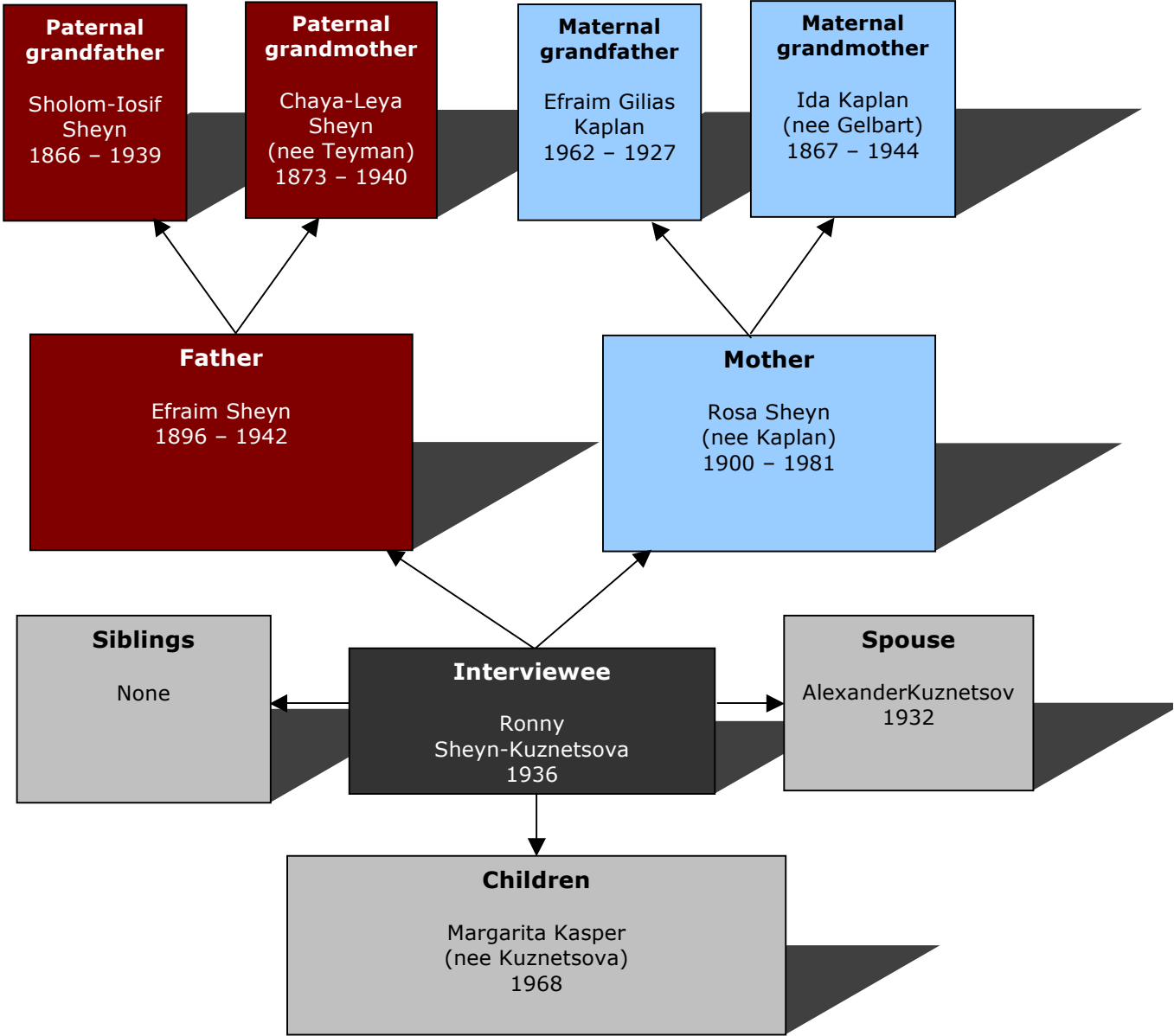


**Family Tree**



## The interviewee and his family

*Full name*

Ronny Sheyn-Kuznetsova (nee Sheyn)

*Where and when were you born?*

Valga, 1936

*Where else did you live?*

Settlement Vavilovka of Bakhchar District of Tomsk oblast (exile), Tomsk (both today Russia), Tallinn

*Your educational level?*

Finished Tomsk Engineering and Construction Institute, Automobile Department, defended dissertation at Moscow Engineering and Construction University

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

Worked in Tomsk as a foreman, then taught Mathematics and resistance of material at Tomsk Engineering and Construction Institute, assistant professor

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

My parents were religious. Jewish traditions were observed at home, we kept Sabbath, marked Jewish holidays and observed the kashrut. My parents went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays.

*What is your mother tongue?*

German

*What other languages do you speak?*

Yiddish, Estonian, Russian

*Where were you during the Holocaust?*

Exile, settlement Vavilovka, Bakhchar district, Tomsk oblast (today Russia)

*What did you do after the Holocaust?*

I lived in Bakhchar and finished secondary school. In 1954 I entered Tomsk Engineering and Construction Institute, graduated in 1959, worked for three years in construction upon graduation, then taught at Tomsk Engineering and Construction Institute. In 1997 I moved to Tallinn and retired.

## **Siblings**

*Their names*

None

## **Spouse**

*Name?*

Alexander Kuznetsov

*Where and when was he/she born?*

A settlement in Bashkiria (today Russia), 1932

*Where else did he/she live?*

Tomsk (today Russia), Tallinn

*Is he/she Jewish?*

No

*What is his/her mother tongue?*

Russian

*His/her educational level?*

Graduated from Tomsk Polytechnic Institute, Physical and Technical Department

*Occupation?*

Taught at Tomsk Polytechnic Institute

*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).*

My husband had 9 siblings, but I did not know them

## Children

*Their names?*

Margarita Kasper (nee Kuznetsova)

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

Identifies herself a Jew, sticks to Jewish traditions

*Where and when were they born?*

Tomsk (today Russia), 1968

*Where else did they live?*

Novosibirsk (today Russia), Munich (today Germany)

*Their educational level?*

Graduated from Agricultural Academy, Zoology Department in Novosibirsk, zoo technician

*Their occupations?*

Zoo technician

*How many grandchildren do you have?*

Granddaughter Rosa Kasper, born in 1992

Grandson Ronald Kasper, born in 2003

## Father

*His name?*

Efraim Sheyn

*Where and when was he born?*

Valga, 1896

*Where else did he live?*

Camp Sosva, Sverdlovsk oblast (today Russia)

*Where and when did he die?*

Camp Sosva (Gulag), 14<sup>th</sup> June 1942

*What sort of education did he have?*

Father went to cheder, and also to Realschule

*What sort of work did he do?*

Worked in timbering

*How religious was he?*

Father was religious, observed Jewish traditions, went to the prayer house on Sabbath and on Jewish holidays, marked Jewish holidays and observed the kashrut.

*What was his mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*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
Rosa Levitina (nee Sheyn) (Jewish name: Roche-Gitle)	Valga, 1893 – 1919	Housewife	Moishe Levitin ? – Leningrad (today Russia), 1980s Jew, doctor	Grigoriy Levitin (m) 1910s - ?	No information
Herz Sheyn (Jewish name Naftole-Herz)	Valga, 1898 – Tashkent (today Uzbekistan), 1985	Timber merchant	Evgeniya Sheyn (nee Goldberg) Riga (today Latvia), 1903 – Tashkent, 1999	Irene Sheyn (f) 1932	Herz was religious, observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Sabbath and on Jewish holidays, marked Jewish holidays and Sabbath at home, observed the kashrut.
Ester Brodovski (nee Sheyn)	Valga, 1900 – Tallinn, 1985	Housewife	Max Brodovski ? – 1960s Jew, doctor	Ruth Strazh (nee Brodovski) (f) Tartu, 1925 Sophia Popova (nee Brodovski) (f) Valga, 1929	Ester observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, marked Sabbath and Jewish holidays at home, observed the kashrut.
Ella ? (nee Sheyn)	Valga, 1902 – Riga, 1941 (shot during occupation)	Housewife	Husband ? ? – 1941 Jew	3 children, all were shot during occupation in Riga in 1941	Ella was religious, observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, marked Sabbath and Jewish holidays at home, observed the kashrut



Abram Sheyn	Valga, 1904 – 1941 (shot during occupation)	Entrepreneur	? Sheyn (nee ?) ? – Tallinn, 1941 Jew	No information	Abram was religious, observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, marked Sabbath and Jewish holidays at home, observed the kashrut.
Isroel Sheyn	Valga, 1906 – Gulag, 1940s	Entrepreneur	? Sheyn (nee ?) ? - ? Jew	Son	Isroel was religious, observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, marked Sabbath and Jewish holidays at home, observed the kashrut.
Pesach Sheyn	Valga, 1911 – 1941 (shot during occupation)	Entrepreneur	? Sheyn (nee ?) ? – 1941 Jew	Son	Pesach was religious, observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, marked Sabbath and Jewish holidays at home, observed the kashrut.

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Gulag, camp Sosva, perished in Gulag in 1942

## Paternal grandfather

*Your paternal grandfather's name?*

Sholom-Iosif Sheyn

*Where and when was he born?*

Piarnu, 1866

*Where else did he live?*

Valga

*Where and when did he die?*

Valga, 1939

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

Grandfather sold cattle, then he became a timber merchant

*How religious was he?*

Grandfather was religious, observed Jewish traditions, went to a minyan on Sabbath and on Jewish holidays, marked Jewish holidays and Sabbath, observed the kashrut.

*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 birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Chari-Moishe Sheyn (m)	Piarnu ? - ?	No information	No information	No information	No information
Sister Tsvirl Sheyn	Piarnu ? - ?	No information	No information	No information	No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Paternal grandmother

*Your paternal grandmother's name?*

Chaya-Leya Sheyn (nee Teyman)

*Where and when was she born?*

Panevezhis (today Lithuania)

1873

*Where else did she live?*

Piarnu, Valga

*Where and when did she die?*

Valga, 1940

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

Grandmother was religious, observed Jewish traditions, went to a minyan on Sabbath and on Jewish holidays, marked Jewish holidays at home and observed the kashrut.

*What was her mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*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
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No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Mother

*Her name?*

Rosa Sheyn (nee Kaplan) (Jewish name: Reizl)

*Where and when was she born?*

Alūksne (today Latvia), 1900

*Where else did she live?*

Yaroslavl (today Russia, 1 year of Russian lyceum), Tartu (during studies at university), Valga, settlement Vavilovka, Bakhchar region of Tomsk oblast, Bakhchar (today Russia; exile), Tomsk (today Russia)

*Where and when did she die?*

Tomsk, 1981

*What sort of education did she have?*

Mother finished the Dentistry Department of Tartu University

*What sort of work did she do?*

Dentist

*How religious was she?*

Mother was religious, observed Jewish traditions, marked Jewish holidays and Sabbath at home, went to the synagogue before exile, observed the kashrut.

*What was her mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*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 spouse	of children	they were
Sakhne Kaplan (m)	Alūksne (today Latvia), 1898 – Alūksne, 1941	Entrepreneur	Natasha Kaplan (nee ?) ? – Alūksne 1941	2 children, son Menachem, daughter ? Shot in 1941	Sakhne was religious, observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, marked Jewish holidays at home, observed the kashrut.
Maria Sorkina (nee Kaplan) (nickname: Masha) (f)	Alūksne, 1901	Dentist	David Sorkin Tartu, 1903 – Tallinn, 1973	None	Maria was religious, observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, marked Jewish holidays at home, observed the kashrut.
Revekka Rivlin (nee Kaplan) (f)	Alūksne, 1903 – Riga (today Latvia), 1941	Dentist's assistant	? Rivlin, ? – Riga, 1941	2 children, shot in 1941	Revekka was religious, observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, marked Jewish holidays at home, observed the kashrut
Sister Raya Gorosh (nee Kaplan)	Alūksne, 1905 - 1941	Housewife	Kolya Gorosh? – Riga, 1941	Daughter Efros 1936 – 1941	Raya was religious, observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, marked Jewish holidays at home, observed the kashrut.

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Exile, settlement Vavilovka, Bakhchar district, Tomsk oblast, Bakhchar (today Russia)

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

She was in exile in Bakhchar until 1960, then lived with the family in Tomsk.



## Maternal grandfather

*Your maternal grandfather's name?*

Efraim Gilias Kaplan

*Where and when was he born?*

Lithuania, (exact place unknown), 1862

*Where else did he live?*

Alūksne (today Latvia)

*Where and when did he die?*

Alūksne, 1927 (buried in Jewish cemetery in Valga)

*What sort of education did he have?*

Cheder

*What sort of work did he do?*

Worked in pelt origination

*How religious was he?*

Grandfather was religious. When the family moved to Alūksne, he became kohen in the Jewish community of Alūksne, rented the premises for a prayer house at his own cost and donated a handmade Torah to the community. He stuck to Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Sabbath and Jewish holidays, observed the kashrut.

*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 birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
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No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Maternal grandmother

*Your maternal grandmother's name?*

Ida Kaplan (nee Gelbart) (Jewish name: Ita-Bashe)

*Where and when was she born?*

Friedrichstadt (today Latvia)

1867

*Where else did she live?*

Alūksne, Riga (both today Latvia), Valga, Kamyshlov, Tomsk oblast (today Russia)(evacuation)

*Where and when did she die?*

Kamyshlov, 1944

*What sort of education did she have?*

Finished German lyceum

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

Grandmother was religious, observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, marked Sabbath and Jewish holidays at home, observed the kashrut.

*What was her mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*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
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I know from others that grandmother had 5 brothers and 4 sisters, but I did not know anybody from them and have no further information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Evacuation, settlement Kamyshlov; died in evacuation in 1944.