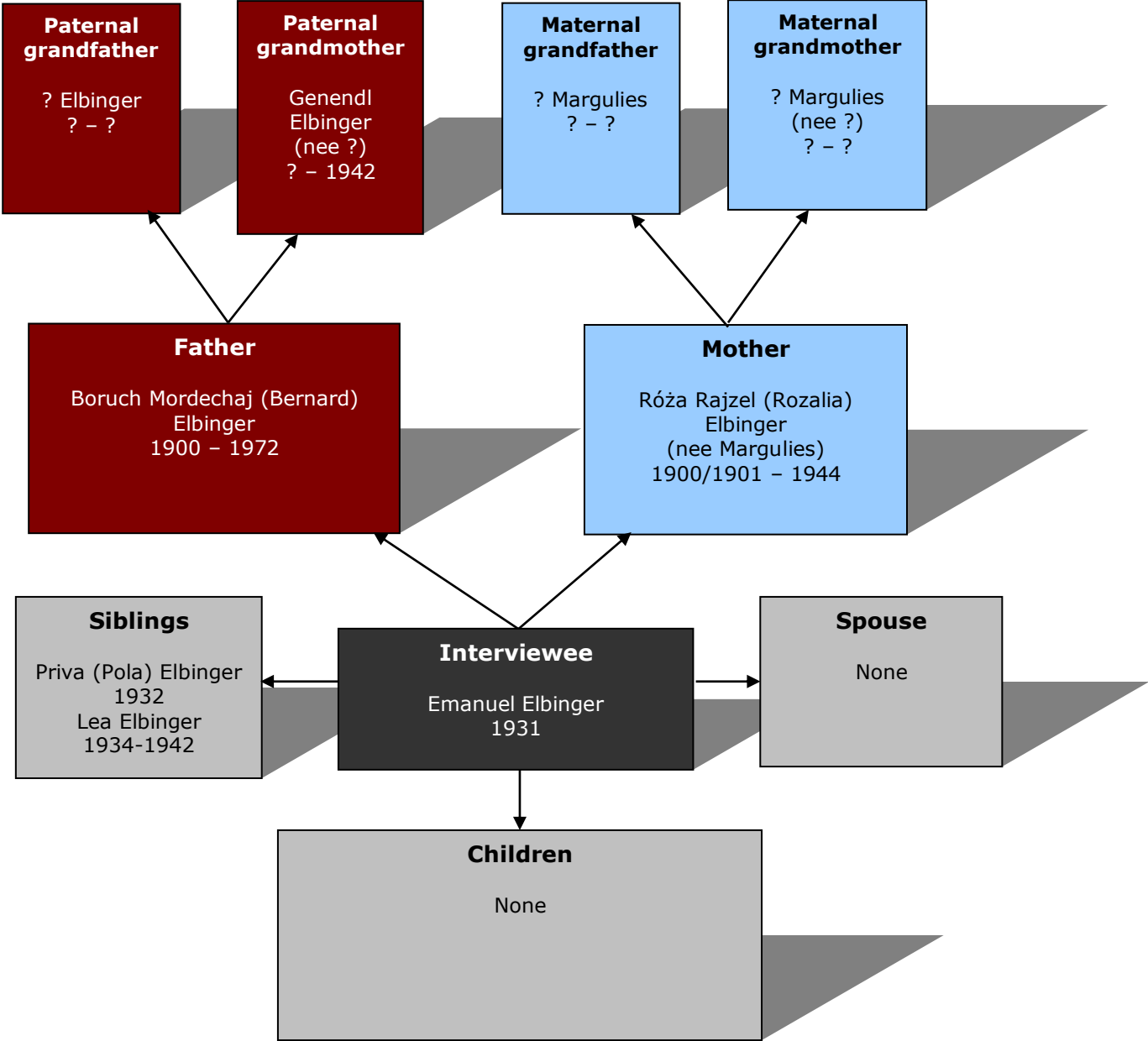


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Emanuel Elbinger

Where and when were you born?

Cracow, 2nd January 1931

Where else did you live?

Nowe Brzesko, Stregoborzyce near Nowe Brzesko, Wawrzencyce near Nowe Brzesko

Your educational level?

Academy of Mining and Metallurgy (today: AGH University of Science and Technology), electrical engineering faculty, electrical engineer

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

I went to the mikveh every Friday, with Father, of course. Father didn't have a beard, so he wasn't some kind of fanatic, but he prayed every day, and on Saturdays he went to synagogue, and took me too.

We had a 100 percent kosher kitchen.

You went to cheder from when you were six. There wasn't a Jewish school in Nowe Brzesko, but there was a (ritual) butcher and he was our melamed. It was his cheder. You paid to go. And I learnt the Bible (Old Testament) with him, and at the same time I learnt Hebrew and Jewish. I went there for 2 years. On Saturday I didn't go to cheder but to one of the townsmen who knew the Torah, and I had to give an account of what I'd learnt over the week.

What is your mother tongue?

Polish

How many other languages do you speak?

German, Hebrew, Yiddish

Where were you during the Holocaust?

Nowe Brzesko, 1939-1942; in hiding in Stregoborzyce near Nowe Brzesko;
Wawrzeczyce near Nowe Brzesko, 1942-1945

What did you do after the Holocaust?

Worked as an electrical engineer in various state-owned companies

Siblings

Their names

Priwa (polonized after World War II to Pola) Elbinger (f)

Lea (Lusia) Elbinger (f)

Where and when were they born?

Priwa: Nowe Brzesko, 1932

Lea: Nowe Brzesko, 1934

What is their mother tongue?

Polish

Their educational level?

No information

Where do/did they live?

Priwa: Nowe Brzesko, Stregoborzyce near Nowe Brzesko, Wawrzencyce near Nowe Brzesko, Cracow

Lea: Nowe Brzesko

Do they have children?

None

Where and when did they die?

Lea: shot dead in Slomniki, 1942

Spouse

Name?

None

Children

Their names?

None

Father

His name?

Boruch Mordechaj (changed after World War II to Bernard) Elbinger

Where and when was he born?

Nowe Brzesko, 1900

Where else did he live?

Stregoborzyce near Nowe Brzesko, Wawrzencyce near Nowe Brzesko, Cracow

Where and when did he die?

Cracow, 1972

What sort of education did he have?

Cheder

What sort of work did he do?

Glazier, textile store owner

How religious was he?

He didn't wear a beard, but he did wear a Jewish-style cap – they were these round ones, with a short peak. He didn't go out without a cap, with a bare head, no – he was religious, you see. Apart from that, he wore normal, European clothes.

I went to the mikveh every Friday, with Father, of course. Father didn't have a beard, so he wasn't some kind of fanatic, but he prayed every day, and on Saturdays he went to synagogue, and took me too. On Saturday, because the shop was closed that day. In Judaism anyone who knows how to can lead the prayers. We didn't have a cantor. So it was whoever knew how. Even Father. And I remember once Father spoke in the synagogue, he said that the Jews were in danger, fire, what was happening in Hitler's Germany – that was 1938. He said that whoever could should help, to buy land in Palestine, to try and have our own state. He wasn't a true Zionist, because he didn't belong to any organization, but

in spirit. And I remember that in our shop there were these 2 tins, and anyone who wanted to could put money in so that land could be bought, for Keren Kayemet and Keren Hayesod.

What was his mother tongue?

Yiddish

Army service: which army and what years?

No information

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

Name	place and date of birth/death	Occupation	Biographical data and origins of spouse	Biographical data of children	attitude to Jewish traditions
Zamwel Elbinger (m)	Nowe Brzesko, date unknown; shot dead in 1942 in Slomniki	Grocery store owner in Nowe Brzesko	No information	He had two sons; both of them died during the Holocaust in Nowe Brzesko in 1942	religious
Moryc Elbinger (m)	Nowe Brzesko, date unknown; died during Holocaust	Textile wholesale dealer in Cracow	No information	Ida Elbinger (f), 1920s - shot dead during Holocaust in Cracow	No information
? Elbinger (m)	Nowe Brzesko	Grocery store owner in Cracow	No information	Abraham Elbinger (m) (today: Alfred) survived the Holocaust and lives in Munich (today Germany)	No information
? Zabner (m), half-brother	(Born from Genendl Elbinger's previous marriage; survived the Holocaust in one of the death camps)	No information	No information	No information	No information

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Where was he during the Holocaust?

Nowe Brzesko, 1939-1942, in hiding in Stregoborzyce near Nowe Brzesko,
Wawrzencyce near Nowe Brzesko 1942-1945

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

? Elbinger

Where and when was he born?

No information

Where and when did he die?

Nowe Brzesko, date unknown

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Grocery store owner

How religious was he?

My parents used to say that my grandfather had been very religious. Did nothing but pray. It used to be called studying. All day long sitting at his books. Father didn't have an education, only the religious sort [he went to cheder].

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	attitude to Jewish traditions
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No information

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

Genendl Elbinger (nee ?) (Zabner from first marriage)

Where and when was she born?

No information

Where else did she live?

Nowe Brzesko

Where and when did she die?

Shot dead in Slomniki, 1942

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Grocery store owner

How religious was she?

She was religious; she wore a sheitl [wig]. She dressed typically old-fashioned: long black skirt and blouse. She was a widow. But my parents used to say that my grandfather had been very religious. All day long sitting at his books while she – which was very common with religious Jews – took care of the running of the house, that there was something to live on, a wage – 'pernusy,' it's called in Jewish [Yid.: parnasa]. Father didn't have an education, only the religious sort [he went to cheder].

What was her mother tongue?

Yiddish

Tell me about her 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
No information					

Mother

Her name?

Roza (in official papers) Rajzel (Jewish version) (changed by her husband after her death to Rozalia) Elbinger (nee Margulies)

Where and when was she born?

Strzemieszyce, 1900 or 1901

Where else did she live?

Nowe Brzesko

Where and when did she die?

Shot dead in Wawrzencyce in December 1944 by unknown murderers

What sort of education did she have?

Grammar school

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife, shopkeeper in her husband's textile store

How religious was she?

[My mother] was from a religious family, but not such an Orthodox one that their whole life centered on praying – above all there was a living to be earned. We had a 100 percent kosher kitchen.

What was her mother tongue?

Polish

Tell me about her 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
Dawid Margulies (m)	Strzemieszyce, lived in Bedzin	No information	No information	No information	No information
? Margulies (m)	Strzemieszyce, lived in Bedzin	No information	No information	No information	No information
Frania Sznur (nee Margulies) (f)	Strzemieszyce, lived in Chrzanow, immigrated to Belgium before World War II; survived the Holocaust in Switzerland	No information	? Sznur	One daughter, Polette, who now lives in Antwerp (Belgium). Polette has two daughters and one son.	No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Nowe Brzesko, 1939-1942, in hiding in Stregoborzyce near Nowe Brzesko, Wawrzencyce near Nowe Brzesko 1942-1944

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

? Margulies

Where and when was he born?

No information

Where else did he live?

Strzemieszyce

Where and when did he die?

No information

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

No information

How religious was he?

[My mother] was from a religious family, but not such an Orthodox one that their whole life centered on praying – above all there was a living to be earned.

What was his mother tongue?

No information

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	attitude to Jewish traditions
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No information

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

? Margulies (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

No information

Where else did she live?

Strzemieszyce

Where and when did she die?

No information

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

No information

How religious was she?

[My mother] was from a religious family, but not such an Orthodox one that their whole life centered on praying – above all there was a living to be earned.

What was her mother tongue?

No information

Tell me about her 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
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No information