

Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Zuzanna Mensz, nee Rosset

Where and when were you born?

Lublin, 1918

Where else did you live?

Skryhiczyn (Lublin district), Volodymir-Volyns'kyy (presently Ukraine), Warsaw, Lwow (presently Ukraine), Poltava (presently Ukraine), Kemerovo (western Siberia), Katowice, Jozefow (near Warsaw)

Your educational level?

Finished nursing school in Warsaw

What sort of work do/did you do?

Before WWII: a nurse; after WWII: a social worker, an editor

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

My father was very religious. Until he lived, we kept kashrut, celebrated all holidays, especially Pesakh and Yom Kippur. Father prayed alone every day. Father tried to introduce us to Jewishness, he told us about the holidays, taught us Hebrew. Mom wasn't religious – they always had arguments about kashrut, celebrating Saturdays etc. After father's death we stopped celebrating holidays.

What is your mother tongue?

Polish

How many other languages do you speak?

German, Russian, Yiddish

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

Red Army 1941-1943, then the Polish Army in the Soviet Union 1943-1944

Where were you during the Holocaust?

In the Soviet Union – a nurse in a military hospital

What did you do after the Holocaust?

I worked as a social worker and then as an editor in the Polish Radio and in Przyjaciolka, a women's weekly.

Siblings

Their names

Sara Zlata

Hinda

Where and when were they born?

Sara Zlata: Volodymir-Volyns'kyy (presently Ukraine), 1909

Hinda: Lublin, 1920

What is their mother tongue?

Polish

Their educational level?

Sara Zlata: graduated from the Faculty of History, Warsaw University

Hinda: finished gymnasium, student the Faculty of Agriculture, Lwow University

Their occupations?

Sara Zlata: math teacher; after the war: editor in a popular science publishing house

Hinda: university student

Where do/did they live?

Sara Zlata: Lublin

Hinda: Lublin

Where else did they live?

Sara Zlata: Volodymir-Volyns'kyy (presently Ukraine), Warsaw, Vienna, London, Tel Aviv, Rekhovot

Hinda: Volodymir-Volyns'kyy (presently Ukraine), Skryhiczyn (Lublin district), Falenica (near Warsaw), Lwow (presently Ukraine)

Do they have children?

Sara Zlata: Igal, Michael, Arie

Where and when did they die?

Sara Zlata: Tel Aviv, 1999

Hinda: Sobibor, 1942

Spouse

Name?

Wilhelm Mensz

Where and when was he/she born?

Lwow (presently Ukraine), 1920

Where else did he/she live?

Warsaw

Is he/she Jewish?

Yes

What is his/her mother tongue?

Polish

His/her educational level?

Graduated from the Faculty of History, Warsaw University

Occupation?

Army officer, lecturer in a military school, editor

Where and when did he/she die?

Warsaw, 1991

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).

Aleksander (m) and Poldek (m), born in Lwow, Poldek in 1929, very assimilated family, they only spoke Polish. Both were killed in the Lwow ghetto.

Children

Their names?

Julian

Pawel

Piotr

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

No

Where and when were they born?

Julian: Katowice, 1946

Pawel: Warsaw, 1948

Piotr: Warsaw, 1954

Where else did they live?

Julian: Denmark

Pawel: United States

Piotr: Canada

Their educational level?

Julian: graduated from a technical university in Denmark

Pawel: graduated from the Warsaw University of Technology

Piotr: graduated from the Faculty of Physics, Warsaw University

Their occupations?

Julian: engineer

Pawel: scientist

Piotr: ?

How many grandchildren do you have?

Five

Father

His name?

Mosze Rosset

Where and when was he born?

Volodymir-Volyns'kyy (presently Ukraine), 1880s

Where else did he live?

Lublin

Where and when did he die?

Skryhiczyn (Lublin district), 1933

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

A grain merchant

How religious was he?

Father was very religious. I remember him attaching the straps with the biblical Commandments [tefillin] to his forehead before prayers. He prayed alone, every day. I don't remember him wearing a yarmulka [kippah]. He told me not all the religious regulations were reasonable but had to be kept nevertheless, as they allowed Jews to maintain their tradition and identity. Father tried to introduce us to Jewishness, he told us about the holidays, taught us Hebrew.

What was his mother tongue?

Yiddish

Army service: which army and what years?

None

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
Pola Rosset (f)	Volodymir-Volyns'kyy, date unknown – died in the Holocaust	No information	None	None	No information
Adela ?, nee Rosset (f)	Volodymir-Volyns'kyy, date unknown – died in the Holocaust	No information	No information	Unknown (m) Unknown (f) Estera (f) 1918 – died in the Holocaust	No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

? Rosset

Where and when was he born?

Volodymir-Volyns'kyy, ?

Where else did he live?

Lublin

Where and when did he die?

Lublin, 1920s?

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

He had a printing house in Volodymir-Volyns'kyy, then in Lublin he was a grain merchant

How religious was he?

He celebrated Sukkot: used to build a shack in the backyard.

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?

Pola Rosset

Where and when was she born?

No information

Where else did she live?

Volodymir-Volyns'kyy, Lublin

Where and when did she die?

Lublin, 1933

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

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

Mother

Her name?

Mariem Szyfra Rosset, nee Horowicz

Where and when was she born?

Skryhiczyn, 1886

Where else did she live?

Lublin, Volodymir-Volyns'kyy (presently Ukraine), Falenica near Warsaw, Skryhiczyn (Lublin district)

Where and when did she die?

Sobibor, 1942

What sort of education did she have?

Five grades of gymnasium

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife, landowner, embroidery maker

How religious was she?

She wasn't religious. She went to synagogue only on Yom Kippur. She always had arguments with my father about religious regulations: keeping kosher, celebrating Saturdays. We celebrated all the holidays as long as my father lived. After his death we stopped.

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
Motel (m) Horowicz	Lodz, ? – Sobibor, 1942	landowner	Perel, died in Sobibor, 1942	<p>Unknown (m): born in Skryhiczyn, died in Warsaw, 1944</p> <p>Pinchas (m): born in Skryhiczyn, died in Sobibor, 1942</p> <p>Froim (m): born in Skryhiczyn, died in Warsaw, during the Holocaust</p> <p>Dawid: born in Skryhiczyn</p> <p>Zlata (f): born in Skryhiczyn, died in Sobibor, 1942</p> <p>Hinda (f): born in Skryhiczyn, died in Sobibor, 1942</p> <p>Leja (f): born in Skryhiczyn, died in Warsaw</p>	He was a very religious Jew, reportedly an expert in Talmudic philosophy. He raised his children in a religious fashion. He even sent his eldest son to a religious school in Lublin.
Jojl (m) Horowicz	Lodz, ?	landowner	None	None	atheist
Josel (m) Horowicz	Lodz, ? – Sobibor, 1942	landowner	Rachela Horowicz, nee Walach, seamstress, Lodz, ? - Sobibor, 1942	<p>Kalman (m): born in Skryhiczyn, died in Russia, 1941</p> <p>Szmul (m): born in Skryhiczyn, 1920, lives in Israel</p> <p>Chaim (m): born in Skryhiczyn, 1921 died in 1944</p> <p>Sara (f): born in</p>	No information

				Skryhiczyn, 1923 died in 1944 Rywka (f), died in 1944	
Chana (f) Perec, nee Horowicz	? – 1950	housewife	Aron Perec, Zamosc, ? – 1957, dentist	Zofia (f) Lipic, nee Perec: born in Czestochowa, 1921 – died in USA, 2006, English teacher Mieczyslaw (m): born in Czestochowa, died in Germany, 1990, engineer	
Ita (f) Rylska – Wolynska (nee Horowicz)	Skryhiczyn, date unknown – Moscow, 1937	No information	Ignacy Rylski, died in Moscow, 1937	Iwona (f) Huberman: born in USSR, 1926, she lives in Israel Olgierd (m) Wolynski: born in Russia, 1929, he lives in Warsaw Michal (m) Wolynski: born in Russia, 1935, he lives in Warsaw	atheist
Henoch (m) Horowicz	Skryhiczyn, 1917 – Warsaw, ?	Printing house owner		No information	No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Villages in Lublin district, killed in Sobibor death camp

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

Hersz Cwi Horowicz

Where and when was he born?

Piotrkow Trybunalski (Poland, Lodz district), date unknown

Where else did he live?

Skryhiczyn, Lodz

Where and when did he die?

Lodz, 1930s

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Wood merchant

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

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

Sara Zlata Horowicz, nee Rottenberg

Where and when was she born?

Skryhiczyn, ?

Where else did she live?

Lodz

Where and when did she die?

Skryhiczyn, 1917

What sort of education did she have?

None

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

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
Masza Halperin, nee Rottenberg	Skryhiczyn, 1886 – Sobibor, 1942	landowner	Chaim Halperin, Odessa, 1884 – Skryhiczyn, 1939	Ida Merzan: Odessa, 1907 – Warsaw, 1987, educationist and writer Gitla: Odessa, 1909 – Israel, ?. Mordechaj: Odessa, ? – USA, ? Sara Goldberg: Odessa, 1912 – Sobibor, 1942. Chana: ?	
Mordechaj Rottenberg	Skryhiczyn, ?	landowner	Hena	No information	No information
Chaja Mincberg, nee Rottenberg	?	landowner	? Mincberg, ?	No information	No information
Fejga Szydłowska, nee Rottenberg	Skryhiczyn, ?	landowner	Mosze Szydłowski	Ita Josef Mosze Noach Fryda	No information
Szlomo Rottenberg	Skryhiczyn, 1888 – Treblinka 1942	industrial worker	Jehudit, nee Pilicer: Lodz, 1888 – Treblinka 1942	Anna Lanota: Lodz, 1915, lives in Warsaw Cwi: Lodz, 1918 – Treblinka, 1942 Mordechaj: Lodz, 1920 – Treblinka 1942. Zalman: Lodz 1924-1939	very religious
Nusyn Rottenberg	Skryhiczyn, ?	landowner	Bluma	Estera: Skryhiczyn, 1923,	No information

lives in Israel

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before