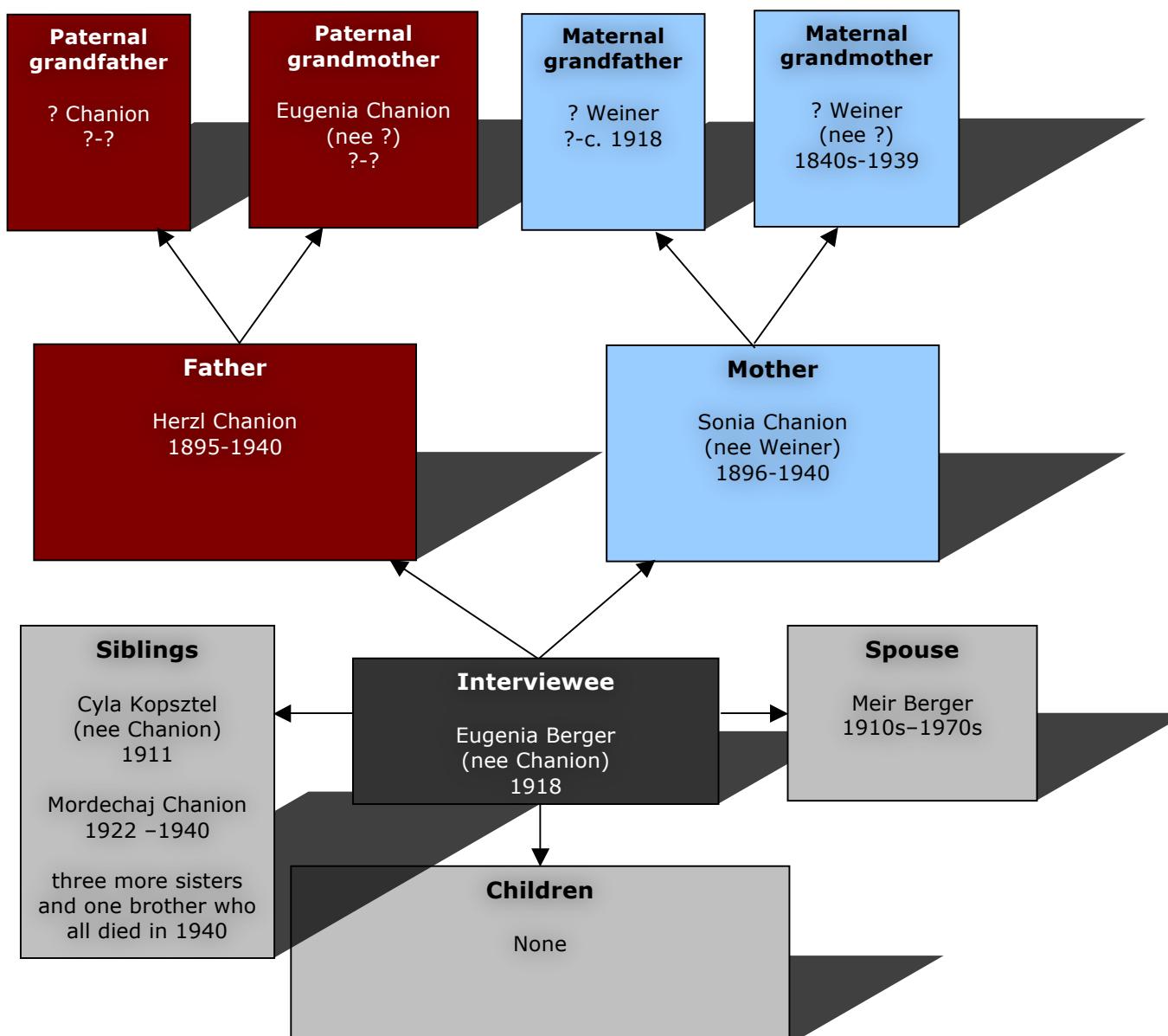


## Family Tree



## The interviewee and his family

*Full name*

Eugenia Berger (nee Chanion)

*Where and when were you born?*

Wilno (today Vilnius, Lithuania), 1918

*Where else did you live?*

Smolensk (today Russia), Moscow (today Russia), Warsaw

*Your educational level?*

Graduated from YIVO college

*What sort of work do/did you do?*

Proof-reader with Yiddish newspaper

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

I grew up in a very religious family. We had a kosher household, right up until the outbreak of war.

*What is your mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*What other languages do you speak?*

Polish, Russian

*Where were you during the Holocaust?*

Ghetto in Wilno (today Vilnius, Lithuania) and unoccupied parts of the Soviet Union

*What did you do after the Holocaust?*

1945-1948: Smolensk (today Russia)- housewife

1949-1955: Gulag camp, Kolyma (today Russia)

1955-1958: Moscow (today Russia)- factory worker

since 1958: Warsaw - proof-reader with 'Dos Yidishe Wort' newspaper

## **Siblings**

*Their names*

Cyla Kopsztel (nee Chanion)

Mordechaj Chanion

and five others (three girls and two boys), who all perished in 1940

*Where and when were they born?*

Both in Wilno (today Vilnius, Lithuania)

Cyla: 1911

Mordechaj: 1922

*What is their mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*Their educational level?*

Cyla: graduated from gymnasium

Mordechaj: no information

*Their occupations?*

Cyla: worker in kibbutz

Mordechaj: N/A

*Where do/did they live?*

Wilno (today Vilnius, Lithuania)

*Where else did they live?*

Cyla: Israel

*Do they have children?*

No information

*Where and when did they die?*

Mordechaj and the other five siblings died in Wilno (today Vilnius, Lithuania)  
ghetto, 1940

**Spouse**

*Name?*

Meir Berger

*Where and when was he/she born?*

Wolyn (today Volyn, Ukraine), 1910s

*Where else did he/she live?*

Warsaw

*Is he/she Jewish?*

Yes

*What is his/her mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*His/her educational level?*

Self-educated

*Occupation?*

He worked for the communist party, carpenter

*Where and when did he/she die?*

Warsaw, 1970s

*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?*

None

## Father

*His name?*

Herzl Chanion

*Where and when was he born?*

Wilno (today Vilnius, Lithuania), 1895

*Where else did he live?*

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*Where and when did he die?*

Wilno ghetto, 1940

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

Tailor

*How religious was he?*

Orthodox

*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 birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
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No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Wilno (today Vilnius, Lithuania) ghetto, perished there

## **Paternal grandfather**

*Your paternal grandfather's name?*

? Chanion

*Where and when was he born?*

No information

*Where else did he live?*

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*Where and when did he die?*

probably Wilno (today Vilnius, Lithuania), before 1918

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

No information

*How religious was he?*

Orthodox

*What was his mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*Army service: which army and what years?*

No information

*Tell me about his brothers and sisters.*

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No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## **Paternal grandmother**

*Your paternal grandmother's name?*

Eugenia Chanion (nee ?)

*Where and when was she born?*

Wilno (today Vilnius, Lithuania), date unknown

*Where else did she live?*

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*Where and when did she die?*

probably Wilno, before 1918

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

No information

*How religious was she?*

Orthodox

*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	describe how religious they were
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No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Mother

*Her name?*

Sonia Chanion (nee Weiner)

*Where and when was she born?*

Dzwinisk (today Daugavpils, Latvia), 1896

*Where else did she live?*

Wilno (today Vilnius, Lithuania)

*Where and when did she die?*

Wilno, 1940

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

She was very religious. She didn't wear a wig; she had beautiful hair. She would fasten it up in a bun. She was not from a Hasidic family. She was just devout, she observed the rules, kept up traditions.

*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	describe how religious they were
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None

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Wilno (today Vilnius, Lithuania) ghetto, perished there

## **Maternal grandfather**

*Your maternal grandfather's name?*

? Weiner

*Where and when was he born?*

probably Dzwinsk (today Daugavpils, Latvia), date unknown

*Where else did he live?*

No information

*Where and when did he die?*

probably Dzwinsk, before 1918

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

No information

*How religious was he?*

Orthodox

*What was his mother tongue?*

probably 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	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?*

? Weiner (nee ?)

*Where and when was she born?*

Dzwinisk (today Daugavpils, Latvia), 1840s

*Where else did she live?*

Wilno (today Vilnius, Lithuania)

*Where and when did she die?*

Wilno, 1939 (before the outbreak of war)

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

Shop-owner

*How religious was she?*

I have the feeling that my grandmother was more worldly, but Mama was very religious. Grandma did go to the synagogue, of course, at Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah – the high holidays, and on Saturdays. But like some people used to – always sitting around in the synagogue – there was none of that!

*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	describe how religious they were
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No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Died before