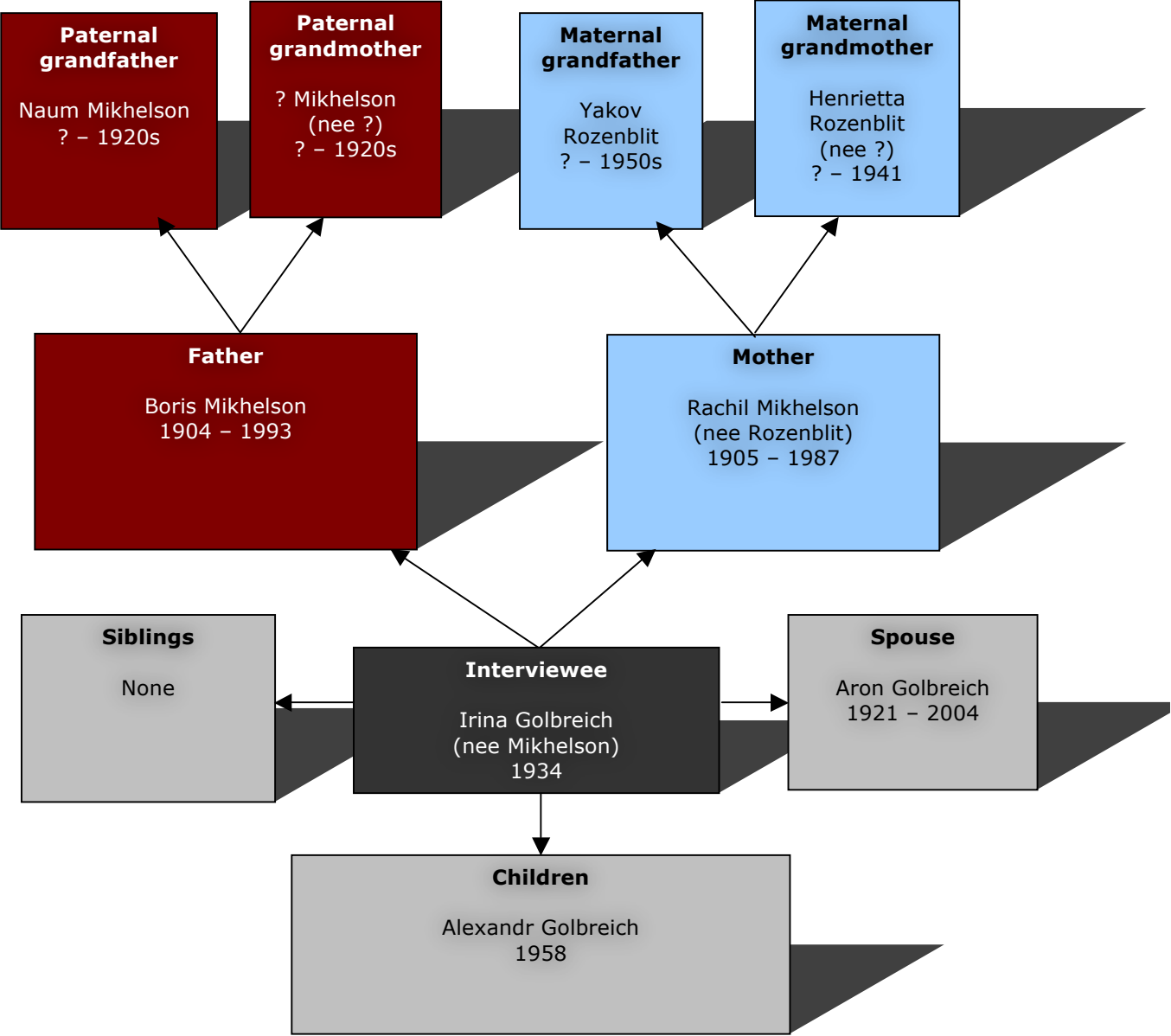


**Family Tree**



## The interviewee and his family

*Full name*

Irina Golbreich (nee Mikhelson)

*Where and when were you born?*

Riga, 1934

*Where else did you live?*

Rostov-Yaroslavskiy, Ailino, and Satka, Cheliabinsk region (all today Russia)

*Your educational level?*

Finished the Faculty of Natural Science and Chemistry, Riga Teachers' Training College

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

Teacher of Natural Science and Chemistry, general education school

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

My parents were not religious. When I was a child, the family observed no Jewish traditions. On Jewish holidays we visited my father's family.

*What is your mother tongue?*

Russian

*What other languages do you speak?*

Latvian, German

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

None

*Where were you during the Holocaust?*

Evacuation: Rostov-Yaroslavskiy, Ailino and Satka, Cheliabinsk region (all today Russia)

*What did you do after the Holocaust?*

Returned to Riga, finished a general education school, studied at the Teachers' Training College. Upon graduation worked as a teacher of Natural Science and Chemistry at school.

## **Siblings**

*Their names*

None

## **Spouse**

*Name?*

Aron Golbreich

*Where and when was he/she born?*

Beshenkovichi (today Belarus), 1921

*Where else did he/she live?*

Riga

*Is he/she Jewish?*

Yes

*What is his/her mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*His/her educational level?*

Finished Riga Teachers' Training College, Faculty of Mathematics

*Occupation?*

Teacher of Mathematics, general education school

*Where and when did he/she die?*

Riga, 2004

*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).*

My husband had three older brothers. I never met them. They perished at the front during the war. They were single and had no children.

## Children

*Their names?*

Alexandr Golbreich

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

My son was not raised Jewish, but he identifies himself as a Jew.

*Where and when were they born?*

Riga, 1958

*Where else did they live?*

France, Germany, Chape Hill, North Carolina (USA)

*Their educational level?*

Graduated from Faculty of Physics and Mathematics, Riga University

*Their occupations?*

Scientist, candidate of physical and mathematic sciences (i.e. PhD in Mathematics and Physics)

*How many grandchildren do you have?*

None

## Father

*His name?*

Boris Mikhelson (Jewish name: Ber)

*Where and when was he born?*

Daugavpils, 1904

*Where else did he live?*

Riga

*Where and when did he die?*

Riga, 1993

*What sort of education did he have?*

My father studied at the Agricultural College in Riga, but he never finished it. He took a course for amateur radio engineers, and its diploma gave him the right to work

*What sort of work did he do?*

I don't know what my father did before getting married. After he got married, he became a foreman at the knitwear factory in Riga.

*How religious was he?*

My father was not religious. He did not observe Jewish traditions either.

*What was his mother tongue?*

Yiddish



*Army service: which army and what years?*

1941 – 1943: at the front, in the Latvian division

*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
Leib Mikhelson	Daugavpils, before 1904 – Riga, 1941	Clerk in a store	None	None	Religious. He observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, celebrated Jewish holidays at home.
Isaac Henrich Mikhelson	Daugavpils, before 1904 – Riga, 1941	Clerk in a store	None	None	Religious. He observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, celebrated Jewish holidays at home.
Yevgenia Mikhelson	Daugavpils, before 1904 – Riga, 1941	Housewife	No information	None	Religious. She observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, celebrated Jewish holidays at home.
Alexandra Mikhelson	Daugavpils, before 1904 – Riga, 1941	Obstetrician nurse	None	None	Religious. She observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, celebrated Jewish holidays at home.
Emma Rozhevskaya	Daugavpils, before 1904 –	Housewife	No information	None	Religious. She observed Jewish

(nee Mikhelson) Riga, 1941

traditions, went to the  
synagogue on Jewish  
holidays, celebrated  
Jewish holidays at  
home.

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

1941 – 1943: at the front (Russia), was wounded, treatment in hospital, was recognized unfit for military service. Reunited with Mama and me in Satka where we were in evacuation, worked at the Magnezit plant

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

Returned to Riga, worked as foreman at the radio factory



*Your paternal grandfather's name?*

Naum Mikhelson

*Where and when was he born?*

Daugavpils (Russian Empire at that time, today Latvia), date unknown

*Where else did he live?*

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*Where and when did he die?*

Daugavpils, late 1920s – early 1930s

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

Grain dealer

*How religious was he?*

My grandfather was religious. He worked and was a chazzan at the synagogue. He observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Sabbath and Jewish holidays, celebrated Sabbath and Jewish holidays and followed the kashrut.

*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	describe how religious they were
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No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before



*Your paternal grandmother's name?*

? Mikhelson (nee ?)

*Where and when was she born?*

No information

*Where else did she live?*

Daugavpils (Russian Empire at that time, today Latvia)

*Where and when did she die?*

Daugavpils, late 1920s – early 1930s

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

My grandmother was religious. She observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, celebrated Sabbath and Jewish holidays at home and followed the kashrut.

*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	describe how religious they were
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No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Died before



*Her name?*

Rachil Mikhelson (nee Rozenblit)

*Where and when was she born?*

Odessa (Russian Empire at that time, today Ukraine), 1905

*Where else did she live?*

Riga

*Where and when did she die?*

Riga, 1987

*What sort of education did she have?*

Mama finished the pianist department at the Riga Conservatoire

*What sort of work did she do?*

Music teacher

*How religious was she?*

Not religious

*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	describe how religious they were
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Solomon Rozenblit	Odessa (today Ukraine), before 1905 – Moscow (today Russia), 1970s	Lawyer	? Rozenblit (nee ?) Jew	Yudith Rozenblit Moscow, 1926	No information
Esphir ? (nee Rozenblit)	Odessa before 1905 – Paris (France), 1970s	Music teacher	Jewish husband (no further information)	Michel ? 1920s – 1950s	No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Evacuation: Rostov-Yaroslavskiy, Ailino and Satka, Cheliabinsk region (all today Russia)

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

Returned to Riga, worked as music teacher



*Your maternal grandfather's name?*

Yakov Rozenblit

*Where and when was he born?*

Odessa (today Ukraine), date unknown

*Where else did he live?*

Riga, Moscow (today Russia)

*Where and when did he die?*

Moscow, 1950s

*What sort of education did he have?*

Grandfather graduated from the Faculty of Chemistry, Odessa University

*What sort of work did he do?*

My grandfather was a chemical engineer, but I don't know where he worked or in what capacity

*How religious was he?*

My grandfather was religious. He observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on holidays and celebrated Sabbath and Jewish holidays.

*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	describe how religious they were
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No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Moscow (today Russia)

*If he survived what did he do after?*

Lived with his son in Moscow, pensioner

## Maternal grandmother



*Your maternal grandmother's name?*

Henrietta Rozenblit (nee ?)

*Where and when was she born?*

Riga, date unknown

*Where else did she live?*

Odessa (today Ukraine)

*Where and when did she die?*

Lithuania (exact place unknown), 1941

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

My grandmother was religious. She observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays and celebrated Sabbath and Jewish holidays at home, and followed the kashrut.

*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	describe how religious they were
? Genkin (?)	Riga, ? – Siberia (in exile), 1940s	Housewife	? Genkin Died in Siberia, in exile in the 1940s	Boris Genkin Date of birth unknown – Gulag, 1940s ? (nee Genkin) (f)	Religious. Observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on holidays and celebrated Sabbath and Jewish holidays at home.

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Perished in Lithuania in 1941