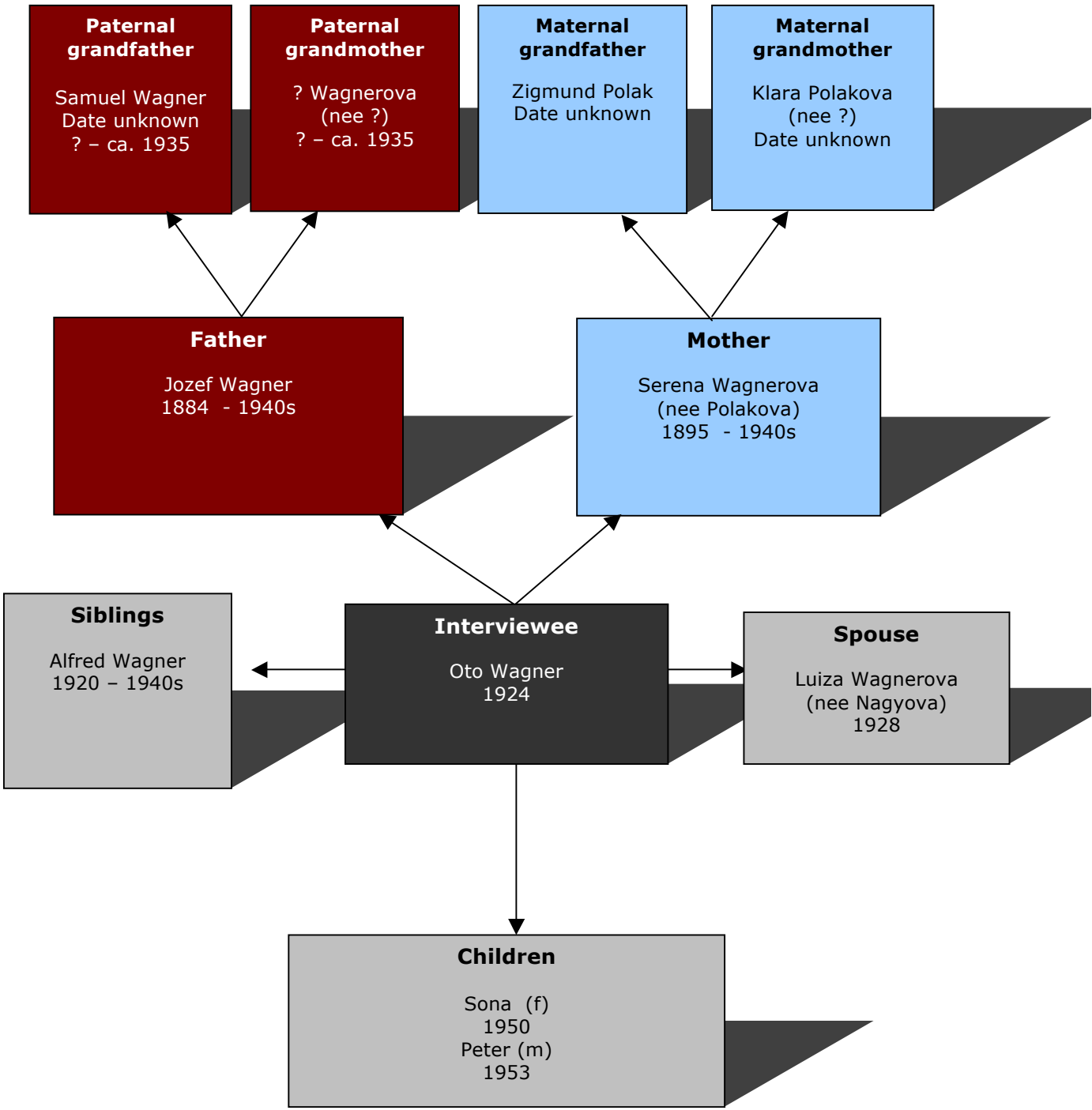


**Family Tree**



## The interviewee and his family

*Full name*

Oto Wagner

*Where and when were you born?*

Bratislava (today Slovakia), 1924

*Where else did you live?*

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*Your educational level?*

Economics university in Bratislava

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

I worked for the Geodetics and Cartography Institute as clerk, and then I worked my way up to the manager of the general accounting department.

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

My father prayed every morning, and I had to pray with him. He didn't make a move without a cap. We strictly observed Friday and Saturday. This always upset me. The other boys would go play soccer, and we'd go to the synagogue. My brother and I had to go there no matter what, whether it was summer or winter. To sit there and pray. We conformed of course, as we wanted to obey our parents. My brother and I weren't really that devout, we were just listening to our parents. If we had had our way, we would've preferred to play soccer. We couldn't even light a lamp [*Sabbath: during the Sabbath, 39 main work activities are forbidden, upon which injunctions on others are based. "The lighting of lights" belongs among forbidden activities – Editor's note*]. Now I attend synagogue only when there's some sort of a holiday, remembrance of the dead for example.

*What is your mother tongue?*

Slovak

*What other languages do you speak?*

German, Hungarian

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

I currently hold the rank of General-Major in the Army of the Slovak Republic.

*Where were you during the Holocaust?*

Labor camp: Novaky (today Slovakia): 1942 – 29.8.1944

Partisan: 29<sup>th</sup> August 1944 – January 1945

In jail: Bratislava (today Slovakia): January – February 1945

Concentration camp: Mauthausen (Austria), 19<sup>th</sup> February 1945 – 5<sup>th</sup> May 1945

*What did you do after the Holocaust?*

After the war, I started working. Currently I'm the vice-president of the Central Council of the Slovak Union of anti-Fascist Fighters. I'm also the president of the Association of Prisoners of the Nazi Concentration Camps Auschwitz, Mauthausen, Ravensbrück, Terezin, Stutthof [*Sztutowo in Polish*], and am the vice-president of the International Political Prisoners of Concentration Camps of 18 European countries.

## Siblings

*Their names*

Alfred Wagner (m)

*Where and when were they born?*

Bratislava (today Slovakia), 20th April 1920

*What is their mother tongue?*

Slovak

*Their educational level?*

Educated as a sales clerk.

*Their occupations?*

Sales clerk

*Where do/did they live?*

Bratislava

*Where else did they live?*

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*Do they have children?*

Childless

*Where and when did they die?*

Died as a partisan in the Slovak National Uprising in 1944 or 1945

## **Spouse**

*Name?*

Lujza Wagnerova (nee Nagyova)

*Where and when was he/she born?*

Bratislava (today Slovakia), 1928

*Where else did he/she live?*

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*Is he/she Jewish?*

No

*What is his/her mother tongue?*

Slovak

*His/her educational level?*

Graduated from business high school

*Occupation?*

Worked in her father's company, took care of the accounting.

*Where and when did he/she die?*

Still alive

*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).*

No siblings.

## Children

*Their names?*

Sona (f)

Peter (m)

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

Right after the war, in 1945, I renewed my membership in the Jewish religious community. Our children always knew about all my activities and about that I was a Jew. They live as atheists, but have a positive relationship to Jews and Jewry. Most of my daughter's girlfriends are even Jewish. Our children are just aware that their father is a Jew, and that they're from a Jewish family.

*Where and when were they born?*

Sona: Bratislava (today Slovakia), 1950

Peter: Bratislava (today Slovakia), 1953

*Where else did they live?*

Sona: Bratislava (today Slovakia)

Peter: Vienna (Austria)

*Their educational level?*

Sona: Economics university in Bratislava

Peter: Graduated from university in Bratislava

*Their occupations?*

Sona: no information

Peter: no information

*How many grandchildren do you have?*

Sona: two daughters

Peter: one son

## Father

*His name?*

Jozef Wagner

*Where and when was he born?*

Bratislava (today Slovakia), 1884

*Where else did he live?*

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*Where and when did he die?*

Died in the Holocaust, 1940s

*What sort of education did he have?*

Two-year business school

*What sort of work did he do?*

My father made a living as a merchant. He had a clothing store in Bratislava.

*How religious was he?*

My father was very devout. We strictly observed all regulations at home. My brother and I were brought up in an Orthodox spirit.

*What was his mother tongue?*

German

*Army service: which army and what years?*

No 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
Leo Wagner (m)	Bratislava (today Slovakia), ?/? , ?	No information	No information	No information	No information
Gizela Wagmannova (nee Wagnerova) (f)	Bratislava (today Slovakia), ?/? , ?	Housewife	Henrich Wagmann, owned a clothing store	No information	No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Labor camp: Zilina (today Slovakia), 1941 – 1942

Concentration camp: Auschwitz, 1942 -

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

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## Paternal grandfather

*Your paternal grandfather's name?*

Samuel Wagner

*Where and when was he born?*

Bratislava (today Slovakia), date unknown

*Where else did he live?*

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*Where and when did he die?*

Bratislava (today Slovakia), ca. 1935

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

Had a pub in Zidovska [Jewish] Street in Bratislava

*How religious was he?*

My paternal grandparents were Orthodox Jews. Especially my grandfather was very devout. They didn't wear payes, but Grandpa Samuel didn't take more than two steps without having a hat on his head.

*What was his mother tongue?*

German or Yiddish

*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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## Paternal grandmother

*Your paternal grandmother's name?*

? Wagnerova (nee ?)

*Where and when was she born?*

Bratislava (today Slovakia), date unknown

*Where else did she live?*

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*Where and when did she die?*

Bratislava (today Slovakia), ca. 1935

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

My paternal grandparents were Orthodox Jews. My grandmother led a kosher household and wore a wig.

*What was her mother tongue?*

German or Yiddish

*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?*

Serena Wagnerova (nee Polakova)

*Where and when was she born?*

Bratislava (today Slovakia), 1895

*Where else did she live?*

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*Where and when did she die?*

Died in the Holocaust, 1940s.

*What sort of education did she have?*

She attended five years of people's school and four years of council school

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

My Mom led a kosher household. No ham, no pork, nothing like that. We kept strict kosher. On Friday, Mom would prepare shoulet. She'd boil beans and I had to run with a full pot, to Obchodna Street, to the baker. The baker's name was Heller. Every Friday I arrived there with a pot of shoulet, and on Saturday I had to pick it up for lunch. Mom made it mainly with goose meat. For the Sabbath, we also had barches. Our mom took care of everything around food preparation.

*What was her mother tongue?*

Slovak

*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
Ignac Polak (m)	Lived in Budapest (Hungary)	No information	No information	No information	No information
Zigmund Polak (m)	Lived in Bratislava (today Slovakia), died in the Holocaust	No information	No information	No information	No information
Alfred Polak (m)	Lived in Vienna (Austria), died in the Holocaust	No information	No information	No information	No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Labor camp: Zilina (today Slovakia), 1941 – 1942

Concentration camp: Auschwitz, 1942 -

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

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## Maternal grandfather

*Your maternal grandfather's name?*

Zigmund Polak

*Where and when was he born?*

No information

*Where else did he live?*

Bratislava

*Where and when did he die?*

Bratislava, date unknown

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

Dorr-to-door salesman.

*How religious was he?*

No information

*What was his mother tongue?*

No information

*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?*

Klara Polakova (nee ?)

*Where and when was she born?*

No information

*Where else did she live?*

Bratislava

*Where and when did she die?*

Bratislava, date unknown

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

No information

*What was her mother tongue?*

No information

*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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