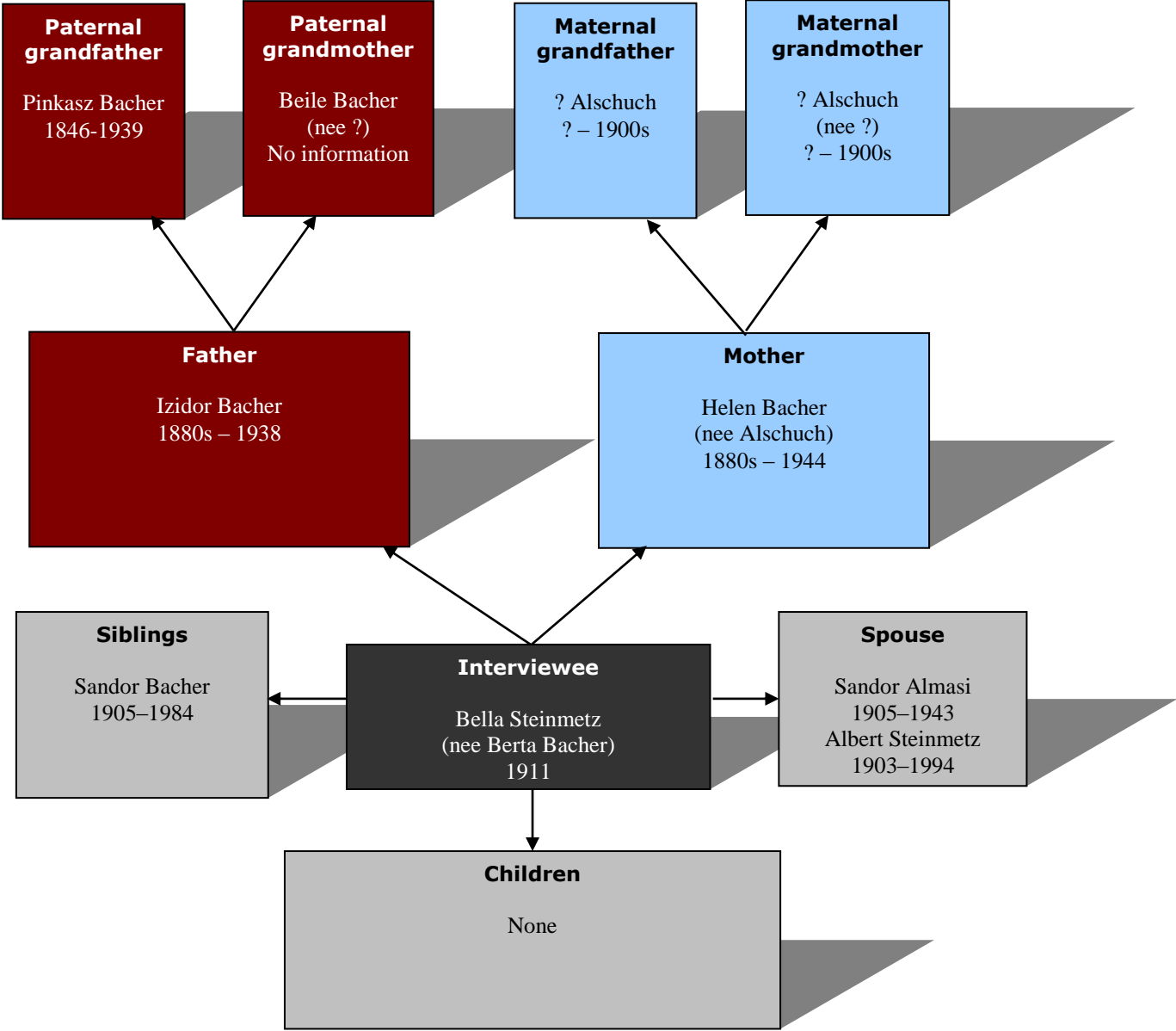


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Bella Steinmetz (nee Berta Bacher, her first name was miswritten, first marriage in 1931, second marriage in 1847)

Where and when were you born?

Gyergyoszarhegy (today Lazarea), 1911 (Austria-Hungary)

Where else did you live?

Marosheviz, Gyergyoszentmiklos, Marosvasarhely (Romania)

Your educational level?

Eight years of gymnasium in a French institute, certificate of final examination and piano teacher qualification, Marosvasarhely (today Targu Mures)

What sort of work do/did you do?

Before WWII: housewife

After WWII: cashier for a short time, then housewife

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

I wasn't kosher: I ate here, I ate there, but I observed some of the traditions. I light two candles on Friday evening even today. I put a shawl on my head, and there is a prayer we recite in Hebrew, I know that by heart. I kept a kosher household until 1940, until it was possible.

What is your mother tongue?

Hungarian

What other languages do you speak?

Romanian, German, French

Where were you during the Holocaust?

Concentration camp: Auschwitz-Birkenau (Poland)

Concentration camp: Bergen-Belsen (Germany)

Labor camp: Leipzig (in an aircraft factory) (Germany)

What did you do after the Holocaust?

I was a housewife.

Siblings

Their names

Sandor Bacher (m)

Where and when were they born?

Gyergyoszentmiklos (today Gheorgheni), 1905 (Austria Hungary)

What is their mother tongue?

Hungarian

Their educational level?

Final examination at the Catholic Gymnasium in Marosvasarhely, University of Economics, Vienna, he didn't finish his studies.

Their occupations?

Office-holder in the wood industry

Where do/did they live?

Szeben, Brasso (Romania)

Where else did they live?

Marosvasarhely

Do they have children?

No

Where and when did they die?

Marosvasarhely (today Targu Mures), 1984 (Romania)

Spouse

Name?

Andor Almasi

Albert Steinmetz

Where and when was he/she born?

Andor: Nyaradszereda (today Miercurea Nirajului), 1905 (Austria-Hungary)

Albert: Maramarossziget (today Sighetu Marmatiei), 1903 (Austria-Hungary)

Where else did he/she live?

Andor: Marosvasarhely

Albert: Budapest, Marosvasarhely

Is he/she Jewish?

Andor: yes

Albert: yes

What is his/her mother tongue?

Andor: Hungarian

Albert: Hungarian

His/her educational level?

Andor: university (Faculty of Law), Kolozsvar (today Cluj Napoca)

Albert: high-school

Occupation?

Andor: lawyer

Albert: before WWII: chief accountant, after WWII: clerk

Where and when did he/she die?

Andor: Ukraine, 1943 (he was shot at work service)

Albert: Marosvasarhely, 1994 (Romania)

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).

Andor: Three siblings: two sisters and a brother, they died in concentration camps.

Albert: Six siblings: three sisters and three brothers.

Children

Their names?

No children

Father

His name?

Izidor Bacher (the family called him Izso)

Where and when was he born?

Maramarossziget (today Sighetu Marmatiei), 1880s (Austria-Hungary)

Where else did he live?

Szeged, Gyergyoszentmiklos, Marosheviz, Gyergyovarhegy

Where and when did he die?

Gyergyovarhegy (today Subcetate), 1938 (Romania)

What sort of education did he have?

Final exams in the Catholic Gymnasium, Maramarossziget

What sort of work did he do?

Cashier in Szeged (for more than 1 year), cashier in Gyergyovarhegy in a Romanian-Swiss timber mill, then became office-holder and technical manager of the factory.

How religious was he?

He worked on Saturdays, and he even traveled and wrote, if he had to, what an Orthodox would not be allowed to. But we had no pork in the house.

What was his mother tongue?

Hungarian

Army service: which army and what years?

He was exempted (no more 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	describe how religious they were
Sara ? (nee Bacher) (f)	She emigrated to America with her husband before WWI.	No information	No information	Two sons, they are teachers	They were religious
Eszter ? (nee Bacher) (f)	She lived in Maramarossziget with her family, everybody was deported. She and her husband died.	Housewife	Her husband was a tradesman, a shopkeeper.	They had five children, all of them survived holocaust, and emigrated to Palestine.	They were Orthodox.
Mirjam Ganz (nee Bacher) (f)	She lived in either Alsoviso, or Felsoviso with her family.	Housewife	? Ganz	(1) David Ganz (m), established a family in Szatmar. (2) Bernat Ganz (m), established a family in Nagyvarad. Both brothers emigrated to Israel, Bernat lived in Bnei Brak, he had two children.	They were orthodox.
Margit (Manci) Bacher (f)	She lived in Maramarossziget with her father, she looked after him.	Housewife	She divorced from her husband.	One son, he was an illegal communist, he disappeared at the age of 14 before WWII.	They were Orthodox.
Jakab Bacher	He lived in	Factory owner	Jewish wife	None	He wasn't too

(m)

Torokszentmiklos
(Hungary). He
was deported.

religious.

Where was he during the Holocaust?

He died before.

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

Pinkasz Bacher

Where and when was he born?

Place unknown, 1846

Where else did he live?

Maramarossziget

Where and when did he die?

Maramarossziget, 1939 (Romania)

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Clerk at the Jewish Community

How religious was he?

He was Orthodox, he was bearded. He observed Sabbath rigorously, he didn't work. He had a little brandy, challah, meat-soup on every Sabbath. He ate kosher food.

What was his mother tongue?

Hungarian (but he spoke well Romanian, German and Hebrew too)

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?

He died before.

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

Beile Bacher (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

No information

Where else did she live?

Maramarossziget

Where and when did she die?

Maramarossziget, 1910s (Austria-Hungary)

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Presumably housewife

How religious was she?

No information

What was her mother tongue?

Hungarian

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	describe how religious they were
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No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

She died before.

Mother

Her name?

Helen Bacher (nee Alschuch)

Where and when was she born?

Gyergyovarhegy (today Subcetate), 1880s (Austria-Hungary)

Where else did she live?

Marosheviz, Marosvasarhely

Where and when did she die?

Auschwitz, 1944 (Poland)

What sort of education did she have?

Eight years in a Catholic gymnasium and two more years for a teacher's qualification in Gyergyoszentmiklos

What sort of work did she do?

She was a teacher in a Romanian primary school in Gyergyoalfalu before getting married, then she was a housewife.

How religious was she?

She didn't have a wig, but she had a kosher household. She always had cut the animals at the shochet, and she koshered the meat. She didn't use pork at all.

What was her mother tongue?

Hungarian

Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

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Berta Mozes (nee Alschuch) (f)	?, ? / Auschwitz, 1944 (Poland) They lived in Gyergyoszentmiklos.	Housewife	Berko Mozes, from Piatra Neamt, wine-grower, wine cellar owner	They didn't have any children, but they raised two children of her brother, Salamon Alschuch.	No information
Netti ? (nee Alschuch) (f)	They lived in Sepsiszentgyorgy	No information, they were badly off.	He died in WWI.	Stefi (f), Henrik (m), Misi (m) and one more daughter, one of the boys was a clerk in the weaving mill in Sepsiszentgyorgy.	No information
Henrik Alschuch (m)	?, ? / ?, 1910s	No information	No information	No information	No information
Salamon Alschuch (m)	They lived in Toplica.	Shopkeeper	Jewish wife	5 children, two of them were raised by Berta Mozes and her husband.	They weren't religious.

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Concentration camp: Auschwitz (Poland) (she died there)

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

? Alschuch

Where and when was he born?

No information

Where else did he live?

Gyergyovarhegy

Where and when did he die?

Gyergyovarhegy (today Subcetate), 1900s (Austria-Hungary)

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Tradesman, shopkeeper

How religious was he?

He was the only Jew in the village where he lived, so he couldn't have an active religious community life, but it is likely that he observed Jewish traditions at home, and had a kosher household.

What was his mother tongue?

Presumably Hungarian

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?

He died before.

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

? Alschuch (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

No information

Where else did she live?

Presumably in Gyergyovarhegy

Where and when did she die?

Gyergyovarhegy (today Subcetate), 1900s (Austria-Hungary)

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Presumably housewife

How religious was she?

No information

What was her mother tongue?

Presumably Hungarian

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	describe how religious they were
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No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

She died earlier.