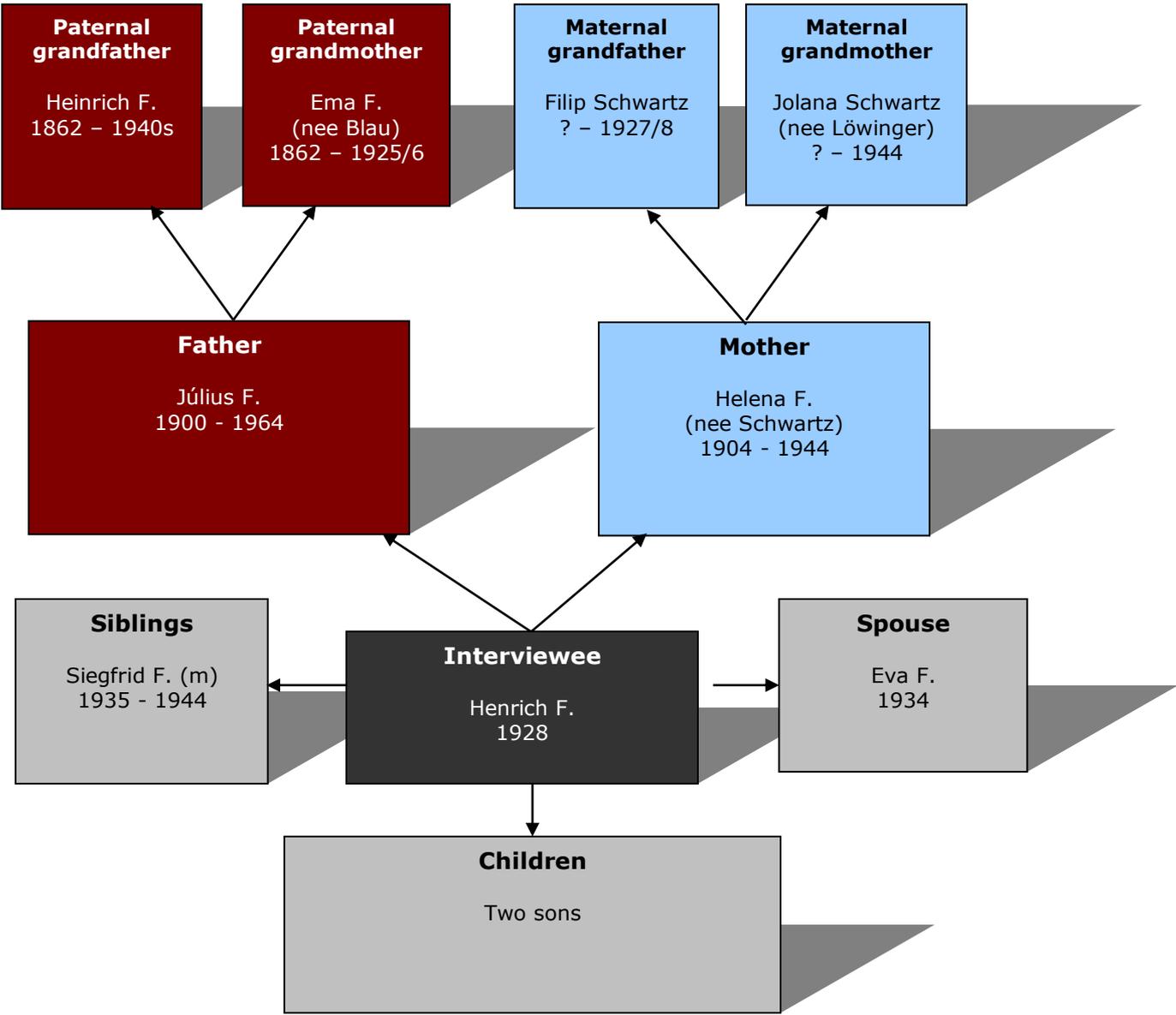


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Henrich F. (nickname Harry)

Where and when were you born?

Bratislava, 1928

Where else did you live?

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Your educational level?

University of Technology in Bratislava

What sort of work do/did you do?

After finishing school, I got a job in Aritma Praha, where I worked on the development of computers. From there I went to work for PZO Kovo [*PZO Kovo: in the past, a company that concerned itself with foreign trade. It had a monopoly on the import and export of light machinery and electronics– Editor's note*]. I worked in foreign trade; they sent me as a delegate to Warsaw, Budapest, Skopje, and for some time I was also in Germany. That was when I was still single. My wife was pregnant during the time I was in Skopje. I got an ultimatum from my wife: travel, or children. Of course, I decided for children. I found a job in a company that dealt with computer technology, which at that time was on the upswing. I was given the position of engineering manager. My colleagues and I built buildings all over Slovakia. We built them from the ground up, including office furniture, technical facilities and computers, right up to the TV antenna. We built ten of these buildings in Slovakia. You can for example find them in Bratislava, Dunajska Streda, Nitra, Banska Bystrica, Liptovsky Mikulas, Presov and Kosice. Our company did population censuses. We took care of data collection and processing. I retired in 1991.

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

Our family was quite distant from the Jewish religion. Our family observed only the High Holidays. I can't describe them, as I was still small. As children we didn't really observe the fast during Yom Kippur [*Yom Kippur: The Day of Atonement. The most celebrated event in the Jewish calendar. A day of "cleansing of sins". Fasting is observed. – Editor's note*]. But I do remember Simchat Torah [*Simchat Torah: the main significance of the holiday lies in the continuation of the Five Books of Moses. The cycle of reading from the Torah ends and begins on the same day, and the public celebration connected with this expresses the joy inspired by this process – Editor's note*], how we would walk, with stops, around Rybne Square, but that's also a long time ago. I didn't even have a bar mitzvah [*bar mitzvah - "son of the Commandments", a Jewish boy that has reached the age of thirteen. A ceremony, during which the boy is declared to be bar mitzvah, from this point on he must fulfill all commandments of the Torah – Editor's note*]. My 13th birthday took place during the war year of 1941, and by then people had other things to worry about.

What is your mother tongue?

German

What other languages do you speak?

Hungarian, Slovak

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

No information

Where were you during the Holocaust?

Collection camp: Patronka Bratislava, 1942

In hiding: pulmonary disease clinic, Kvetnica, 1942

In hiding: Nitra, 1942

In hiding: Protestant children's camp, Brezova pod Bradlom, 1943

In hiding: Devinska Nova Ves, 1943

In hiding: Vychodna, 1944

In hiding: Bratislava, 1944

In hiding: Pudunajske Biskupice, 1944 - 1945

What did you do after the Holocaust?

After the war I graduated from school, and started working. In 1964 I got married, and started a family. I retired in 1991.

Siblings

Their names

Siegfrid F. (m)

Where and when were they born?

Bratislava, 28th February 1935

What is their mother tongue?

German

Their educational level?

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Their occupations?

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Where do/did they live?

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Where else did they live?

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Do they have children?

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Where and when did they die?

Auschwitz Birkenau (today Poland), 1944

Spouse

Name?

Eva F. (nee S.)

Where and when was he/she born?

Velka Calomia, 27th January 1934

Where else did he/she live?

Liptovsky Mikulas

Nebojsa

Jatov

Bratislava

Is he/she Jewish?

Yes

What is his/her mother tongue?

Hungarian

His/her educational level?

No information

Occupation?

My wife worked in the same place her entire life. For forty years she worked for Priemstav [Priemstav: performs engineering construction including technical facilities, and sells construction materials – Editor’s note].

Where and when did he/she die?

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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).

Csöpi (f): worked at orthodontic clinic in Bratislava

Juraj (m): worked in Nove Zamky as a veterinarian, died at the age of 62

Children

Their names?

Two sons

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

Yes/Yes

Where and when were they born?

(m): Bratislava, 26th August 1965

(m): Bratislava, 26th August 1965

Where else did they live?

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Their educational level?

(m): University of Technology in Bratislava, computer technology

(m): University of Technology in Bratislava, computer technology

Their occupations?

(m): programmer

(m): does business in the field of computer technology

How many grandchildren do you have?

(m): one boy, one girl

(m): childless

Father

His name?

Julius F.

Where and when was he born?

Nyarasd (today named Topolniky), 25th November 1900

Where else did he live?

Bratislava

Where and when did he die?

Bratislava, 1964

What sort of education did he have?

Graduated from mercantile school in Dunajska Streda

What sort of work did he do?

My father worked as a traveling salesman for the Kurtz Company. In 1934, as a result of the depression [4], one store after another was going under. The Kurtz Company ended up the same way. My father then opened his own clothing store in Venturska Street. He sold notions, buttons and accessories for tailors. Later he sold underwear as well. He and my mother worked in the store together. After our store was nationalized, my father worked for Vesna [*Vesna: a chain of textile outlets offering a wide assortment of textile goods – Editor's note*]; they then renamed it to Otex [*Otex: textile company offering a wide assortment of men's and women's clothing – Editor's note*]. There he somehow didn't get along with the management, and so he left to work at the Tuberculosis Research Institute. He was in charge of the warehouse and materials and equipment.

How religious was he?

Our family was quite distant from the Jewish religion. Our family was modern, we didn't feel anything major towards religion. During the High Holidays, our whole

family would visit the Neolog synagogue on Rybne Square.

What was his mother tongue?

Hungarian

Army service: which army and what years?

Czechoslovak Army, was a hospital orderly in Ruzomberk, 1918 - 1920

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
Berta Deutsch (nee F.) (f)	Nyarasd, 20 th April 1896/died in the Holocaust	Helped her husband in the store.	Deutsch, owned a general store in the town of Nyarasd (today Topolniky)	Four sons	Observed the High Holidays. Weren't particularly religious.
Alexander F. (m)	Nyarasd (today Topolniky), 1898/1942, Dioszeg (today Sladkovicovo)	Superintendent of a sugar refinery in Dioszeg	No information	Herbert Alexander F., survived the war, died later, in Bratislava	Observed the High Holidays. Weren't particularly religious.

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Collection camp: Patronka Bratislava, 1942

As an Economic Jew, had an exception: Bratislava, 1942 - 1944

Concentration camp: Auschwitz Birkenau (today Poland), 1944, 1945

Slave labor: in coal mines somewhere in Poland, 1944 - 1945

Death march: Poland, 1945

If he survived, what did he do after?

After the war, my father remarried. He had his fashion goods store returned, which they then nationalized. After our store was nationalized, my father worked for Vesna [*Vesna: a chain of textile outlets offering a wide assortment of textile*

goods – Editor’s note]; they then renamed it to Otex [*Otex: textile company offering a wide assortment of men’s and women’s clothing – Editor’s note*]. There he somehow didn’t get along with the management, and so he left to work at the Tuberculosis Research Institute. He was in charge of the warehouse and materials and equipment. Unfortunately, the concentration camp had left its deep marks on him. His lungs were full of coal dust, and this caused complications, to which he succumbed in 1964.

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

Heinrich F.

Where and when was he born?

Probably Nyarasd (dnes Topolniky): 1862

Where else did he live?

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Where and when did he die?

Place unknown, 1940s

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

My grandfather was a door-to-door salesman, who used to walk from village to village with a cart, and sell textiles.

How religious was he?

My grandfather, like his children too, was completely modern, including his observance of religious customs. The family observed mainly the holidays. During holidays they would visit the synagogue in Dunajska Streda.

What was his mother tongue?

Hungarian

Army service: which army and what years?

No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

The territory where my father lived was taken over by Hungary during World War II. This is why I have no information about what happened to him. He unfortunately didn't survive the war, he likely died during the deportations.

If he survived what did he do after?

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Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

Ema F. (nee Blau)

Where and when was she born?

No information, 1862

Where else did she live?

Nyarasd (dnes Topolniky)

Where and when did she die?

Bratislava, 1925 or 1926

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

No information

How religious was she?

No information

What was her mother tongue?

Probably Hungarian

Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before

If she survived what did she do after?

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Mother

Her name?

Helena F. (nee Schwartz)

Where and when was she born?

Bratislava, 3rd June 1904

Where else did she live?

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Where and when did she die?

Auschwitz Birkenau (today Poland), 1944

What sort of education did she have?

Finished mercantile school in Bratislava.

What sort of work did she do?

Before she got married, my mother worked in a store that belonged to the Kurtz Company. After my father opened his own fashion goods store, my mother helped him.

How religious was she?

She observed the High Holidays. Otherwise, she wasn't particularly religious.

What was her mother tongue?

German or 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
Bella ? (nee Schwartz) (f)	Bratislava, ?/died in the Holocaust	Worked in a fashion salon	No information	Childless	They were modern Jews, who observed the High Holidays.
Zelma Freundlichova (nee Schwartz) (f)	Bratislava, ?/? , Israel	Housewife	Izidor Freundlich	Erika (f) Name unknown (f)	They were modern Jews, who observed the High Holidays.
Greta Perlova (nee Schwartz) (f)	Bratislava, ?/ died in the Holocaust	Housewife	Perl, typographer, died in the Holocaust	Tibor (m), Bratislava, ?/survived the Holocaust Olina (f), Bratislava, ?/ died in the Holocaust	They were modern Jews, who observed the High Holidays.
Rozalia (Roza) Fischerova (nee Schwartz) (f)	Bratislava, ?/ died in the Holocaust	Housewife	Adolf Fischer, typographer, died in the Holocaust	Edita (f), Bratislava, 1928/ survived the Holocaust Lydia (f), Bratislava, 1935/ died in the Holocaust	They were modern Jews, who observed the High Holidays.
Irena Ehrenreichova (nee Schwartz) (f)	Bratislava, ?/ died in the Holocaust	Housewife	Ehrenreich, owned a gas station before the war, survived the war	Stela (f), Sahy, ?/died in the Holocaust Richard (m), Sahy, ?/died in the Holocaust	They were modern Jews, who observed the High Holidays.

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Collection camp: Patronka Bratislava, 1942

Was protected by her husband's exception as an Economic Jew: Bratislava, 1942 - 1944

In hiding: Bratislava, 1944

Concentration camp: Auschwitz Birkenau (today Poland), 1944, died there

If she survived, what did she do after?

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Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

Filip Schwartz

Where and when was he born?

Bratislava, date unknown

Where else did he live?

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Where and when did he die?

Bratislava, 1927 or 1928

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Was a shoemaker, had a workshop in Zidovska [*Jewish*] Street in Bratislava

How religious was he?

No information

What was his mother tongue?

German

Army service: which army and what years?

No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

If he survived what did he do after?

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Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

Jolana Schwartz (nee Löwinger)

Where and when was she born?

Bratislava, date unknown

Where else did she live?

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Where and when did she die?

Place unknown, 1944

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Was a seamstress that did custom work

How religious was she?

Grandma wasn't religious. I remember that she'd occasionally buy a goose, and make soup from it. She'd prepare goose innards with tomato sauce, and bake barkhes. That I foggily remember, those were frequent Friday suppers. During the High Holidays, our whole family would go to the Neolog synagogue on Rybne Square.

What was her mother tongue?

German or 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
Juliska Reichenberg (nee Löwinger) (f)	Bratislava, ?/lived in Israel	Had a hat shop in Klariska Street in Bratislava	No information	No information	Weren't devout Jews, observed only the High Holidays
Regina Reichenberg (nee Löwinger) (f)	Bratislava, ?/died in the Holocaust	Had a hat shop in Mikulasska Street in Bratislava	No information	No information	Weren't devout Jews, observed only the High Holidays
Rozalia (Roza) ? (nee Löwinger) (f)	Bratislava, ?/died in the Holocaust	Had an "odds and ends" store on today's SNP Squire in Bratislava	No information	No information	Weren't devout Jews, observed only the High Holidays
Bernat Löwinger (m)	Bratislava, ?/died in the Holocaust	Had a stonemasonry workshop in Zuckerman del in Bratislava	No information	No information	Weren't devout Jews, observed only the High Holidays
Mozes Löwinger (m)	Bratislava, ?/died in the Holocaust	Had a stonemasonry workshop in Venturska Street in Bratislava	No information	No information	Weren't devout Jews, observed only the High Holidays
Illes Löwinger (m)	Bratislava, ?/died in the Holocaust	Had a furniture factory in Nitra	No information	No information	Weren't devout Jews, observed only the High Holidays
Jakob (Jakub) Löwinger (m)	Bratislava, ?/lived in Australia	Upholsterer, had a workshop in Mickiewitzova	No information	No information	Weren't devout Jews, observed only the High Holidays

		Street in Bratislava			
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Where was she during the Holocaust?

In hiding: Nitra

In hiding: Bratislava

Place unknown: died there, 1944

If she survived what did she do after?

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