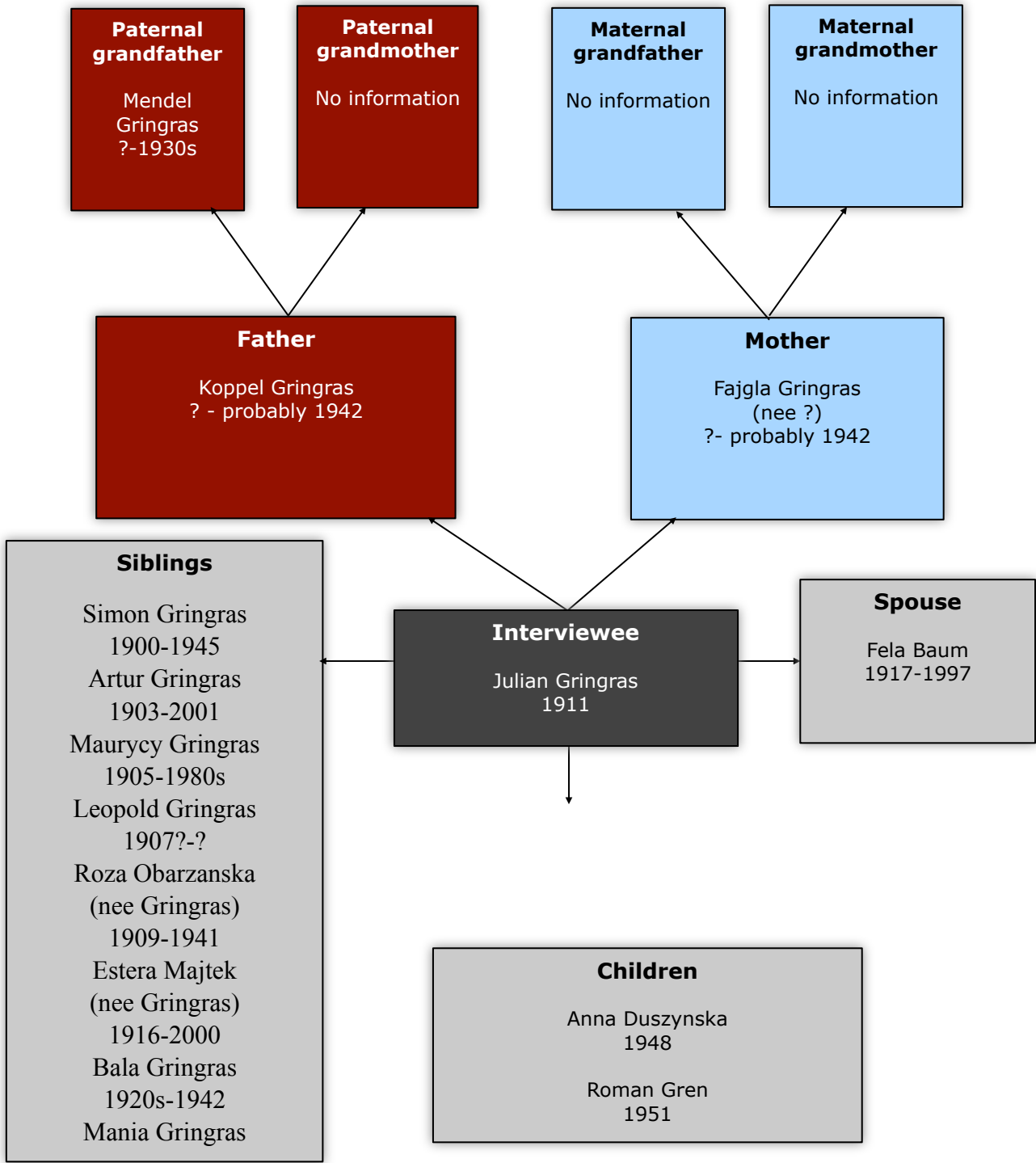


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Julian Gringras

Where and when were you born?

Kielce, 1911

Where else did you live?

Warsaw, Warkowicze (near Lwow, today Ukraine), Lwow (today Ukraine), Berezowica (near Tarnopol, today Ukraine), Tashkent, Shurab, Kokand, Fergana (all then Soviet Union, today Uzbekistan), Aktyubinsk (then Soviet Union, today Kazakhstan), Lodz, Czechoslovakia

Your educational level?

Warsaw University of Technology, graduated from Lwow University of Technology

What sort of work do/did you do?

Engineer, inspector in the power industry, head of an investment procurement mission, director of the Central Power Engineering Board, deputy trade minister

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

Mama observed the Sabbath and lit the candles regularly. We celebrated Easter [Pesach]. Our house was kosher, but towards the end [in the late 1930s] my parents definitely kept kosher but we [children] didn't: we mixed milk and meat. I was non-religious from 12 or 13, I think. I broke with religion very early on. I stopped going to the prayer house with father. I wasn't made to go. I didn't have a bar mitzvah. We didn't go to cheder or yeshivah.

What is your mother tongue?

Polish and Yiddish

How many other languages do you speak?

German, English, Russian

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

None

Where were you during the Holocaust?

In non-occupied parts of the Soviet Union

What did you do after the Holocaust?

I worked in the Central Power Engineering Board and in the Ministry of Trade.

Siblings

Their names

Simon (Jewish name: Symche, Polish name: Zygmunt) Gringras

Artur (changed from Adolf because of political views) Gringras

Maurycy Gringras

Leopold (Jewish name: Lipe) Gringras

Roza (Polish name: Eugenia) Obarzanska (nee Gringras)

Estera (Polish name: Edzia, Ziuka) Majtek (nee Gringras)

Bala (or Bela) Gringras

Mania Gringras

Where and when were they born?

Simon: Pinczow, probably 1900

Artur: Pinczow, probably 1903

Maurycy: Zurich (Switzerland), probably 1905

Leopold: Zurich, probably 1907

Roza: Zurich, probably 1909

Estera: Kielce, probably 1916

Bala: Kielce, 1920s

Mania: Kielce, 1920s

What is their mother tongue?

Polish and Yiddish

Their educational level?

Simon: Jewish gymnasium (Kielce), did not matriculate

Artur: Jewish gymnasium (Kielce), did not matriculate

Maurycy: Jewish gymnasium (Kielce), did not matriculate

Leopold: high school in Kielce

Roza: no information

Estera: no information

Bala: no information

Mania: no information

Their occupations?

Simon: cinema owner

Artur: photographer, owned a photographic studio

Maurycy: retoucher and painter

Leopold: chemist

Roza: worked in her father's photographic studio and factory

Estera: worked in her father's photographic studio and factory

Bala: worked in her father's photographic studio and factory

Mania: worked in her father's photographic studio and factory

Where do/did they live?

Kielce

Where else did they live?

Simon: Zurich (Switzerland), Budapest (today Hungary), Palestine (today Israel), Paris (France)

Artur: Zurich, Budapest, Czestochowa, Tashkent (then Soviet Union, today Uzbekistan), Wroclaw, Israel

Maurycy: Zurich, Soviet Union, Wroclaw, Israel

Leopold: Zurich, Soviet Union, Wroclaw, Sweden

Roza: Zurich

Estera: Tashkent (then Soviet Union, today Uzbekistan), Holon (today Israel)

Do they have children?

Artur: Ryszard (m), Lilka (f)

Maurycy: Henryk (m)

Leopold: Inka (f), Ruth (f)

Roza: Szymon (m), Giga (f)

Where and when did they die?

Simon: concentration camp in Germany, 1943 or 1944

Artur: Israel, around 1995

Maurycy: Israel, 1980s

Leopold: Sweden, late 1980s

Roza: Wisniowka (near Kielce), 1941

Estera: Israel, probably 2000

Bala: Birkenau, 1942

Mania: Birkenau, 1942

Spouse

Name?

Fela Baum

Where and when was he/she born?

Kielce, 20th September 1917

Where else did he/she live?

Augustow, Lwow (today Ukraine), Berezowica (near Tarnopol, today Ukraine), Tashkent, Kokand, Fergana (all then Soviet Union, today Uzbekistan), Aktyubinsk (then Soviet Union, today Kazakhstan), Lodz

Is he/she Jewish?

Yes

What is his/her mother tongue?

Yiddish

His/her educational level?

High school, did not matriculate

Occupation?

During the war: teacher, after the war: housewife

Where and when did he/she die?

Warsaw, 30th October 1997

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).

Edward Filipowski (changed from Mosze (Polish name: Marian) Baum after the Holocaust) born 1912 in Kielce, died 1975 in Warsaw, an engineer, his wife, Lida, was a Pole.

Anka: probably 1913 - Birkenau, 1942

Artur: probably 1909 - Birkenau, 1942

Renia: probably 1920 - Birkenau, 1942

My wife's family was religious, but moderately so. Her father certainly wore a kippah, and probably went to synagogue every Saturday; they lit the candles every Saturday, but there wasn't any particular emphasis on their Jewishness.

Children

Their names?

Anna Duszynska

Roman Gren

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

No

Where and when were they born?

Anna: Warsaw, 1948

Roman: Warsaw, 1951

Where else did they live?

Anna: Podkowa Lesna

Roman: Paris

Their educational level?

Anna: PhD in Educational Psychology

Roman: MSc in biology

Their occupations?

Anna: translator

Roman: social worker

How many grandchildren do you have?

Anna: Jakub (m), Janek (m)

Roman: Anna (f), Marie (f), Alice (f)

Father

His name?

Koppel Gringras (sometimes used the first name Jozef)

Where and when was he born?

No information

Where else did he live?

Zurich (Switzerland), Budapest (today Hungary), Kielce, Kovel (today Ukraine)

Where and when did he die?

Birkenau, probably 1942

What sort of education did he have?

Possibly cheder and some training in a photographic shop in Switzerland

What sort of work did he do?

Photographer, the owner of a photographic studio and a small factory making photographic plates and paper

How religious was he?

Father at first every Saturday and then only on the bigger holidays went to a prayer house. Later on he would go to pray less and less frequently. Father wore a hat, but at that time everyone wore a hat, or a peaked cap.

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 children of spouse	biographical data	attitude to Jewish traditions
Artur Gringras (m)	?, 1870s – France, ?	No information	No information	No information	No information
Leopold Gringras (m)	?, 1880s – Great Britain, 1960s or 1970s	No information	No information	No information	No information
Moric Gringras (m)	? – Switzerland, ?	No information	No information	No information	No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Kielce ghetto, perished in Birkenau, probably in 1942

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

Mendel Gringras

Where and when was he born?

No information

Where else did he live?

Schautfon ? (Switzerland), Kielce (Poland)

Where and when did he die?

Kielce, 1930s

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Watchmaker

How religious was he?

He retained all the attributes of a religious Jew. He was definitely a normal, god-fearing Jew.

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 children of spouse	biographical data	attitude to Jewish traditions
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No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

No information

Mother

Her name?

Fajgla Gringras (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

Pinczow, date unknown

Where else did she live?

Zurich (Switzerland), Budapest (today Hungary), Kielce, Kovel (today Ukraine)

Where and when did she die?

Birkenau, probably 1942

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife, but she also worked as a retoucher in her husband's photographic studio

How religious was she?

I suspect Mama's family was averagely religious. Mama observed the Sabbath and lit the candles regularly. Our house was kosher, we celebrated Easter (Pesach).

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 children of spouse	biographical data	attitude to Jewish traditions
? Chitler (f) (nee ?)	No information	No information	? Chitler	Moric, a photographer, died in the Holocaust ?, a factory worker Motek, a factory worker	No information
? (m)	? – Kielce?	Owner of a shop and a cobbler's workshop	No information	No information	No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Kielce ghetto, perished in Birkenau, probably in 1942

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

No information

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

No information