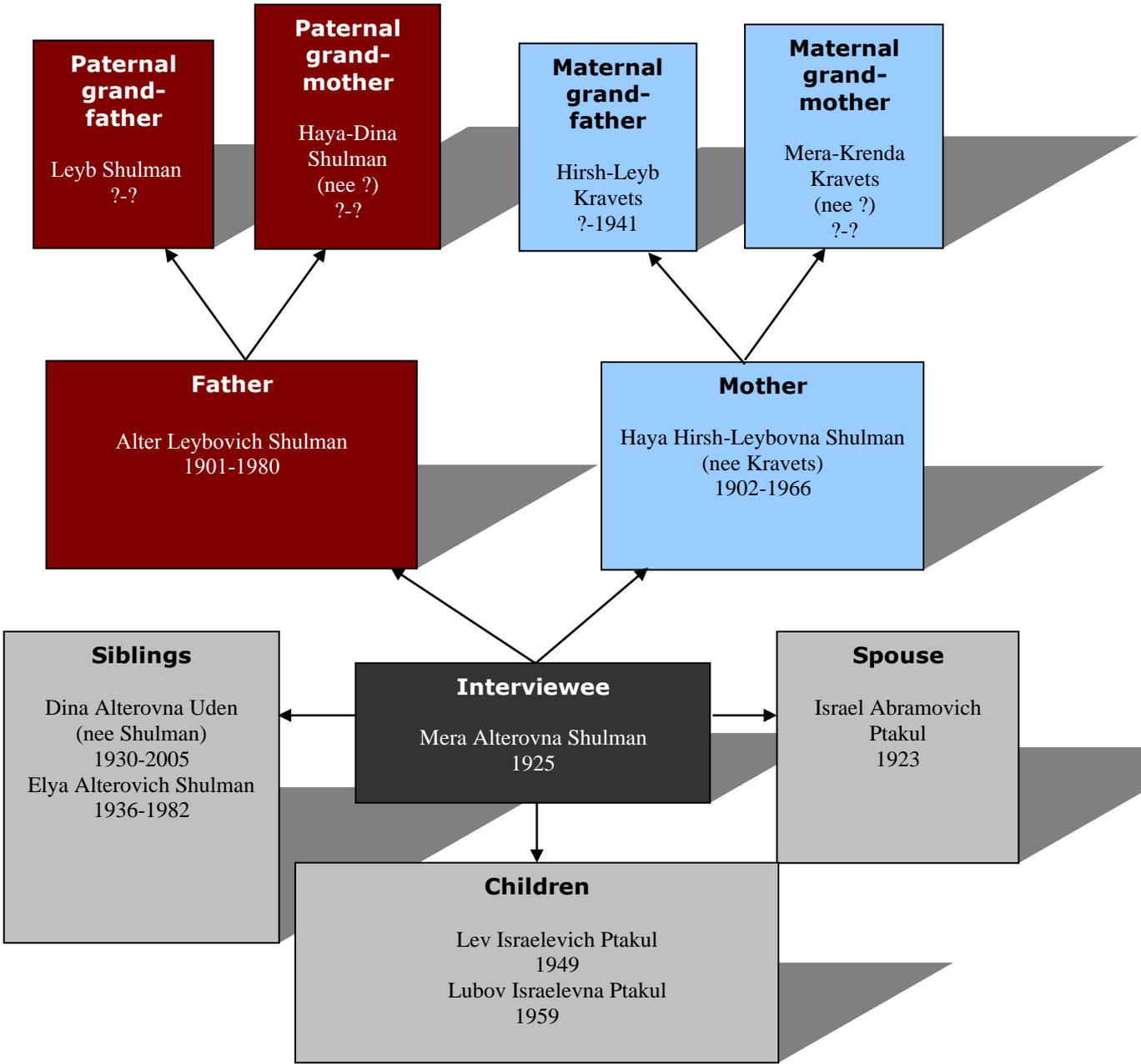


**Family Tree**



## The interviewee and his family

*Full name*

Mera Alterovna Shulman (Jewish name: Mera-Krenda)

*Where and when were you born?*

Riga (today Latvia), 1925

*Where else did you live?*

Livani (today Latvia), Novotroitsk, Chkalov region , Leningrad

*Your educational level?*

Graduated from the Agricultural Academy (Technological Faculty for food-processing), Riga and from the Northwest Correspondence Polytechnical College, Leningrad

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

Tallinn - technologist at sausage factory

Latviana - a master of meat processing

Leningrad - engineer

St. Petersburg – teacher of Hebrew and Yiddish

*What was the level of religiosity in your parent´s home? How were you raised?*

My parents visited synagogue from time to time. Our family celebrated Jewish holidays, sometimes lighted Sabbath candles. They observed kashrut partly. My brother was circumcised, they arranged bar mitzvah for him.

*What is your mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*How many languages do you speak?*

Russian, Hebrew, Latvian

*Where were you during the Holocaust?*

In evacuation in Chkalov region

## Siblings

### *Their names*

Dina Alterovna Uden (nee Shulman) (f)  
Elya Alterovich Shulman (m)

### *Where and when were they born?*

Dina: Riga, 1930  
Elya: Riga, 1936

### *What is their mother tongue?*

Yiddish

### *Their educational level?*

Dina: Graduated from Latvian State University, Riga  
Elya: Graduated from Northwest Correspondence Polytechnical College, Leningrad

### *Their occupations?*

Dina: engineer  
Elya: engineer

### *Where do/did they live?*

Dina: Riga  
Elya: Riga

### *Where else did they live?*

Dina: the USA  
Elya: Minsk (today Belarus)

### *Do they have children?*

Dina: son Boris Ruvenovich Uden  
Elya: daughters Olga Elyevna Shulman, Anna Elyevna Shulman

### *Where and when did they die?*

Dina: the USA, 2005  
Elya: Minsk, 1982

## Spouse

*Name?*

Israel Abramovich Ptakul

*Where and when was he/she born?*

Lodz (today Poland), 1923

*Where else did he live?*

Chkalov region, Leningrad

*Is he/she Jewish?*

Yes

*What is his/her mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*His/her educational level?*

Graduated from Electrotechnical College, Leningrad

*Occupation?*

Electrical engineer

## Children

*Their names?*

Lev Israelevich Ptakul (m)  
Lubov Israelevna Ptakul (f)

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

We really brought up our children as Jews. It was very difficult and dangerous for parents to do it at that time.‘

*Where and when were they born?*

Lev: Riga (today Latvia), 1949  
Lubov: Leningrad, 1959

*Where else did they live?*

Lev: Germany

*Their educational level?*

Lev: Graduated from Northwest Correspondence Polytechnical College, Leningrad  
Lubov: Graduated from State Pedagogical College named after Hertsen, Leningrad

*Their occupations?*

Lev: mechanical engineer  
Lubov: teacher of Russian language and literature

*How many grandchildren do you have?*

None

## Father

*His name?*

Alter Leybovich Shulman

*Where and when was he was born?*

Livani (today Latvia), 1901

*Where else did he live?*

Riga (today Latvia), Chkalov region

*Where and when did he die?*

Riga (today Latvia), 1980

*What sort of education did he have?*

Cheder (2 classes)

*What sort of work did he do?*

A cutter of footwear, salesman in furniture shop

*What was his level of religiosity?*

He sometimes visited synagogue, celebrated Jewish holidays, observed kashrut (not strictly)

*What was his mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*Army service: Which army and what years?*

Soviet Army, 1942-1945

*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
Perl Leybovna Berkovich (nee Shulman)	No information, she died in Latvia	No information	Abram Berkovich, Jewish	3 sons	No information

(f)

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

In evacuation in Chkalov region

## Paternal grandfather

*Your father's father name?*

Leyb Shulman

*Where and when was he born?*

No information

*Where else did he live?*

Livani (today Latvia), Riga (today Latvia)

*Where and when did he die?*

Riga (today Latvia), 1930

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

A shoemaker

*What was his level of religiosity?*

He wore kippah, prayed three times a day, put on tefillin

*What was his mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*Army service: Which army and what years?*

None

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

No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Paternal grandmother

*Your father's mother's name?*

Haya-Dina Shulman (nee ?)

*Where and when was she born?*

Latvia, year not known

*Where else did she live?*

Riga (today Latvia)

*Where and when did she die?*

No information

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

A house wife

*What was her level of religiosity?*

She wore a wig, so she must have been religious. No more information is available.

*What was her mother tongue?*

Yiddish

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

No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Mother

*Her name?*

Haya Hirsh-Leybovna Shulman (nee Kravets)

*Where and when was she was born?*

Latvia, 1902

*Where else did she live?*

Riga (today Latvia), Chkalov region

*Where and when did she die?*

Riga (today Latvia), 1966

*What sort of education did she have?*

Finished High school, Riga

*What sort of work did she do?*

A house wife

*What was her level of religiosity?*

Sometimes she visited synagogue, celebrated Jewish holidays, sometimes lighted Sabbath candles

*What was her mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*Tell me about her 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
Rosa Hirsh-Leybovna Lifshits (nee Kravets) (f)	Latvia, 1895 / Latvia, 1941	A doctor	No information	No children	No information
Sofiya (Basheve) Hirsh-Leybovna Kleener (nee Kravets) (f)	Latvia, 1898 / Latvia, no information	A house wife	An owner of furniture shop, A Jew	No information	No information
David Hirsh-Leybovich Kravets (m)	No information / no information, during WWI	No information	No information	No information	No information
Lazar Hirsh-Leybovich Kravets (m)	No information / Latvia, during the Holocaust	a furniture-maker	Zelda, a Jewess	Abram (m), Mirra (f) Died during the Holocaust	No information
Borukh Hirsh-Leybovich Kravets (m)	No information / Latvia, during Holocaust	No information	A wife, Jewess	2 children	No information
Pinkhus Hirsh-Leybovich Kravets (m)	No information, 1912 / Riga (today Latvia), 1988	a furniture-maker	Sofiya, Jewess	Mirra (f), born in 1938, a doctor, lives in the USA Fruma (f), born in 1934, an engineer, lives in the USA	No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

In evacuation in Chkalov region

## Maternal grandfather

*Your mother's father's name?*

Hirsh-Leyb Kravets

*Where and when was he born?*

No information

*Where else did he live?*

Riga (today Latvia)

*Where and when did he die?*

No information, during the Holocaust

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

A tailor, an owner of a furniture store

*What was his level of religiosity?*

He put on kippah only to visit synagogue, celebrated Jewish holidays

*What was his mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*Army service: Which army and what years?*

None

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

No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Murdered by the Nazis in Latvia

## Maternal grandmother

*Your mother's mother's name?*

Mera-Krenda Kravets (nee ?)

*Where and when was she born?*

No information

*Where else did she live?*

Riga (today Latvia)

*Where and when did she die?*

Riga (today Latvia), no information

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

A house wife

*What was her level of religiosity?*

She wore a wig, so she must have been religious. No more information.

*What was her mother tongue?*

Yiddish

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

No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Died before