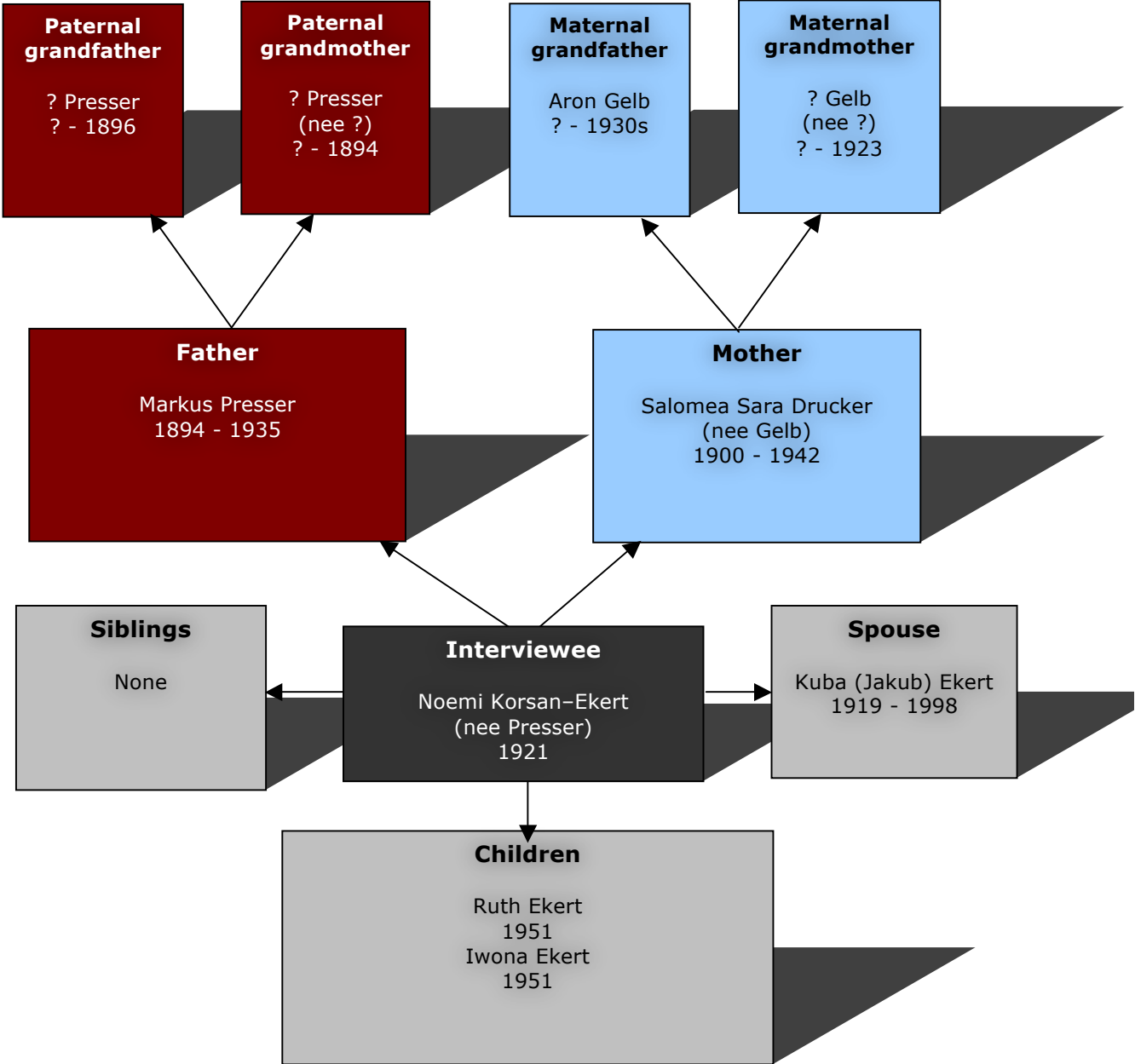


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Noemi Korsan-Ekert (nee Presser)

(during WWII false name Franciszka Korsan to hide her Jewish identity)

Where and when were you born?

Lwow (today Ukraine), 31th December 1921

Where else did you live?

Boryslaw (today Ukraine), Drohobycz (today Ukraine), Lwow (today Ukraine),
Cracow, Lodz, Warsaw

Your educational level?

Graduated from State Institute for Theater Arts, Lodz

What sort of work do/did you do?

Actress, theater director

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

Mrs. Korsan-Ekert was raised in a secular Jewish home. Her parents were ardent Zionists, but they were not religious. Usually she spent Jewish holidays with the family of her aunt Golda, who was religious and kept kosher. She also visited her grandfather, who was a rabbi. Even though her family was non-religious, she participated in Jewish religion classes.

What is your mother tongue?

Hebrew, Polish

How many other languages do you speak?

Russian, German

Where were you during the Holocaust?

1939 – 1941: on non-occupied by Germans territory in Lwow (today Ukraine)

1941 – 1942: In hiding using Aryan documents, Lwow (today Ukraine)

1942 – 1943: In hiding using Aryan documents, Bolechow (today Ukraine)

1943-1945: In hiding using Aryan documents, Skole (today Ukraine)

What did you do after the Holocaust?

She moved to Cracow, then graduated from the State Institute for Theater Arts in Lodz and started to work as a theater director and actress. She had a husband and two daughters.

Siblings

None

Spouse

Name?

Kuba (Jakub) Ekert (Jewish name: Majer Jankiel)

Where and when was he/she born?

Vienna (today Austria), 1919

Where else did he/she live?

Stryj (today Ukraine), Lwow (today Ukraine), Cracow, Warsaw

Is he/she Jewish?

Yes

What is his/her mother tongue?

Yiddish

His/her educational level?

Graduated from Academy of Mining and Metallurgy, Cracow

Occupation?

Deputy Director at the Department of Technical Studies at the Ministry of Higher Education

Where and when did he/she die?

Warsaw, 1998

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).

Josef Ekert (1913 - ?) (f): after WWII he moved to Paris, France and died there

Grandfather – Lejb Ekert, had a small sweets factory in Stryj

Father – Ozjasz Ekert

Mother – Olga Ekert (nee Rothbard)

They were traditional Jews; the mother did not wear a wig, but the father went to the synagogue every week, prayed, and raised his children in the same way. At home they spoke Yiddish.

Children

Their names?

Ruth Ekert (f)

Iwona Ekert (nee ?) (adopted child) (f)

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

Yes

Where and when were they born?

Ruth: Warsaw, 1951

Iwona: Jaroslaw, 1951

Where else did they live?

Iwona: Warsaw

Their educational level?

Ruth: graduated from Department of Psychology, Warsaw University

Iwona: high school

Their occupations?

Ruth: psychologist

Iwona: secretary at The Government's Legislative Center

How many grandchildren do you have?

The interviewee has 3 grandchildren and 3 grand-grandchildren (no further information).

Father

His name?

Markus Presser

Where and when was he born?

Gwozdziec (today Ukraine), 1894

Where else did he live?

Lwow (today Ukraine), Boryslaw (today Ukraine)

Where and when did he die?

Boryslaw (today Ukraine), 1935

What sort of education did he have?

High school

What sort of work did he do?

Teacher

How religious was he?

He was a secular Zionist; he went to synagogue only on Yom Kippur.

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	attitude to Jewish traditions
Abraham Presser (m)	No information	Tailor	Luba Presser (nee ?)	No information	They were traditional; they kept kosher, observed holidays.
Chana ? (nee Presser) (f)	Died in her 20s (no further information)	No information	No information	No information	She was traditional.

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

? Presser

Where and when was he born?

No information

Where else did he live?

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Where and when did he die?

Gwozdziec (today Ukraine), 1896

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

No information

How religious was he?

No information

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	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?

? Presser (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

No information

Where else did she live?

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Where and when did she die?

Gwozdziec (today Ukraine), 1894

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

No information

How religious was she?

No information

What was her mother tongue?

Yiddish

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	attitude to Jewish traditions
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No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before

Mother

Her name?

Salomea Sara Drucker (Presser in first marriage, nee Gelb)

Where and when was she born?

Kolbuszowa, 1900

Where else did she live?

Cracow, Lwow (today Ukraine), Boryslaw (today Ukraine), Drohobycz (today Ukraine)

Where and when did she die?

Belzec, 1942 (?)

What sort of education did she have?

High school

What sort of work did she do?

Teacher

How religious was she?

She was an atheist and ardent Zionist.

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	attitude to Jewish traditions
Simcha Gelb (m)	Kolbuszowa, 1887 or 1888	Scholar, head of Tarbut school in Boryslaw, then visiting scholar at the University of Minnesota, USA	Sulamit Gelb (nee?), Jewish	Howard Gelb (Jewish name: Hagaj) (m) Amiel Gelb (m) Saadia Gelb (m) Vivien Gelb (Jewish name: Awiwa) (f)	He was a secular Zionist.
Ida ? (nee Gelb) (f)	Kolbuszowa, dates unknown	Housewife	No information	No information	She was traditional, kept kosher, observed holidays.
Estera ? (nee Gelb) (f)	Kolbuszowa, dates unknown	Housewife	No information	No information	She was traditional, kept kosher, observed holidays.
Chana ? (nee Gelb) (f)	Kolbuszowa, dates unknown	Housewife	No information	Ala (Jewish name: Malka) ?	She was traditional, kept kosher, observed holidays.
Goldzia (Golda) ? (nee Gelb) (f)	Kolbuszowa, dates unknown	Housewife	Dawid ? Jewish, shop-owner	Alek ? (m) Fela ? (f)	She was traditional, kept kosher, observed holidays.
Mosze Gelb (m)	Kolbuszowa, dates unknown	No information	No information	No information	No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

1939 – 1941: at home, Drohobycz (USSR)

1941-42: Ghetto, Drohobycz (German occupation)

Died 1942 in death camp, Belzec

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

Aron Gelb

Where and when was he born?

No information

Where else did he live?

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Where and when did he die?

Kolbuszowa, 1930s

What sort of education did he have?

Rabbinic education

What sort of work did he do?

Rabbi

How religious was he?

Grandfather was very religious. He wore a beard and dressed in a long frock-coat. Each morning he put on his tefillin. He was a Rabbinical scholar. He was highly esteemed in his town of Kolbuszowa [South-East Poland]. His name was well-known and he was known as a wise man, an erudite.

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	attitude to Jewish traditions
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No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

Gelb (nee?)

Where and when was she born?

No information

Where else did she live?

Kolbuszowa

Where and when did she die?

Kolbuszowa, 1923

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

No information

How religious was she?

No information

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	attitude to Jewish traditions
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No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before