# **Family Tree**



## The interviewee and his family

*Full name* Silo Oberman (Jewish name: Seilig)

Where and when were you born? Braila, 1917

Where else did you live? Galati

*Your educational level?* Commercial high school

What sort of work do/did you do? Head of the planning department

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

My father wasn't so traditionalist and religious, but he went to the Temple, becaused he used to do this. My mother was educated much strictly, but after she married this faith disappeared. They went to the Temple on holidays. When she lives my mother goes with my father to the Temple, on holidays and they took us (the children) with them.

*What is your mother tongue?* Yiddish What other languages do you speak? Romanian and Yiddish

# *If you were in an army, tell us which army and the dates* Furrier, that means secretary at Campaign 1, in 1939, when I was in the army.

## Where were you during the Holocaust?

I was in hiding in Braila, then arrested in 1942. All Jews performed forced labor and I worked at the Military Bakery as a porter.

What did you do after the Holocaust? Worked as the head of the planning department

#### Siblings

*Their names* Beatrice Oberman Melanie Oberman

Where and when were they born? Beatrice: Braila, 1919 Melanie: Braila, 1924

What is their mother tongue? Yiddish and Romanian

*Their educational level?* High school

Their occupations? Beatrice: teacher of mathematics Melanie: worked as a rate-setter

Where do/did they live? Braila, Romania

Where else did they live?

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Do they have children?

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Where and when did they die?

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## Spouse

*Name?* None

## Children

*Their names?* None

## Father

His name? Elias Oberman (Jewish name: Eli ben Yacob)

Where and when was he was born? Targul Namoloasa (Focsani county), 1880

Where else did he live? Braila

Where and when did he die? Braila, 1968

What sort of education did he have? High school (unfinished)

What sort of work did he do? Clerk at cereal companies

How religious was he?

My father wasn't traditionalist, wasn't religious, but he went to the Synagogue, he observed the high holidays.

What was his mother tongue? Yiddish and Romanian

#### Army service: Which army and what years?

My father was in the army and in the battlefield in Bulgaria, in 1913. He even was decorated. But he fled from the army.

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

Name	place and date of	occupation	biographical data	biographical data	describe how religious
	birth/death		and origins of	of children	they were
			spouse		
Joseph Oberman	Lived in Braila		Deborah		
(m)			Oberman		
Maurice	Lived in Braila				
Oberman (m)					
Rebeca Hertanu		The family	Moritz Hertanu	Ionel Hertanu (m)	
(nee Oberman)		owned a		Iuji Hertanu (m)	
(f)		perfumery		Alphonse Hertanu	
		shop.		(m)	
				Betty ? (nee	
				Hertanu) (f)	
Pepi Bernescu			Herman		
(nee Oberman)			Bernescu		
(f)					

Where was he during the Holocaust? At home: in Braila

If he survived, what did he do after? He was working

# **Paternal grandfather**

*Your paternal grandfather's name?* Iacob Oberman

Where and when was he born? Targul Namoloasa, date unknown

Where else did he live? Braila

Where and when did he die? Braila

What sort of education did he have? No information

What sort of work did he do? Cereal trader

How religious was he? He wasn't very religious.

*What was his mother tongue?* Yiddish

Army service: Which army and what years? No information

Name	place and date of occupation	biographical data	biographical data	describe how religious
	birth/death	and origins of	of children	they were
		spouse		
Had siblings			Have no	
			information whose	
			children:	
			Kivu Oberman (m)	
			Mandel Oberman	
			(m)	
			Marcu Oberman	
			(m)	
			Avram Oberman	
			(m)	
			Deborah Oberman	
			(f) who married	
			her cousin Joseph	
			Oberman	

#### Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

*Where was he during the Holocaust?* Died before

# **Paternal grandmother**

Your paternal grandmother's name? Betty Oberman (nee ?)

Where and when was she born? Targul Namoloasa, date unknown

Where else did she live? Braila

Where and when did she die? Braila

What sort of education did she have? No information

What sort of work did she do? Helped in the business with cereals

How religious was she? Not very religious

What was her mother tongue? Yiddish

#### Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

Name	place and date of occupation	biographical data	biographical data	describe how religious
	birth/death	and origins of	of children	they were
		spouse		

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust? Died before

## Mother

Her name?

Sarah Oberman (nee Schaffer), she was called Surica (Jewish name: Sarah bat Seilig)

Where and when was she was born? Braila, cca. 1890

Where else did she live? Braila

Where and when did she die? Braila, cca. 1972

What sort of education did she have? She was at girls school in Braila, had higher education. She learnt to play the piano at private tuition.

*What sort of work did she do?* Housewife

How religious was she? She was religious because she was much strictly educated.

*What was her mother tongue?* Yiddish

#### Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

Name	place and date of	occupation	biographical data	biographical data	describe how religious
	birth/death		and origins of	of children	they were
			spouse		

Where was she during the Holocaust? In Braila

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

## Maternal grandfather

*Your maternal grandfather's name?* Selig Schaffer

Where and when was he born? Braila, date unknown

Where else did he live?

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Where and when did he die?

Braila, in the 1910s

## What sort of education did he have?

He knew to write with Hebrew letters and was a man with culture. He had his bookkeeping in Hebrew.

What sort of work did he do? Secretary at the Chevra Kaddisha.

How religious was he?He care very much for religion and observed all the religious traditions.

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 occupation	biographical data	biographical data	describe how religious
	birth/death	and origins of	of children	they were
		spouse		

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust? Died before

# Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name? Malca Schaffer (nee ?)

Where and when was she born? Braila, ?

Where else did she live?

Where and when did she die? Braila, before 1910

What sort of education did she have? No information

*What sort of work did she do?* Housewife

How religious was she? Very religious

*What was her mother tongue?* Yiddish

Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

name	place and date of occupation	biographical data	biographical data	describe how religious
	birth/death	and origins of	of children	they were
		spouse		

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust? Died before