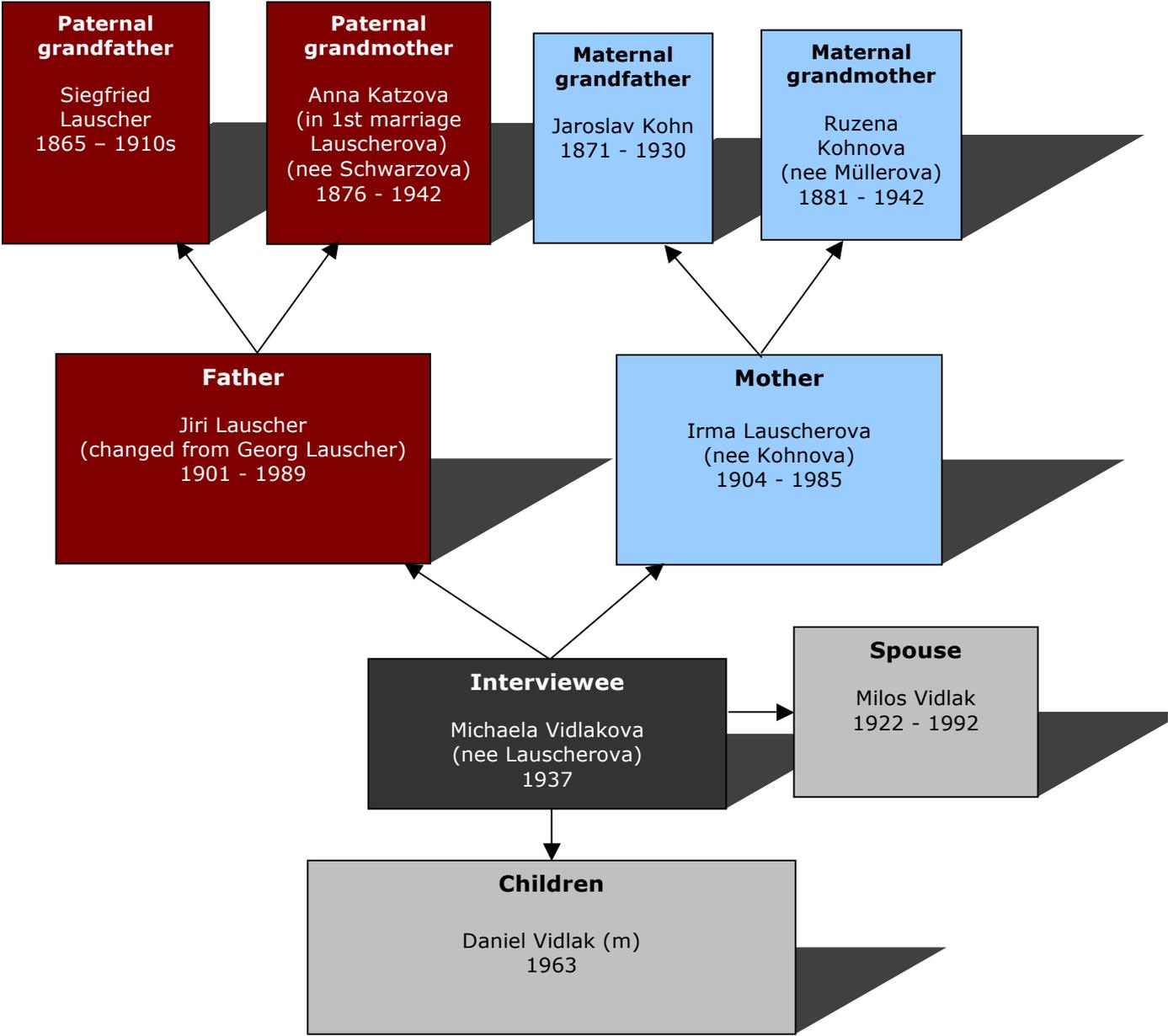


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Michaela Vidlakova (nee Lauscherova)

Where and when were you born?

Prague, 1937

Where else did you live?

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Your educational level?

Graduated from Faculty of Science, Charles University in Prague

What sort of work do/did you do?

Researcher for the Nutrition Research Institute in Prague

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

My parents observed Jewish traditions at home. We went to synagogue for the High Holidays, and at home we celebrated all the Jewish holidays. My father wore a kippah only in the synagogue, or for Passover or when he was lighting candles. For Chanukkah we lit a candelabra at home, and sang Chanukkah songs. My mother also fasted on the 9th of Av and for Yom Kippur, but my father didn't and they didn't force me to. In our household the Sabbath took place without prayer; we just made a fancier supper, had a white tablecloth and lit two candles. We didn't observe Christmas or other non-Jewish holidays at all.

What is your mother tongue?

Czech

What other languages do you speak?

English, German, partly French and Russian, a little Hebrew

Where were you during the Holocaust?

Ghetto: Terezin

What did you do after the Holocaust?

I graduated from university and worked at the Nutrition Research Institute in Prague

Spouse

Name?

Milos Vidlak

Where and when was he/she born?

Prague, 1922

Where else did he/she live?

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Is he/she Jewish?

No

What is his/her mother tongue?

Czech

His/her educational level?

Graduated from Faculty of Philosophy, Charles University

Occupation?

For a long time he worked for the Invalids' Union, in the area of work, wages and general care for invalids. Because of the Communists he didn't complete his PhD until 1968, and then worked for the Ministry of Social Affairs.

Where and when did he/she die?

Prague, 1992

Children

Their names?

Daniel Vidlak (m)

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

Though raised in Jewish traditions, my son is a convinced atheist, and doesn't distinguish between Jewish and non-Jewish friends.

Where and when were they born?

Prague, 1963

Where else did they live?

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Their educational level?

Graduated from Czech Technical University

Their occupations?

Daniel works in his field and devotes himself exclusively to technology

How many grandchildren do you have?

One granddaughter

Father

His name?

Jiri Lauscher (changed from Georg Lauscher)

Where and when was he born?

Terezin, 1901

Where else did he live?

California (USA)

Kibbutz Sarid (today Israel)

Prague

Where and when did he die?

Prague, 16th November 1989

What sort of education did he have?

Graduated from German council school, and then took a two-year business course (something like less advanced high school, but without a leaving exam).

What sort of work did he do?

Worked at the Israeli embassy in Prague

How religious was he?

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example. He wouldn't have forbidden Catholics to enter a synagogue, but he just thought that everyone should keep to his own.

What was his mother tongue?

German

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	describe how religious they were
Frantisek Lauscher (m)	Terezin, 1899 - Auschwitz-Birkenau (today Poland), 1943	Chemist	None	None	Frantisek was less of a Zionist than my father. He attended synagogue during the High Holidays.

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Ghetto: Terezin

If he survived, what did he do after?

Worked at the Israeli embassy in Prague

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

Siegfried Lauscher

Where and when was he born?

Revnicov, 1865

Where else did he live?

Terezin

Where and when did he die?

Terezin, 1911 or 1912

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Office worker

How religious was he?

No information

What was his mother tongue?

German

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	describe how religious they were
Anna ? (nee Lauscherova) (f)	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information
Karel Lauscher (m)	No information	No information	Terezie Lauscherova (nee ?), came from Hungary	Viktor Lauscher (m)	No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

Anna Katzova (nee Schwarzova) (in first marriage: Lauscherova)

Where and when was she born?

Pribram, 1876

Where else did she live?

Terezin

Liberec

Prague

Where and when did she die?

Auschwitz-Birkenau (today Poland), 1942

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

Grandma wasn't exceptionally religious in any way, she simply just upheld Jewish traditions. She used to go to synagogue for the High Holidays. She didn't keep a kosher household.

What was her mother tongue?

German

Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

One brother, lived in Liberec

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Ghetto: Terezin

Concentration camp: Auschwitz-Birkenau (today Poland), died there

Mother

Her name?

Irma Lauscherova (nee Kohnova)

Where and when was she born?

Hermanuv Mestec, 1904

Where else did she live?

Prague

Where and when did she die?

Prague, 1985

What sort of education did she have?

Graduated from Faculty of Philosophy, Charles University in Prague

What sort of work did she do?

Teacher

How religious was she?

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What was her mother tongue?

Czech

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	describe how religious they were
Jiri Kohn (m)	Hermanuv Mestec, 1909 - Great Britain, 1984	In England he had a radio sales and repair shop.	- Marie (non Jewish), died in 1960 in Great Britain - Susan	Mirek (m) Zdenka (f) Petr (m) Pavel (m) Simon (m)	No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Ghetto: Terezin

If she survived, what did she do after?

Teacher, and also worked for the Israeli embassy in Prague

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

Jaroslav Kohn

Where and when was he born?

Stare Hradý, 1871

Where else did he live?

Kamenice

Where and when did he die?

Kamenice, 1930

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Shoemaker

How religious was he?

My grandfather still observed some Kohanite dictates, like for example he wouldn't enter a cemetery, but they didn't keep a kosher household any longer. Perhaps they just avoided pork. The Kohn family was somewhat more religious than the Lauscher family. In the very least, they fasted for Yom Kippur.

What was his mother tongue?

Czech

Army service: which army and what years?

No information

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Died before

Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

Ruzena Kohnova (nee Müllerova)

Where and when was she born?

Chocen, 1881

Where else did she live?

Kamenice

Prague

Where and when did she die?

Treblinka (today Poland), 1942

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

She was originally a housewife, but then when Grandpa died, she made a living by facilitating or offering goods.

How religious was she?

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What was her mother tongue?

Czech

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	describe how religious they were
? Müller (m)	No information	No information	No information	Hana Brumlova (in 1 st marriage: Schiffova) (nee Müllerova)	No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Ghetto: Terezin

Concentration camp: Treblinka (today Poland), died there