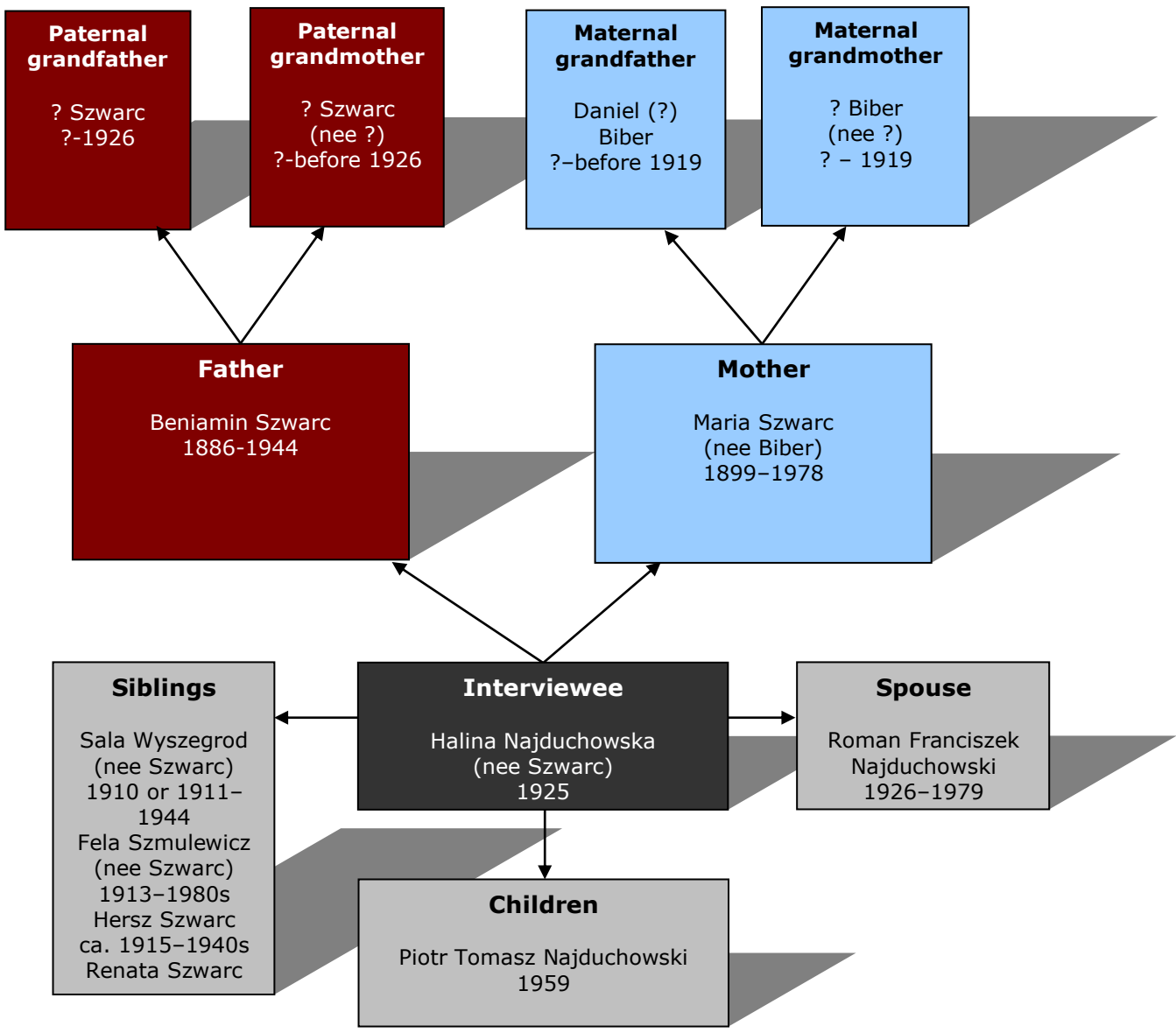


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Halina Najduchowska (nee Szwarc)

Where and when were you born?

Lodz, 30th October 1925

Where else did you live?

Warsaw

Your educational level?

Graduated from Warsaw University with a Master's degree in sociology

What sort of work do/did you do?

Sociologist

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

Assimilated. Mrs. Najduchowska's father had leftist sympathies, but he didn't have any strong political commitments either. He was a sort of a militant atheist and Mrs. Najduchowska's mother didn't like this at all.

What is your mother tongue?

Polish

How many other languages do you speak?

English, German, Russian, Serbian

Where were you during the Holocaust?

Lodz ghetto (1939 – 1944), concentration camp Auschwitz, forced labor camp Freiberg (today Germany), concentration camp Mauthausen (today Austria)

What did you do after the Holocaust?

Graduated from high school, attended university and studied electricity, physics, special needs and sociology, worked as an academic

Siblings

Their names

Sala Wyszegrod (nee Szwarc) (f), stepsister, same father

Fela Szmulewicz 1 voto Merenlender (nee Szwarc) (f), stepsister, same father

Hersz Szwarc (m), stepbrother, same father

Renata Szwarc (f)

Where and when were they born?

Sala: probably Lodz, 1910 or 1911

Fela: probably Lodz, 1913

Hersz: probably Lodz, 1915

Renata: Lodz, 1923

What is their mother tongue?

Polish

Their educational level?

Sala, Fela and Hersz: finished elementary school

Renata: before WWII she finished 3 years of a vocational school for bookbinders; after the war she graduated from Lodz University with a Master's degree in sociology

Their occupations?

Sala: owned an ice-cream shop with her husband

Fela: seamstress

Hersz: no information

Renata: sociologist

Where do/did they live?

Lodz

Where else did they live?

Fela: lived in Israel after WWII

Renata: Warsaw

Do they have children?

Sala: one son, Broniek

Fela: one son, Teodor, and one daughter, Ruth

Hersz: did not have children

Renata: one daughter, Magdalena

Where and when did they die?

Sala: died in Auschwitz

Fela: died in Israel after WWII

Hersz: died in the Holocaust, probably in Auschwitz

Spouse

Name?

Roman Franciszek Najduchowski

Where and when was he/she born?

A village near Cracow, 21st January 1926

Where else did he/she live?

Warsaw

Is he/she Jewish?

No

What is his/her mother tongue?

Polish

His/her educational level?

Graduated from the Warsaw School of Economics with a Master's degree in economy

Occupation?

Economist

Where and when did he/she die?

Warsaw, 1979

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).

No information, they were not Jewish

Children

Their names?

Piotr Tomasz Najduchowski

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

Piotr is half-Jewish, but he was not raised Jewish.

Where and when were they born?

Warsaw, 1959

Where else did they live?

Warsaw

Their educational level?

Graduated from Warsaw University with a Master's degree in economy

Their occupations?

He doesn't work, receives a disability pension

How many grandchildren do you have?

None

Father

His name?

Beniamin Szwarc

Where and when was he born?

Somewhere in the Prussian sector of partitioned Poland, 1886

Where else did he live?

Lodz

Where and when did he die?

Auschwitz, 1944

What sort of education did he have?

Three or four classes of an elementary school

What sort of work did he do?

Electrician

How religious was he?

Mrs. Najduchowska's father was a militant atheist, which worried her mother.

What was his mother tongue?

Polish

Army service: which army and what years?

He cut off two of his toes, because he did not want to go to the Russian Army.

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
Hasura ? (nee Szwarc) (f)	The oldest sister. She was much older than her brother, who was born in 1886. She lived in Lodz.	No information	No information	Two sons – survived Holocaust in the Soviet Union The daughter died with her husband in Hotel Polski	No information but rather not religious
Ita ? (nee Szwarc) (f)	She was much older than her brother, who was born in 1886. Died with her husband and daughters in Lodz Ghetto	No information	No information	One daughter, Sala. Sala had two daughters, Halinka (b. 1925) and Hanka (b. 1923) and two sons – Romek and Izio. Halinka and Hanka were close friends of Mrs. Najduchowska and her sister, Renata.	No information but rather not religious
Lola ? (nee Szwarc) (f)	The youngest sister of Mrs. Najduchowska's father. She lived in Berlin, Germany.	No information. She emigrated from Germany to Palestine after 1933	No information	No information	No information
? Szwarc (m)	Died with his wife in Auschwitz	Emigrated to Palestine in	No information	One daughter, Dorka, born in	No information, but probably not very

1930s but
came back to
Poland before
WWII

1925, died in Lodz religious
ghetto

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Lodz ghetto (1939 – 1944), killed in Auschwitz in 1944

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

? Szwarc (died in 1926, no further information)

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

? Szwarc (nee ?) (died before 1926, no further information)

Mother

Her name?

Maria Szwarc (nee Biber)

Where and when was she born?

Lodz, 25th March 1899

Where else did she live?

Warsaw

Where and when did she die?

Warsaw, 1978

What sort of education did she have?

Russian gymnasium (equivalent of high school)

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife before WWII

How religious was she?

She was not religious: she was an assimilated Jew, although she did not want to offend her guests and she was not happy that her husband showed his atheism.

What was her mother tongue?

Polish

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
Sala Borensztajn (nee Biber)	Killed in Lask during WWII with her husband and son	Housewife	Lajb Borensztajn	One son, Daniel	Not very religious but they observed Jewish tradition regardless of the opinion of the community.
Ruta Fejtlowitz (nee Biber)	Emigrated to the United States in 1919, died there in 1981	Housewife	Aba Fejtlowitz, they got married in 1923 in the United States	Two sons born in the USA – Daniel and Harvey.	No information
Hela ? (nee Biber)	Killed in Lask during WWII with her husband and daughter	Housewife	Her husband was a tailor	One daughter, Anka	No information
Leon Biber	(Lodz, 1907 – 1908 – Israel, 1980s). Emigrated in 1920 or 1921 - lived in Los Angeles. He moved to Israel after his wife's death.	Salesman in a shoe-store	Irishwoman, Minnie	One son, Danny- Born in 1940s-	He wasn't religious.
Motek Biber	Killed in Auschwitz with his wife and daughter	He was a disabled person. He worked as a janitor.	Helena (Hela) Biber, she was a tailor	One daughter, Anulka, born in the 1930s.	No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Lodz ghetto (1939 – 1944), concentration camp Auschwitz, forced labor camp Freiberg (today Germany), concentration camp Mauthausen (today Austria)

If she survived, what did she do after?

She worked as a proof-reader in a publishing house. She helped her daughter in running the house.

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

Daniel Biber

Where and when was he born?

No information

Where else did he live?

Lodz

Where and when did he die?

Lodz, before 1919

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

No information

How religious was he?

No information. In the only existing photo of him, he is wearing a beard.

What was his mother tongue?

No information

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?

? Biber (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

No information

Where else did she live?

Lodz

Where and when did she die?

Lodz, 1919

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?

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 she during the Holocaust?

Died before