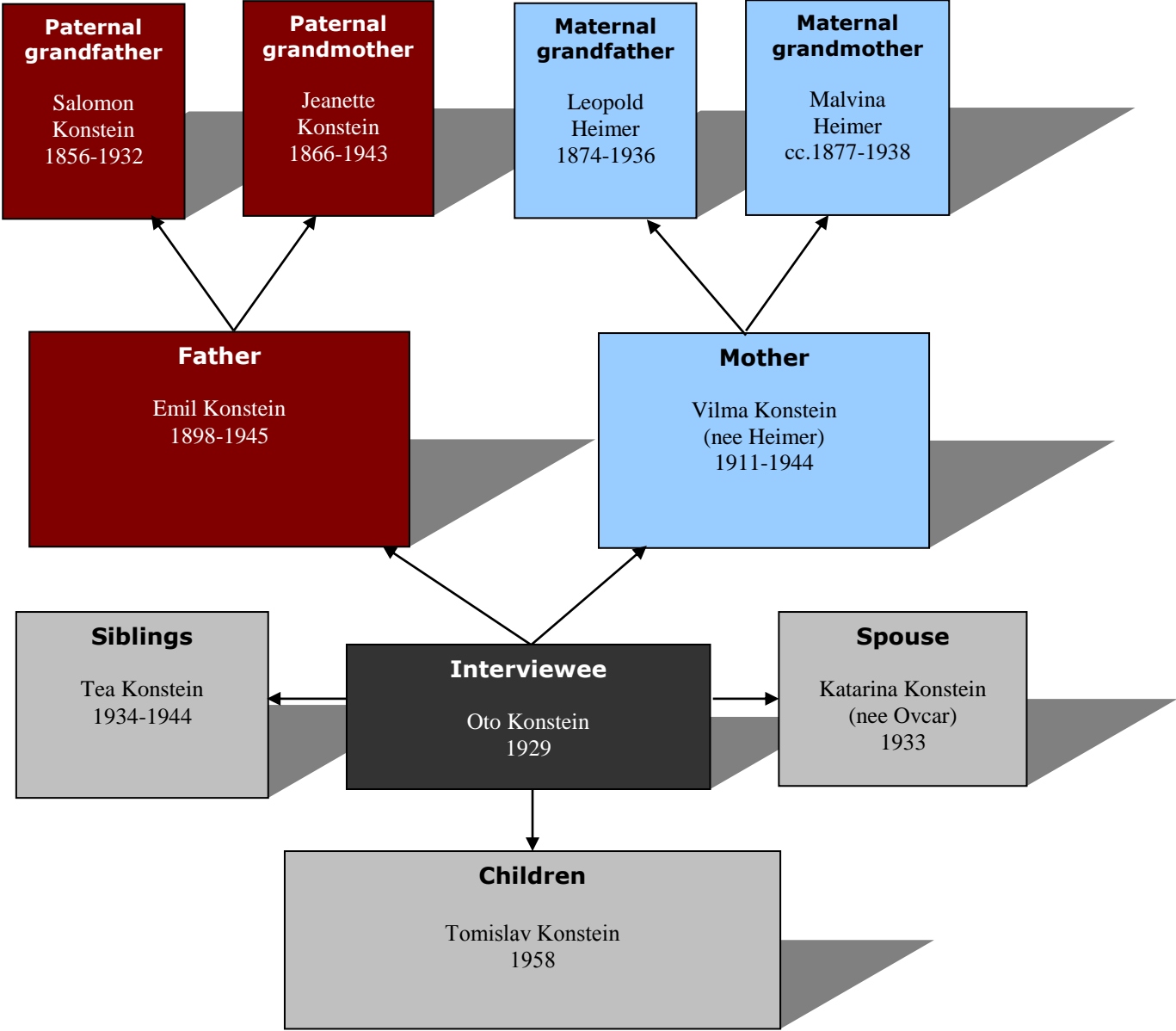


**Family Tree**



## The interviewee and his family

*Full name*

Oto Konstein

*Where and when were you born?*

Cakovec, 1929

*Where else did you live?*

Zagreb

*Your educational level?*

Two-year vocational trade school

*What sort of work do/did you do?*

Economist in foreign trade

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

Not too religious: synagogue attendance every Friday night and Saturday, also for holidays. For Yom Kippur, my parents fasted all day, my sister and me until the noon. We didn't keep kosher. We lit candles for Hanukah, and for the deceased.

*What is your mother tongue?*

Croatian; I spoke German with my father, and Hungarian with my maternal grandparents

*How many languages do you speak?*

Hungarian, German, a bit of French and English

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

JNA (Yugoslavian National Army) 1949 and 1950 in Ilirska Bistrica and Maribor

*Where were you during the Holocaust?*

April 1941-April 1944 in Cakovec under Hungarian occupation; from May 1944-January 1945 in Auschwitz (Misljovice); January 1945-April 1945 Dora Buchenwald; Bergen-Belsen

## **Siblings**

*Their names*

Tea Konstein

*Where and when were they born?*

Cakovec, 1934

*What is their mother tongue?*

Croatian

*Their educational level?*

*Their occupations?*

*Where do/did they live?*

Cakovec

*Where else did they live?*

*Do they have children?*

*Where and when did they die?*

Killed in concentration camp Birkenau, 1944

## **Spouse**

*Name?*

Katarina Konstein, nee Ovcar

*Where and when was he/she born?*

Cakovec, 1933

*Where else did he live?*

Zagreb

*Is he/she Jewish?*

No, Croatian

*What is his/her mother tongue?*

Croatian

*His/her educational level?*

5 year University degree in chemical engineering

*Occupation?*

Professor in one of technological colleges in Zagreb

*Where and when did he/she die?*

## Children

*Their names?*

Tomislav

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

He wasn't raised Jewish. He is half-half and he doesn't identify himself as anything

*Where and when were they born?*

Zagreb, 1958

*Where else did they live?*

Basel, Switzerland

*Their educational level?*

University degree, University of Zagreb, department of electro technology

*Their occupations?*

Specialist in computer software private firm in Basel

*How many grandchildren do you have?*

One granddaughter, Tea

## Father

*His name?*

Emil Konstein

*Where and when was he was born?*

Jihlava, Czech Republic, 1898

*Where else did he live?*

Maribor, Slovenia; Cakovec

*Where and when did he die?*

Auschwitz Buna, January 1945

*What sort of education did he have?*

Vocational school for leather workers, Vienna

*What sort of work did he do?*

Assistant in family's leather factory in Maribor; owner of a leather store in Cakovec

*How religious was he?*

He attended services for Shabbat and holidays, not for weekdays; he wore a kippah only in synagogue not outside; he fasted for Yom Kippur but didn't observe kashrut

*What was his mother tongue?*

German and Czech

*Army service: Which army and what years?*

Austro-Hungarian army, 1917 wounded in his back on the Italian front

*Tell me about his brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)*

Two brothers: 1. Ernest, born 1890, died in Auschwitz 1944; 2. Vili, born 1900, no further information

Four sisters: 1. Paula, born 1896, died in Auschwitz 1944; 2. Juli, born 1897, survived Theresienstadt, died in Brno 1976; 3. Lisel, no information on date of birth, married and lived in Vienna, she probably died in Auschwitz in 1944; 4. Erna, no information on date of birth, died in Auschwitz in 1944

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Until April 1944, he was in Cakovec under the Hungarian occupation; he was deported to Buna Auschwitz before my mother, sister and me; he was murdered in Auschwitz

*If he survived, what did he do after?*



## Paternal grandfather

*Your father's father name?*

Salomon Konstein

*Where and when was he born?*

Place unknown, Czech Republic, 1856

*Where else did he live?*

Maribor, Slovenia

*Where and when did he die?*

Maribor, 1932, buried in Cakovec

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

Leather-worker; later owner of a leather factory in Maribor

*How religious was he?*

Not too religious: fasted for Yom Kippur, ate matzos for Passover, but didn't consume kosher food or observed Shabbat

*What was his mother tongue?*

Czech and German

*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.)*

No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

*If he survived what did he do after?*

## Paternal grandmother

*Your father's mother's name?*

Jeanette Konstein, nee ?

*Where and when was she born?*

Town unknown, Czech Republic, 1866

*Where else did she live?*

Maribor, Slovenia; Cakovec

*Where and when did she die?*

Cakovec, 1943

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

Not too religious: fasted for Yom Kippur and observed Passover but didn't keep kosher, didn't light candles for Shabbat but made sholet for every Shabbat

*What was her mother tongue?*

Czech and German

*Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)*

No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

In Cakovec under the Hungarian occupation; she died in 1943 of natural causes

*If she survived what did she do after?*

## Mother

*Her name?*

Vilma Konstein, nee Heimer

*Where and when was she born?*

Kotoriba, 1911

*Where else did she live?*

Cakovec

*Where and when did she die?*

Birkenau, 1944

*What sort of education did she have?*

Completed 8 years of school; also completed a sewing course

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

Not too religious: fasted for Yom Kippur, observed Passover but didn't keep kosher and didn't light candles for Shabbat; she lit candles for Hanukah and for the deceased

*What was her mother tongue?*

Hungarian and Croatian

*Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)*

Two brothers: 1. Bela, born in 1902, killed in Jasenovac concentration camp in 1942, his wife Ivka and daughter Verica were killed in Loborgrad in 1941;  
2. Stjepan, born in 1904, his wife Greta (nee Cegledi) and son Stjepan, born in 1942, lived in Dalmacija and were saved, Stjepan died in Zagreb in 1987

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

In Cakovec under the Hungarian occupation; killed in Birkenau, 1944

*If she survived, what did she do after?*

## Maternal grandfather

*Your mother's father's name?*

Leopold Heimer

*Where and when was he born?*

Place unknown, 1874

*Where else did he live?*

Cakovec

*Where and when did he die?*

Cakovec, 1936

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

Worked in textile factory in Cakovec

*How religious was he?*

Not very religious: fasted for Yom Kippur, attended religious services for High Holidays

*What was his mother tongue?*

Hungarian

*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.)*

No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

*If he survived what did he do after?*



## Maternal grandmother

*Your mother's mother's name?*

Malvina Heimer, nee ?

*Where and when was she born?*

Place unknown, cc. 1878

*Where else did she live?*

Cakovec

*Where and when did she die?*

Cakovec, 1938

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

Not very religious: fasted for Yom Kippur, didn't observe kosher or Shabbat

*What was her mother tongue?*

Hungarian

*Tell me about her brothers and sisters. (name, date of birth and death, occupation, place of residence, family, etc.)*

No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Died before

*If she survived what did she do after?*