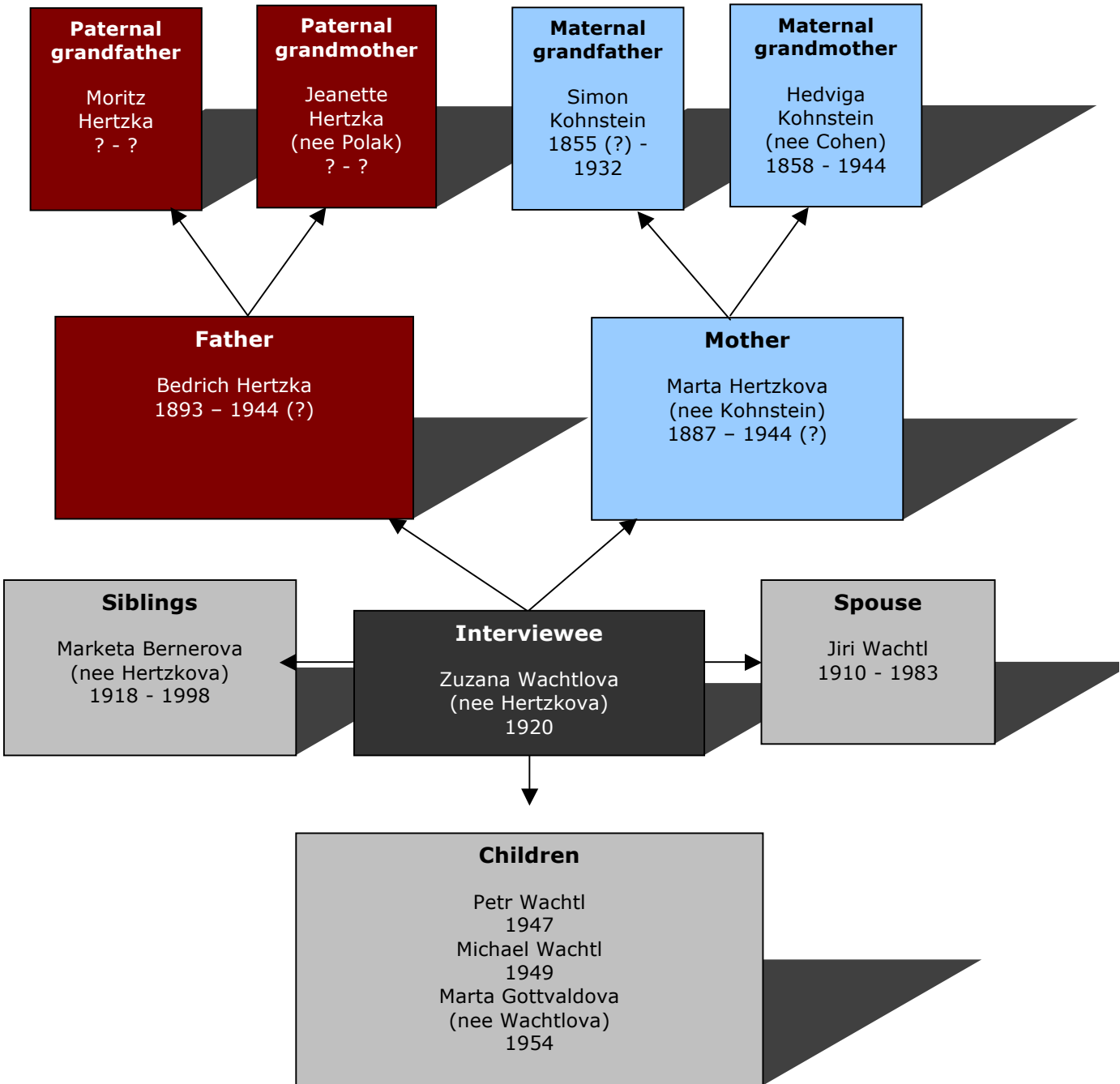


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Zuzana Wachtlova (nee Hertzkoiva)

Where and when were you born?

Brno, 25th January 1920

Where else did you live?

Brno, 1920-1941, 1945-1947, 1978-present day

Terezin, 2nd December 1941–October 1944

Merzdorf (today Germany), 1944–1945

Velke Mezirici, 1947–1978

Your educational level?

Vesna - women's high school, specialization: seamstress

What sort of work do/did you do?

After World War II I supported myself in Brno as a seamstress. From 1947 until 1951 I helped out in my husband's restaurant in Velke Mezrici and then in an office, where he was in charge of administration of local restaurants. For some time I stayed at home with the children, and at the beginning of the 1960s I worked in a dental clinic in Velke Mezrici, where I did calculations and administration. Finally I worked as a stores clerk in a hospital not far from Velke Mezrici. In 1969 I retired.

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

My parents weren't Orthodox Jews. I didn't grow up in a kosher household, but we observed all Jewish holidays and visited the synagogue.

What is your mother tongue?

German

What other languages do you speak?

Czech, English, French

Where were you during the Holocaust?

At home: Brno, 1939–1941

Ghetto: Terezin, 1941-1944

Concentration camp: Auschwitz (today Poland), 1944

Labor camp: Merzdorf (today Germany), 1944–1945

What did you do after the Holocaust?

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Siblings

Their names

Marketa Bernerova (nee Hertzкова)

Where and when were they born?

Brno, 2nd January 1918

What is their mother tongue?

German

Their educational level?

Vesna - women's high school, specialization: seamstress

Their occupations?

1945-1946: seamstress in Brno

1948-1954 : housewife (in Israel)

1954-1970: worker in institute for handicapped children (in Israel)

Where do/did they live?

Brno, 1918-1942, 1945-1948

Terezin, 1942-1944

Auschwitz (today Poland), 1944

Merzdorf (today Germany), 1944-1945

Herzlia (today Israel), 1948-1998

Do they have children?

Hana Holanova (f)

Gideon Holan (m)

Where and when did they die?

Herzlia, 1998

Spouse

Name?

Jirí Wachtl

Where and when was he/she born?

Velke Mezirici, 15th December 1910

Where else did he/she live?

Velke Mezirici, 1914-1941, 1947-1978

Brno, 1945-1947, 1978-1983

Is he/she Jewish?

Yes

What is his/her mother tongue?

Czech

His/her educational level?

School of Commerce in Velke Mezirici

Occupation?

Before World War II he helped out in his father's restaurant in Velke Mezirici, which he took over from his father from 1947-1951. After it was nationalized in 1951 he worked there as a bookkeeper and waiter until 1978, when he retired.

Where and when did he/she die?

Brno, 11th November 1983

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).

Besides two sisters he also had step-siblings, about whom I don't know anything.

name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Marketa Korinkova (nee Wachtlova) (f)	Velke Mezirici, ? - 1988	No information	? Korinek wasn't Jewish	No information	No information
? (nee Wachtlova) (f)	Velke Mezirici, ? - ?, ?	No information	No information	No information	No information

Children

Their names?

Petr Wachtl (m)

Michael Wachtl (m)

Marta Gottvaldova (nee Wachtlova) (f)

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

Yes

Where and when were they born?

Petr: Brno, 1947

Michael: Brno, 1949

Marta: Velke Mezirici, 1954

Where else did they live?

Petr: Basel (Switzerland)

Michael: Basel

Marta: Brno

Their educational level?

Petr: Economics University in Basel

Michael: University in Basel, Faculty of Chemistry

Marta: Masaryk University in Brno, Faculty of Medicine, specialization: dentist

Their occupations?

Petr: economist at the Novartis chemical firm in Basel
Michael: lab technician at the Novartis chemical firm in Basel; currently is in business buying and selling dried mushrooms.

Marta: dentist in Brno

How many grandchildren do you have?

Petr: Miriam (f), Jana (f)

Michael: childless

Marta: Jan (m), born in 1980 and Jiri (m), born in 1984

Father

His name?

Bedrich Hertzka

Where and when was he born?

Slavkov, 30th March 1893

Where else did he live?

Slavkov, 1893-1897

Libavske Udoli, 1897–beginning of 20th century

Brno, beginning of 20th century-1941

Terezin, 1941-1944

Auschwitz (today Poland), 8th October 1944 – died there

Where and when did he die?

Auschwitz, most likely 8th October 1944

What sort of education did he have?

Finished textile school in Brno

What sort of work did he do?

From 1918 until the second half of the 1930s he worked as a traveling salesman.

How religious was he?

We were no Orthodox family, but my parents were deeply conscious of their Jewish identity, they weren't ashamed of it and would never have denied their origins. Our household wasn't kosher. My father, however, regularly visited the synagogue and we observed all important Jewish holidays.

What was his mother tongue?

German

Army service: which army and what years?

Austro-Hungarian army in WWI, but due to an injured calf he had already returned from the front in 1917.

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
Alfred Hertzka (m)	Slavkov, ? -, Lodz (today Poland), 1940s	Teacher	Cecilia Hertzka (nee Strakosch)	Gertrude (Truda) (f), died in Auschwitz Elizabeth (Lizbet) (f), lives in Berlin (Germany)	Neolog
Adela Goldberg (nee Hertzкова) (f)	Slavkov, ? - Terezin, 1940s	Housewife	Max Goldberg Mlada Boleslav, ? - Auschwitz (today Poland), 1940s Bookkeeper in a factory	Rudolf (m), died in Prague after WWII Karel (m), died in Karlovy Vary after WWII	Neolog
Emilie Hertzková (f)	Slavkov, ? - London (Great Britain), 1944	Part-time worker at a guest house in Vienna	None	None	Neolog

Where was he during the Holocaust?

At home: Brno, 1939 – 1941

Ghetto: Terezin, 1941-1944

Concentration camp: Auschwitz (today Poland), 8th October 1944 – died there

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

Moritz Hertzka

Where and when was he born?

Slavkov, date unknown

Where else did he live?

Libavske Udoli, 1897 – 1930's

Cheb, before WWII

Where and when did he die?

Cheb, before WWII (died at age 76)

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Cashier at a textile factory in Libavske Udoli

How religious was he?

My grandfather wasn't an Orthodox Jew and I don't think that he lived in a kosher household. Because there wasn't a synagogue in Libavske Udoli, I don't know if he visited one. My grandparents, however, most likely did observe Jewish holidays.

What was his mother tongue?

German

Army service: which army and what years?

No information

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
Linda ? (nee Hertzka) (f)	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

Jeanette (Zeni) Hertzka (nee Polak)

Where and when was she born?

Uhersky Brod, date unknown

Where else did she live?

Brno

Where and when did she die?

Karlovy Vary, before WWII

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

She wasn't a religious Jew, she didn't come from an Orthodox family. My grandparents didn't have a kosher household. Because there wasn't a synagogue in Libavske Udoli, I don't know if they visited one. They did, however, most likely observe Jewish holidays.

What was her mother tongue?

German

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
Adela Perles (nee Polak) (f)	Uhersky Brod, ? - London (Great Britain), 1944	Part-time worker in husband's boarding house.	? Perles Owned a boarding house Died in London, 1944	Paul (m) Marianne (f) Both died in London, 1944	Neolog
Rudolf (Rudi) Schnabl (nee Polak) (f)	Uhersky Brod, ? - died in the Holocaust	Housewife	Ludvik Schnabel	Edita (f)	Neolog
?	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before

Mother

Her name?

Marta Hertzкова (nee Kohnstein)

Where and when was she born?

Brno, 27th June 1887

Where else did she live?

Brno, 1887- 2nd December 1941

Terezin, 2nd December 1941- October 1944

Auschwitz (today Poland), 8th October 1944 – died there

Where and when did she die?

Auschwitz, October 1944

What sort of education did she have?

Finished elementary school, Brno

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

We were no Orthodox family, but my parents were deeply conscious of their Jewish identity, they weren't ashamed of it and would never have denied their origins. Our household wasn't kosher. My mother visited the synagogue mainly during major holidays, which we also observed at home. For Yom Kippur she fasted.

What was her mother tongue?

German

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
Helena Kohnstein (f)	Brno, ? - Riga (today Latvia), 1942	No information	None	None	Neolog
Alice Kohnstein (f)	Brno, ? - Riga, 1942	French teacher	None	None	Neolog
Bedrich Kohnstein (m)	Brno, ? - Riga, ?	Owner of a fruit juice factory	Elisabeth Kohnstein (nee Fischer) (they divorced), ? - Minsk (today Belarus), 1944	Pavel Kohnstein (m) Brno, ? - 1944, Minsk, 1944	Neolog

Where was she during the Holocaust?

At home: Brno, 1939 – 1941

Ghetto: Terezin, 2nd December 1941 – October 1944

Concentration camp: Auschwitz (today Poland), 8th October 1944 – died there

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

Simon Kohnstein

Where and when was he born?

Trebic, 1855 (?)

Where else did he live?

Brno

Where and when did he die?

Brno, 1932

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

In Trebic he owned a liquor store, and when he settled in Brno, he began to devote himself to fruit juice production.

How religious was he?

Our family wasn't at all Orthodox, and even my grandfather didn't belong to religious Jews. My grandparents observed all Jewish holidays and went to synagogue, but they didn't have a kosher household.

What was his mother tongue?

Czech

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

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

Hedviga Kohnstein (nee Cohen)

Where and when was she born?

Potsdam (today Germany), 1858

Where else did she live?

Brno

Where and when did she die?

Terezin, 1940s

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

Our family wasn't Orthodox, and my grandmother didn't belong to religious Jews either. My grandparents observed all Jewish holidays and went to synagogue, but they didn't have a kosher household.

What was her mother tongue?

German

Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

She for sure had more siblings, but I know only about the one sister.

Name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Jeanette (Zeni) Freund (nee Cohen) (f)	?, ? - Brno, end of 1930s	Housewife	? Freund lawyer	1 son, 1 daughter Died during the Holocaust.	Neolog

Where was she during the Holocaust?

At home: Brno, 1939–1941

Ghetto: Terezin, 1941 – died there