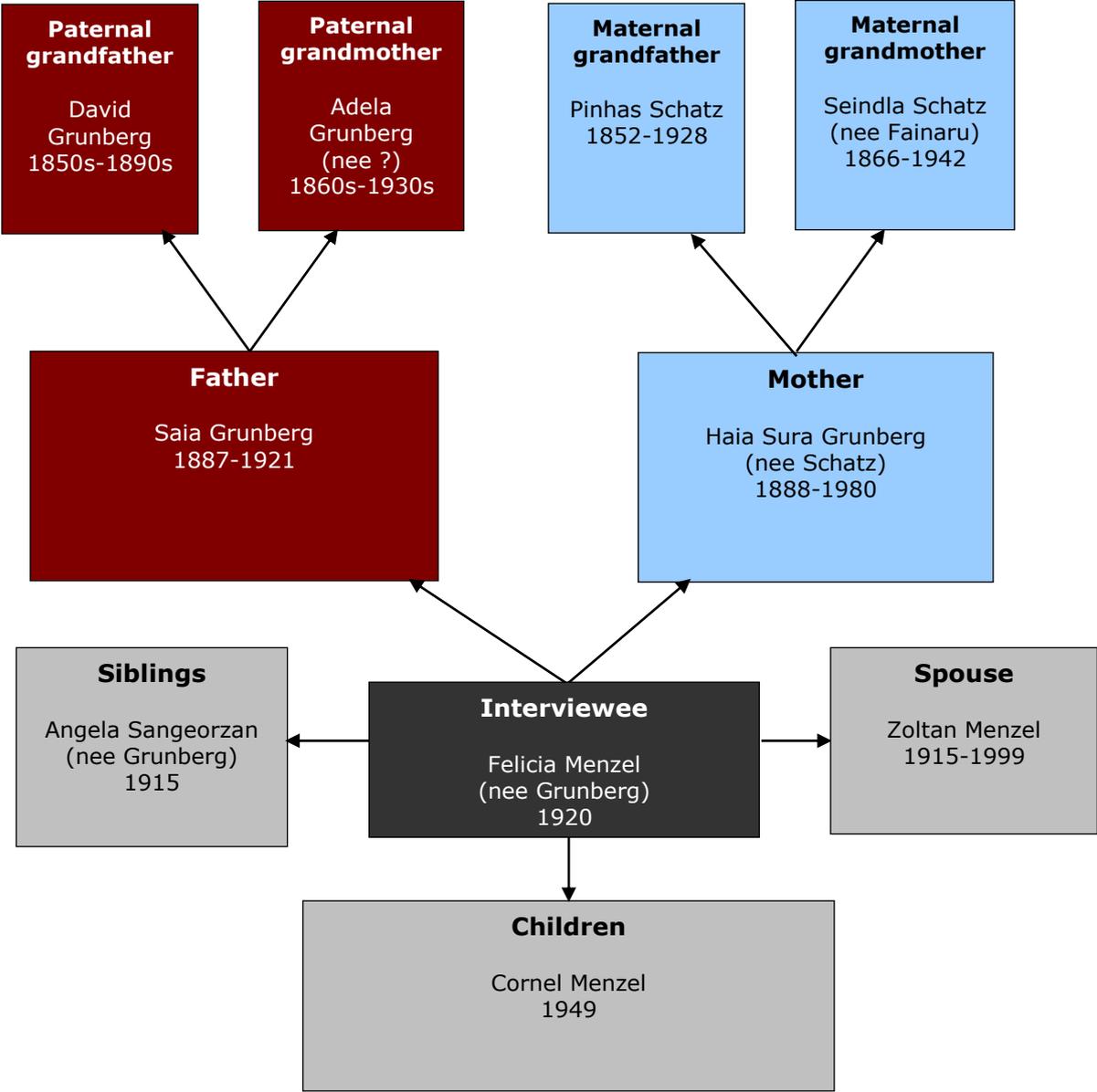


# Family Tree



## The interviewee and his family

*Full name*

Felicia Menzel (nee Grunberg)

*Where and when were you born?*

Iasi, 1st June 1920

*Where else did you live?*

Bucharest, Tarnaveni, Brasov, Sfantu-Gheorghe

*Your educational level?*

6 years of Orthodox theoretical high school, followed by the Mihail Kogalniceanu High School, Iasi

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

Secretary and typist

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

My parents were religious; my mother was more religious than my father. She stopped being religious because of the sudden death of my father. Mother fasted on Yom Kippur only as long as her parents were alive, after that she stopped. All the religious education I have come mostly from my grandparents. Grandfather used to pray with tefillin every morning, and Grandmother lit the candles every Friday evening and said the blessing.

*What is your mother tongue?*

Romanian

*What other languages do you speak?*

Hungarian, English, French, German

*Where were you during the Holocaust?*

At home in Brasov

*What did you do after the Holocaust?*

Worked as a secretary and typist

## Siblings

*Their names*

Angela Sangeorzan (nee Grunberg)

*Where and when were they born?*

Iasi, 1915

*What is their mother tongue?*

Romanian

*Their educational level?*

Studied 2 years at the Faculty of Foreign Languages, Bucharest, then 3 years at the Faculty of Law, Iasi

*Their occupations?*

Secretary

*Where do/did they live?*

Milwaukee (USA)

*Where else did they live?*

Brasov, Bucharest

*Do they have children?*

A daughter, Doina Vecsler (nee Sangeorzan)

## **Spouse**

*Name?*

Zoltan Menzel

*Where and when was he/she born?*

Budapest (today Hungary), 1915

*Where else did he/she live?*

Brasov

*Is he/she Jewish?*

Yes

*What is his/her mother tongue?*

Hungarian

*His/her educational level?*

Graduated from Honterus High School, Brasov

*Occupation?*

Accountant

*Where and when did he/she die?*

Brasov, 1999

*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).*

None

## Children

*Their names?*

Cornel Menzel

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

Yes

*Where and when were they born?*

Bucharest, 1949

*Where else did they live?*

Tarnaveni, Brasov, Washington (USA)

*Their educational level?*

Graduated from the Construction Institute, Bucharest

*Their occupations?*

State clerk

*How many grandchildren do you have?*

None

## Father

*His name?*

Saia Grunberg

*Where and when was he born?*

Iasi, 1887

*Where else did he live?*

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*Where and when did he die?*

Iasi, 1921

*What sort of education did he have?*

Business high school, Iasi

*What sort of work did he do?*

Commercial clerk

*How religious was he?*

He was not very religious, but I think he went to the synagogue on the High Holidays. He didn't have a beard or payes.

*What was his mother tongue?*

Romanian

*Army service: which army and what years?*

Romanian army, 1916-1918

*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
Iosif Grunberg (m)	?, Iasi – 1980s, Philadelphia (USA)	Photographer	Jewish wife Ana, dressmaker	Sophie Grunberg (f), David Grunberg (m), clerk, Evelyn Grunberg (f)	Not very religious

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Paternal grandfather

*Your paternal grandfather's name?*

David Grunberg

*Where and when was he born?*

Iasi, 1850s

*Where else did he live?*

No information

*Where and when did he die?*

Piatra Neamt, 1890s

*What sort of education did he have?*

Elementary school

*What sort of work did he do?*

Engraver

*How religious was he?*

No information

*What was his mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*Army service: which army and what years?*

None

*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
?	?-?, left for USA	No information	No information	No information	No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Paternal grandmother

*Your paternal grandmother's name?*

Adela Grunberg (nee ?)

*Where and when was she born?*

Iasi, 1860s

*Where else did she live?*

Philadelphia (USA)

*Where and when did she die?*

Philadelphia, 1930s

*What sort of education did she have?*

None

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

No information

*What was her mother tongue?*

Romanian

*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
Brucha Hirsch (nee ?) (f)	?-?, USA	No information	Jewish husband Hirsch	None	No information
Mendel ? (m)	?-?, USA	No information	No information	No information	No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Mother

*Her name?*

Haia Sura Grunberg (nee Schatz)

*Where and when was she born?*

Iasi, 1888

*Where else did she live?*

Bucharest, Brasov

*Where and when did she die?*

Bucharest, 1980

*What sort of education did she have?*

German academy for young ladies, Iasi

*What sort of work did she do?*

Clerk, teacher, Iasi; then housewife, Brasov

*How religious was she?*

She was rather religious, she kept separate pots for milk and meat, she went to the synagogue on the High Holidays, she baked challah, she lit candles for the evening prayers on Fridays, but didn't wear a wig or a kerchief. She fasted on Yom Kippur.

*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	describe how religious they were
None					

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

At home in Brasov

*If she survived, what did she do after?*

Housewife

## Maternal grandfather

*Your maternal grandfather's name?*

Pinhas Schatz

*Where and when was he born?*

Iasi, 1852

*Where else did he live?*

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*Where and when did he die?*

Iasi, 1928

*What sort of education did he have?*

Cheder (religious Jewish elementary school focusing almost exclusively on religious material)

*What sort of work did he do?*

Grain shop owner

*How religious was he?*

He was very religious, he didn't use a blade for shaving – a barber came to shave him with a machine – and didn't wear payes or a beard. He went to the mikveh every morning, went to the synagogue on every Sabbath, he wore tefillin. He observed kashrut.

*What was his mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*Army service: which army and what years?*

None

*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
?	?-?, left for USA		No information	No information	No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Maternal grandmother

*Your maternal grandmother's name?*

Seindla Schatz (nee Fainaru)

*Where and when was she born?*

Iasi, 1866

*Where else did she live?*

Brasov

*Where and when did she die?*

Brasov, 1942

*What sort of education did she have?*

None

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

She was rather religious, she observed kashrut, she lit candles on Friday evenings, she didn't light the fire on Sabbath, and she went to the synagogue on the High Holidays. She didn't wear a wig or a kerchief.

*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	describe how religious they were
Roza Katzman (nee Fainaru) (f)	Iasi, ? – USA, ?	No information	Jewish husband Katzman	No information	No information
Freda ? (nee Fainaru) (f)	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information
Lea ? (nee Fainaru) (f)	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

At home in Brasov