Officer

Where and when did he/she die? Warsaw, 1990 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? Michal Krych Malgorzata Krych

Were they raised Jewish/do they identify themselves as Jews? Jewish identity was not imposed on them, but this issue was dealt with on many occasions. Mrs. Krych's son rejected his Jewishness, but the daughter accepted it and developed over the years a strong Jewish identity. She married a Jew and they observe major Jewish holidays at home.

Where and when were they born? Michal: Warsaw, 1948 Malgorzata: Warsaw, 1951

Where else did they live? Michal: Warsaw Malgorzata: Warsaw, Washington (USA)

Their educational level? Michal: PhD in mathematics at Warsaw University Malgorzata : PhD in biochemistry at Warsaw University

Their occupations? Michal: scientist, university lecturer Malgorzata: scientist, university lecturer

How many grandchildren do you have?

One granddaughter, the daughter of Mrs. Krych's daughter

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His name? Josef Goldwag

Where and when was he born? Lublin, 1883

Where else did he live? Zamosc Lwow (today Ukraine)

Where and when did he die? No information

What sort of education did he have? Elementary Jewish education

What sort of work did he do? Tradesman, shop owner

How religious was he?

Father observed all the Jewish holidays. He went to the synagogue on every Sabbath. On the other hand, he was a liberal man. He read modern Jewish newspapers, like 'Hajnt' and 'Der Moment.'

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.)

Name	place and date of	occupation	biographical data	biographical data	attitude to Jewish
	birth/death		and origins of	of children	traditions
			spouse		
	Place of birth				
Mendel Goldwag	and death:	No	No information	No information	- observed all the
	Lublin, dates	information			major Jewish holidays
	unknown				
Jakub Goldwag	Place of birth	No	No information	No information	- observed all the
	and death:	information			major Jewish holidays
	Lublin, dates				
	unknown				

Where was he during the Holocaust?

He moved with the whole family to Lwow (today Ukraine). He died in unknown circumstances around 1941/42.

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name? Dawid Goldwag

Where and when was he born? No information

Where else did he live? Lublin

Where and when did he die? No information

What sort of education did he have? No information

What sort of work did he do? Tradesman

How religious was he? No information, most probably he was an Orthodox Jew

What was his mother tongue? Yiddish 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
 attitude to Jewish

 birth/death
 and origins of
 of children
 traditions

 spouse
 spouse
 spouse

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust? Most probably he died before the Holocaust.

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name? Chaja Goldwag (nee ?)

Where and when was she born? No information

Where else did she live? Lublin

Where and when did she die? Zamosc, date unknown (before WWII)

What sort of education did she have? No information

What sort of work did she do? Housewife

How religious was she?

She was an orthodox Jewish woman and went to the synagogue on High Holidays. She kept kosher. She was a modest Jewish woman.

What was her mother tongue? Yiddish

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

Name	place and date of occupation	biographical data	biographical data	attitude to Jewish
	birth/death	and origins of	of children	traditions
		spouse		

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust? Died before

Mother

Her name? Ajdla Goldwag (nee Meisels)

Where and when was she born? Lublin, 1883

Where else did she live? Zamosc Lwow (today Ukraine)

Where and when did she die? Probably killed in Belzec Camp, 1941

What sort of education did she have? No formal education

What sort of work did she do? Housewife

How religious was she?

She kept a religious household. She followed the rules of kashrut, lit the candles on Sabbath and Havdalah. She went to the synagogue on High Holidays.

What was her mother tongue? Yiddish

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	attitude to Jewish traditions
Rywka Inlender (nee Meisels)	Lublin, ? - Lwow (today Ukraine), during WWII	Housewife	Awigdor Inlender	No information	Religious
Estera Goldwag	Lublin, ? - Lwow, during WWII	Housewife	No information	No information	Religious
Chaja Goldwag (nee Meisels)	Lublin, ? – Lwow, during WWII	Housewife	Mendel Goldwag	No information	Religious

Where was she during the Holocaust?

She stayed in Lwow (today Ukraine) until she was transported to one of the death camps (most probably Belzec) in 1941.

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name? ? Meisels

Where and when was he born? No information

Where else did he live? Lublin

Where and when did he die? No information

What sort of education did he have? No information

What sort of work did he do? Tradesman

How religious was he? He was a religious Jew. He kept the kashrut and observed all the Jewish holidays.

What was his mother tongue? Yiddish





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	attitude to Jewish
	birth/death	and origins of	of children	traditions
		spouse		

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust? Died before

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name? ? Meisels (nee ?)

Where and when was she born? No information

Where else did she live? Lublin Zamosc

Where and when did she die? Zamosc, 1930s

What sort of education did she have? No information

What sort of work did she do? Housewife

How religious was she? She observed all the Jewish holidays and kept kosher.

What was her mother tongue? Yiddish





Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

Name	place and date of occupation	biographical data	biographical data	attitude to Jewish
	birth/death	and origins of	of children	traditions
		spouse		

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust? Died before