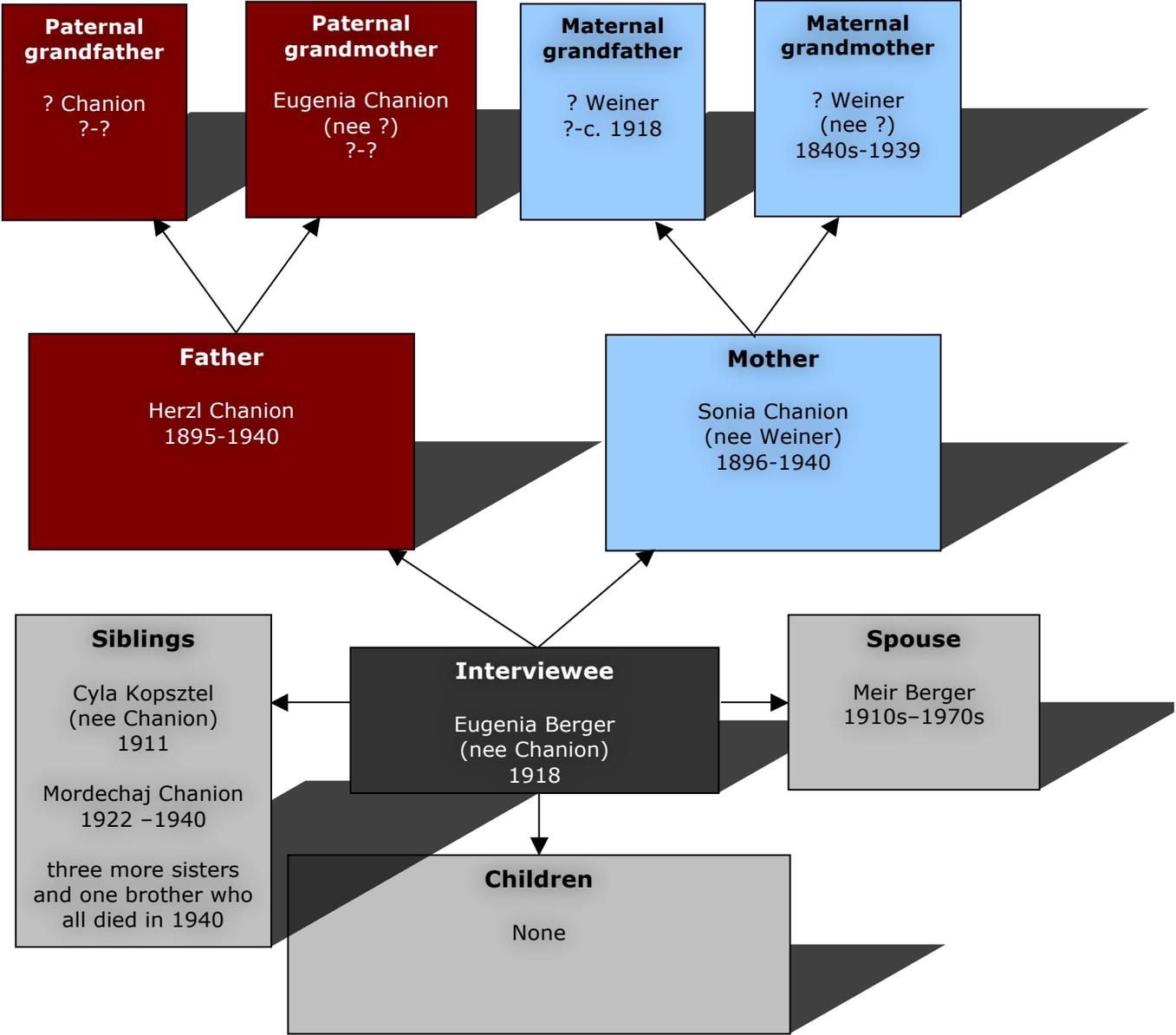


Family Tree



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.

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?

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?

Dzwinsk (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 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?

Died before

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

? Weiner (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

Dzwinsk (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