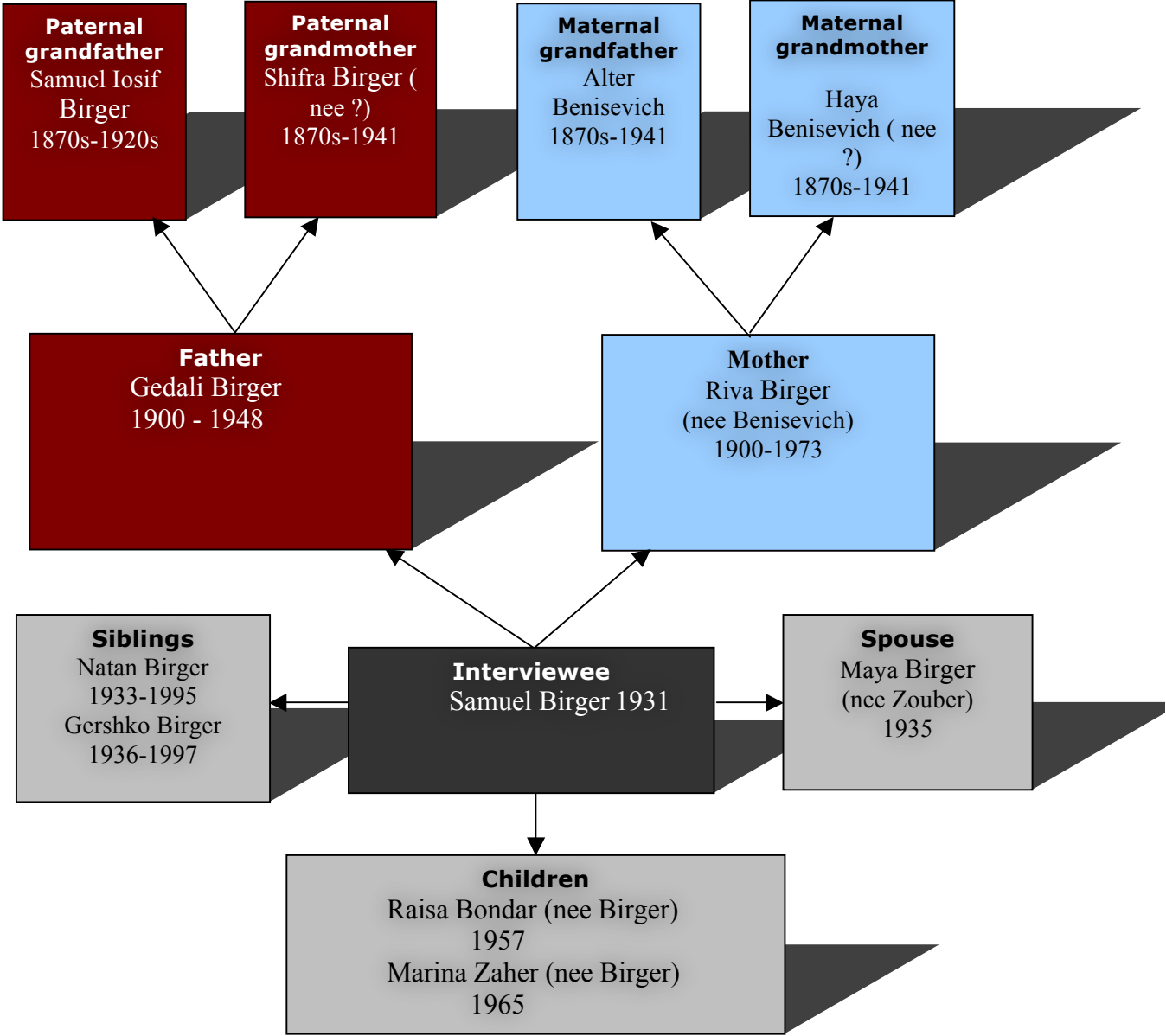


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Samuel Birger

Where and when were you born?

Jonava (Lithuania), 1931 March 03

Where else did you live?

Village Zavolziye, Bavly (Tatarstan), Omsk (Russia), Vilnius

Your educational level?

5 grades of secondary school

What sort of work do/did you do?

Workers – printer, locksmith- compositor, sanitary technician

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

My parents were very religious, they prayed, observed Jewish traditions and holidays, tried to observe kashrut even in soviet time

What is your mother tongue?

Yiddish

What other languages do you speak?

Russian, Lithuanian

If you were in an army, tell us which army and the dates
Soviet Army, communications battalion, Omsk, 1951-1954

Where were you during the Holocaust?
Evacuation in village Zavolgiye, Bavly (Tatarstan)

What did you do after the Holocaust?
Lived in Vilnius, served in the army, worked, got married and raised daughters

Siblings

Their names

Natan Birger

Gershko Birger

Where and when were they born?

Both were born in Jonava

Natan: 1933

Gershko: 1936

What is their mother tongue?

Both - Yiddish

Their educational level?

Both of them finished seven-year school

Their occupations?

Both of them are workers

Where do/did they live?

Natan: Tel-Aviv (Israel)

Gershko: Vitebsk (Belarus)

Where else did they live?

Natan: Karaganda (Russia), Djambul (Kazakhstan), Vilnius

Gershko: Vilnius

Do they have children?

Natan: daughter Elena

Gershko: son Garik and daughter Tatiana

Where and when did they die?

Natan: Israel, 1995

Gershko: Vitebsk (Belarus), 1997

Spouse

Name?

Maya Birger (nee Zouber)

Where and when was he/she born?

Bobruysk (Belarus), 1935

Where else did he/she live?

Siberia, Vilnius

Is he/she Jewish?

yes

What is his/her mother tongue?

Yiddish

His/her educational level?

Timber industry vocational school

Occupation?

Economist

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).

Sister Emma, 1930, lives in the USA

Children

Their names?

Raisa Bondar (nee Birger)

Marina Zaher (nee Birger)

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

Identify themselves as Jews, mark Jewish holidays, observed traditions

Where and when were they born?

Both were born in Vilnius

Raisa: 1957

Marina: 1965

Where else did they live?

Marina: Holon (Israel)

Their educational level?

Both graduated from Vilnius university, book-keeping department

Their occupations?

Raisa: accountant

Marina: commercial manager of a large firm

How many grandchildren do you have?

Raisa: son Ilia, born in 1980, a businessman

Marina: sons Roman Zaher (Jewish name Rubi), 1987, Itai Zaher (1996)

Father

His name?

Gedali Birger

Where and when was he born?

Jonava, 1900

Where else did he live?

Moscow Region (Russia), Bavly (Tatarstan), Vilnius

Where and when did he die?

Vilnius, 1948

What sort of education did he have?

illiterate

What sort of work did he do?

Before war – cabman, after war – loader

How religious was he?

Father was very religious, wore a kippah, prayed in the synagogue, strictly observed kashrut, marked Sabbath and Jewish holidays

What was his mother tongue?

Yiddish

Army service: which army and what years?

Soviet army 1943-1946

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
? Birger	Jonava, 1900s-?, 1941	Owned kerosene shop	? Birger, Jew, 1900s-1941	The names of the children are unknown. They perished in 1941	Was religious, no details are known
Reizl Pinshtein (nee Birger)	Jonava, 1903-Israel, 1970s	housewife	? Pinshtein, Jew, 1900ss-?	Daughter Sarah, 1940s	Was religious, no details are known
Leya Adashkene (nee Birger)	Jonava, 1906-Vilnius, 1967	Before war- barmaid, after war did not work	Moishe Adashkis, Jew, 1900s-1959	Son Rahmil, 1932 Daughter Etkā, 1935	Was rather religious, observed main traditions and holidays

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Was in labor front in the vicinity of Moscow, evacuation Bavly, then served in Lithuanian division # 16

If he survived, what did he do after?

Lived and worked in Vilnius

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

Samuel Iosif Birger

Where and when was he born?

Jonava, 1870s

Where and when did he die?

Jonava, 1920s

What sort of education did he have?

illiterate

What sort of work did he do?

cabman

How religious was he?

Grandfather was very religious, went to the synagogue, marked all Jewish holidays, observed traditions

What was his mother tongue?

Yiddish

Army service: which army and what years?

Did not serve

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

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

Shifra Birger (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

Jonava, 1870s

Where and when did she die?

? (Lithuania), 1941

What sort of education did she have?

Illiterate

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

Grandmother was very religious, wore a kerchief, observed kashrut, marked Sabbath and Jewish holidays

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	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
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Haya Benisevich (nee ?)	Jonava, 1870s-Tataria, 1941	housewife	spouse Alter Benisevich, 1870s-1941	Daughters Riva, Vera	was very religious, observed kashrut, marked Sabbath and Jewish holidays
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No information about the rest

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Perished in Lithuania in 1941 during occupation, the details are not known

Mother

Her name?

Riva Birger (nee Benisevich)

Where and when was she born?

Jonava, 1900

Where else did she live?

Village Zavolgiye, Bavly (Tatarstan), Vilnius

Where and when did she die?

Vilnius, 1973

What sort of education did she have?

Illiterate

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

Mother was very religious, wore a kerchief, went to the synagogue, prayed at home, observed kashrut, marked Sabbath and Jewish holidays

What was her mother tongue?

Yiddish

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

name place and occupation biographical biographical describe how

	date of birth/death		data and origins of spouse	data of children	religious they were
Vera Benisevich	Jonava, 1904-Vilnius, 1966	housewife	None	None	Rather religious, observed kashrut, marked Sabbath and Jewish holidays
? Trotskaya (nee Benisevich)	Jonava, 1904-Jonava, 1941	housewife	? Trotsky, Jew, 1900s-1941	Two children , perished in 1941	Rather religious, observed kashrut, marked Sabbath and Jewish holidays

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Evacuation - Village Zavolgiye, Bavly (Tatarstan)

If she survived, what did she do after?

Lived in Vilnius, worked as a janitor, then retired and raised granddaughters

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

Alter Benisevich

Where and when was he born?

Jonava, 1870s

Where and when did he die?

?, 1941

What sort of education did he have?

Illiterate

What sort of work did he do?

cabman

How religious was he?

Grandfather was religious, wore a hat, went to the synagogue, prayed, observed all traditions

What was his mother tongue?

Yiddish

Army service: which army and what years?

Did not serve

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 on the way to evacuation

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

Haya Benisevich (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

Jonava, 1870s

Where else did she live?

Village Zavolgiye (Tatarstan)

Where and when did she die?

Village Zavolgiye, 1941

What was her mother tongue?

Yiddish

What sort of education did she have?

Illiterate

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

Was religious, wore a kerchief , observed all traditions

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
Shifra Birger	Jonava, 1870s-1941	housewife	Samuel Birger, 1870s-1920s	Gedali Birger, Leya Adashkis, Reizl Pinshtein	Was religious, observed all traditions and marked holidays

There is no information about the rest

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Was in evacuation in village Zavolgiye (Tatarstan) and died there