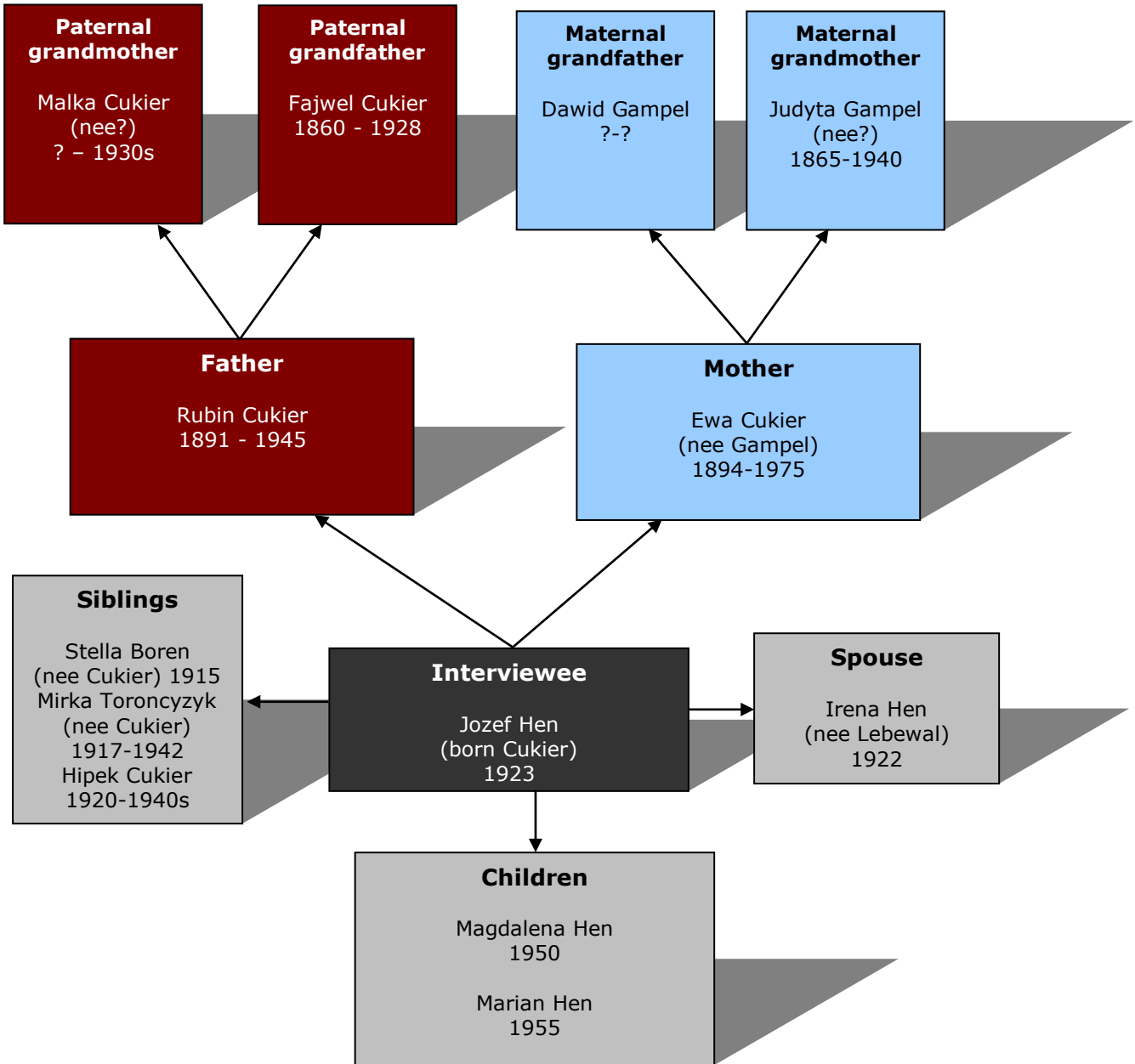


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Jozef Hen (changed from Cukier in 1944 to his pen name)

Where and when were you born?

Warsaw, 7th November 1923

Where else did you live?

Bialystok, Busk (today Ukraine), Dubrovitsa (today Ukraine), Samarkand (today Uzbekistan), Lublin, Rzeszow, Cracow, Jelenia Gora, Poznan

Your educational level?

Finished high school

What sort of work do/did you do?

Writer, publicist

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

He was raised in a religious home. They observed all the Jewish holidays at home. His father almost regularly prayed at a synagogue. Father was a believer, but he wasn't emotional about it. Through confrontation with life and his Christian acquaintances, who he worked with, he became skeptical. Mother followed tradition, although she had her own style – she wasn't extremely religious. She kept a kosher home.

What is your mother tongue?

Polish

How many other languages do you speak?

Russian, Ukrainian, French, Italian, Yiddish

If you were in an army, tell us which army and the dates

Red Army, after November 1941, labor battalion, until 1942

Polish Army, Reserve Regiment of the 2nd Army, after May 1944

Where were you during the Holocaust?

East of the USSR

What did you do after the Holocaust?

He returned to Poland, lived in Cracow, then in Warsaw, he became a novelist and a publicist.

Siblings

Their names

Stella Boren (nee Cukier) (changed first name from Sara because of assimilation)

Mirka Toronczyk (nee Cukier (changed first name from Miriam because of assimilation)

Hipek Cukier (changed first name from Mojzesz because of assimilation)

Where and when were they born?

Stella: Warsaw, 1915

Mirka: Warsaw, 1917

Hipek: Warsaw, 1920

What is their mother tongue?

Polish

Their educational level?

Stella: Finished Dicksteinowa's gymnasium

Mirka: completed 7 grades of public school

Hipek: Finished high school

Their occupations?

Stella: worked as a librarian in a university library in Tel Aviv (today Israel) after the war

Mirka: before the war she worked as a secretary in her father's company

Where do/did they live?

Stella lives on Crete, Greece

Where else did they live?

Stella: Bialystok ,Tel Aviv, Jerusalem (today Israel)

Mirka: Busk (today Ukraine), Dubrovitsa (today Ukraine)

Hipek: Bialystok, Rybinsk (today Russia)

Do they have children?

Stella: a daughter, Nili (birth name: Bronislawa)

Where and when did they die?

Mirka: near Dubrovitsa (today Ukraine), 1942

Hipek: disappeared without a trace, 1942

Spouse

Name?

Irena Hen (nee Lebewal)

Where and when was he/she born?

Navariya (today Ukraine), 4th December 1922

Where else did he/she live?

Samarkand (today Uzbekistan)

Is she Jewish?

Yes

What is his/her mother tongue?

Polish

His/her educational level?

Graduated from pedagogical school in Tashkent (today Uzbekistan)

Unfinished studies of Russian philology at Leningrad University (today Russia)

Occupation?

A secondary school teacher, 1964-67, homemaker

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).

One sister, no further information

Children

Their names?

Magdalena Hen (f)

Marian Hen (m)

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

They are aware of their Jewish identity.

Where and when were they born?

Magdalena: Warsaw, 1950

Marian: Warsaw, 1955

Where else did they live?

Marian: Lodz

Their educational level?

Magdalena: Received Master's Degree in Physics at Warsaw University

Marian: Received Master's Degree in Film School in Lodz

Their occupations?

Magdalena: works at Ministry of Culture

Marian: cameraman

How many grandchildren do you have?

Four:

Magdalena: Ewa (f)

Marian: Tomasz (m), from 1st marriage; Julia (f) and Julian (m) from 2nd marriage

Father

His name?

Rubin Cukier

Where and when was he born?

Radzyn Podlaski, 1891

Where else did he live?

Warsaw

Where and when did he die?

Buchenwald (today Germany), 1945

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

He had his own plumbing firm.

How religious was he?

'Father used to go to the prayer house on Saturday mornings, he never went there on Friday evenings. Father was a believer, but he wasn't emotional about it, he kept a kind of distance, he was what you would call sensible. Through confrontation with life and his Christian acquaintances, who he worked with, he became skeptical.'

What was his mother tongue?

Yiddish

Army service: which army and what years?

Russian Army, 1914

Polish Army, 1939

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
Chawa (Ewa) Laufer (nee Cukier) (f)	Radzyn Podlaski, 1885 - Argentina, ?	Housewife	? Laufer	Several children	No information
Mendel Cukier (m)	Radzyn Podlaski, 1888 - Warsaw Ghetto, 1940s	No information	1 st wife died during childbirth. No information on 2 nd wife	Two daughters They both died in the Warsaw Ghetto, 1940s	He was a religious Jew
Mojzesz Cukier (m)	Radzyn Podlaski, 1894 - Warsaw Ghetto, 1940s	No information	No information	Daughter, Bronislawa (Bronka), died in Warsaw Ghetto, 1940s	No information
Szulim Cukier (m)	Radzyn Podlaski, 1897 - Treblinka, 1940s	No information	Dora Cukier (nee ?) She died in Majdanek, 1940s	Fryderyk (Fredek) He survived Treblinka	No information
One more brother	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Warsaw (1939-1942), Work camp in Skarzysko-Kamienna (1942-1944),
Concentration camp Buchenwald (today Germany) (1945, perished there)

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

Fajwel Cukier

Where and when was he born?

Radzyn Podlaski, 1860

Where else did he live?

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Where and when did he die?

Warsaw, 1928

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Farmer

How religious was he?

He was an observant, religious Jew, but he didn't have sidelocks or a beard.

What was his mother tongue?

No information (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	attitude to Jewish traditions
He had several brothers	No information	No information	No information	One of the brothers had three sons. In the 1920s they moved to Paris, France	No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

Malka Cukier (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

Radzyn Podlaski, date unknown

Where else did she live?

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Where and when did she die?

Radzyn Podlaski, 1930s

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

She was an observant Jew. She kept a kosher home, she wore a wig.

What was her mother tongue?

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

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before

Mother

Her name?

Ewa Cukier (nee Gampel) (First name changed from Chawa because of assimilation)

Where and when was she born?

Warsaw, 1894

Where else did she live?

Tel Aviv (today Israel)

Where and when did she die?

Tel Aviv, 1975 (buried in Holon)

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

'Mother followed tradition, although she had her own style – she wasn't extremely religious. She didn't use to go to the prayer house, but she made sure that milk and meat were separated. She kept all those religious rigors.'

What was her mother tongue?

Polish

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
Meir Gampel (m)	Warsaw, 1888 - Treblinka, 1940s	Businessman	His wife died in Treblinka, 1940s (no further information)	Son Adam, died in Treblinka, 1940s	No information
Sabina Bleifeder (nee Gampel) (f)	Warsaw, 1899 - Treblinka, 1940s	Housewife	Jakub (Kuba) Bleifeder	Marek (m) Halina (f) Both died in Treblinka, 1940s	No information
Hadasa Robak (nee Gampel) (f)	Warsaw, 1890 - died during Holocaust	In porcelain trade	Husband: ? Robak, date and place of birth and death unknown	Gienia (f), died in California, USA, aged 90 Salomea (f) Maria (Mania) (f) Both died in Warsaw during the Holocaust	No information
Hersz (Henryk) Gampel (m)	Warsaw, 1897 - Tel Aviv (today Israel), ?	After Holocaust he was operating a buffet in a cinema in Tel Aviv	Rachela Gampel (nee ?)	Judyta (f) Ariel (m)	No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Warsaw ghetto, work camp in Skarzysko-Kamienna

If she survived, what did she do after?

Emigrated to Tel Aviv in 1957, she lived in a seniors' home

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

Dawid Gampel

Where and when was he born?

Warsaw, date unknown

Where else did he live?

No information

Where and when did he die?

Treblinka, 1940s

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Bought and sold porcelain and glass

How religious was he?

He was an observant Jew.

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

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Killed in Treblinka, 1940s

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

Judyta Gampel (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

Warsaw, 1865

Where else did she live?

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Where and when did she die?

Warsaw, 1940

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

She bought and sold porcelain and glass.

How religious was she?

'Grandma wore a wig and kept a kosher kitchen. The grandparents' house was a typical religious house.'

What was her mother tongue?

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

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died in Warsaw in 1940