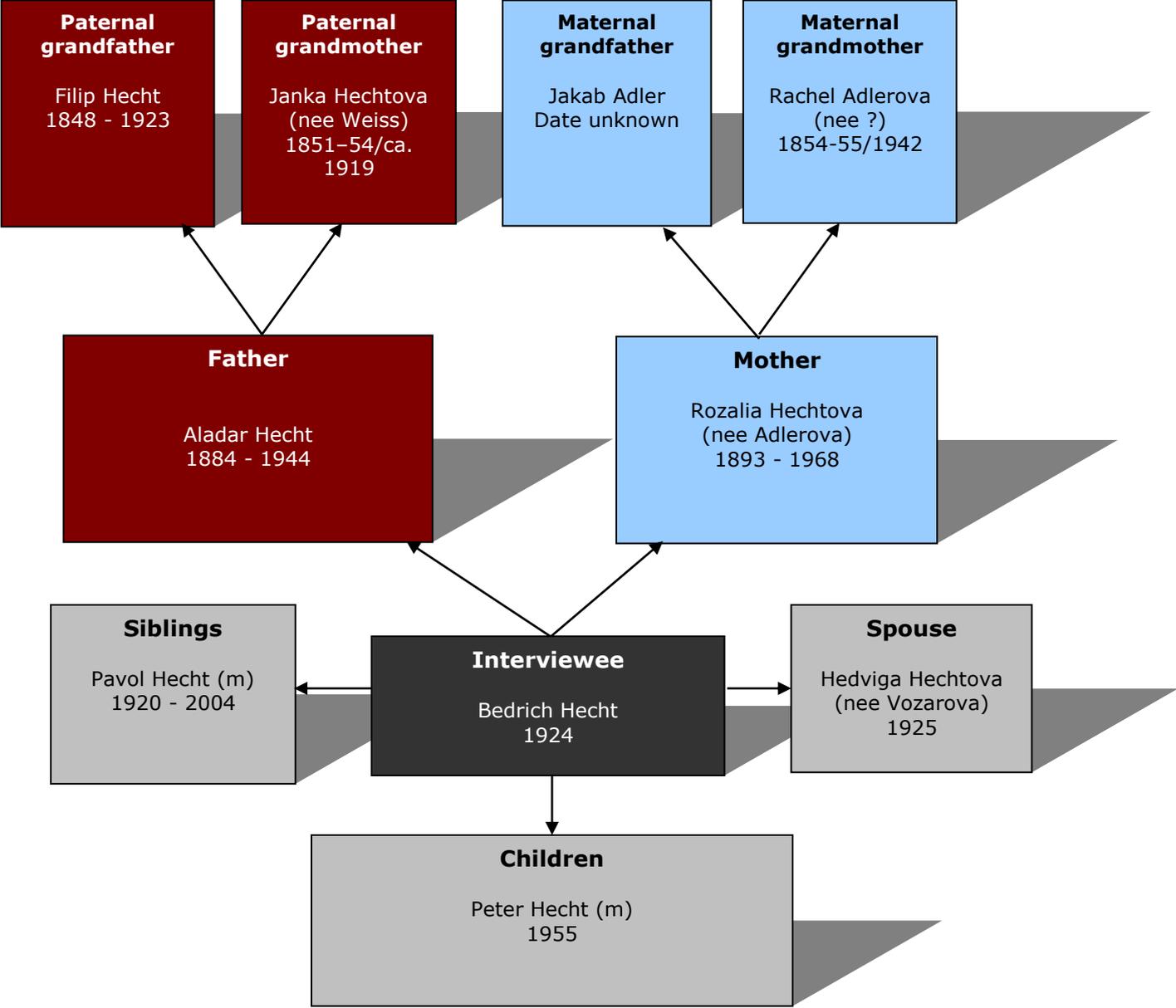


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Bedrich Hecht

Where and when were you born?

Preselany (Slovakia), 1924

Where else did you live?

Vycapy – Opatovce (Slovakia)

Budapest (Hungary)

Nitra (Slovakia)

Your educational level?

Graduated from agricultural high school.

What sort of work do/did you do?

Superintendent of state property, agronomist, raw materials department manager, greenhouse cultivation consultant.

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

My parents weren't that religious. I'm not saying that they didn't observe things. The way things were on Friday evening [*Sabbath*] was that there was a Sabbath supper during which we prayed. We baked *barkhes*. And also the annual holidays, when they were. They ate kosher up until 1942, while the butcher butchered poultry. On Saturday they attended synagogue. When I was attending high school in Nitra, I attended synagogue there. Now it's very nicely fixed up; it was Neolog. That interested me more, because the Orthodox had a synagogue in Parovce [*a Nitra town quarter – Editor's note*]. There was a choir there and they sang, which for me as a young boy was more interesting, they weren't so religious. It was more accessible there. We observed holidays. During Passover [*Passover: commemorates the departure of the Israelites from Egyptian captivity and is characterized by many regulations and customs. The foremost is the prohibition of consuming anything containing yeast – Editor's note*] we ate matzot. During those eight days, when we really didn't eat bread at home, we ate

matzot. We observed that mainly up to 1942. Even now, when it's Passover, matzo flour is brought in from Israel. They sell it here in Nitra at the Jewish community. So even now we buy it and use it, it's just not observed as strictly as it used to be. My parents were members of the Jewish community, but didn't have any function in it. Back then everyone was a member, as a certain monthly due was paid. The Jewish community in the village or town functioned from that.

What is your mother tongue?

Slovak

What other languages do you speak?

Hungarian, German

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

Basic army service in the Czechoslovak Army: 1945 - 1946

Where were you during the Holocaust?

In hiding: Budapest (Hungary), 1944 - 1945

What did you do after the Holocaust?

Superintendent of state property, agronomist, raw materials department manager, greenhouse cultivation consultant.

Siblings

Their names

Pavol Hecht (m)

Where and when were they born?

Preselany (Slovakia) 1920

What is their mother tongue?

Slovak

Their educational level?

Graduated from veterinary school

Their occupations?

Veterinarian

Where do/did they live?

Vycapy – Opatovce (Slovakia)

Where else did they live?

Budapest (Hungary)

Mojmirovce (Slovakia)

Do they have children?

One daughter

Where and when did they die?

Place unknown, 2004

Spouse

Name?

Hedviga Hechtova (nee Vozarova)

Where and when was he/she born?

Vycapy – Opatovce or Preselany (Slovakia), 1925

Where else did he/she live?

Nitra (Slovakia)

Is he/she Jewish?

No

What is his/her mother tongue?

Slovak

His/her educational level?

High school

Occupation?

Bank clerk, administrative worker in Sazka Sportka [a betting company – Editor's note]

Where and when did he/she die?

Still alive

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).

She had four brothers. One of her brothers died when he was young, in 1941, of pneumonia. Name not mentioned. The oldest brother, Dezider Vozar, died in 1985, Pavol Vozar died in 1995, and Jozef Vozar died in 2004.

Children

Their names?

Peter Hecht (m)

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

He was born in a mixed Christian-Jewish marriage. This family observed both Christian and Jewish customs and traditions. He married a Jewish woman. He was never involved in any Jewish groups, and does not practice religion.

Where and when were they born?

Nitra (Slovakia), 1955

Where else did they live?

During his university studies he lived in Bratislava.

Their educational level?

Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Medicine.

Their occupations?

Doctor

How many grandchildren do you have?

Daniel Hecht (m)

Father

His name?

Aladar Hecht

Where and when was he born?

Svrbice (Slovakia), 1884

Where else did he live?

Preselany (Slovakia)

Vycapy – Opatovce (Slovakia)

Where and when did he die?

Sachsenhausen (Germany), 26th December 1944

What sort of education did he have?

Agricultural high school

What sort of work did he do?

Farmer

How religious was he?

My parents weren't that religious. I'm not saying that they didn't observe things. The way things were on Friday evening [*Sabbath*] was that there was a Sabbath supper during which we prayed. We baked barches. And also the annual holidays, when they were. They ate kosher up until 1942, while the butcher butchered poultry. On Saturday they attended synagogue.

What was his mother tongue?

Slovak

Army service: which army and what years?

Austro-Hungarian army during WWI, worked in supply, wasn't at the front.

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
Henrich Hecht (m)	Svrstice (Slovakia), 18 th August 1881/20 th December 1944, died in the Holocaust	Farmer	Cecilia Hechtova (nee Adlerova), 26 th January 1890/20 th November 1964, Nitra	- Ladislav (m), died in the Holocaust - Tibor (m), 20 th November 1914/6 th April 1978, Nitra (Slovakia) - Ibolya (f), died in the Holocaust	No information
Natan Hecht (m)	Died in childhood, had a weak heart.	-	-	-	-
Aranka (Zlatica) Steiner (f)	No information	No information	Steiner	No information	No information
Name unknown (f)	No information	No information	Name unknown	No information	No information
Janka Brak (f)	No information	No information	Brak	No information	No information

Where was he during the Holocaust?

Concentration camp: Sachsenhausen, 1944 – died there

If he survived, what did he do after?

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Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

Filip Hecht

Where and when was he born?

Svrbice (Slovakia), 1848

Where else did he live?

Preselany (Slovakia)

Where and when did he die?

Preselany (Slovakia), 1923

What sort of education did he have?

High school

What sort of work did he do?

In Svrbice my grandfather had a smaller farm, a store and a pub. But later he sold his property and moved to Preselany [*a town in the Topolcany region – Editor's note*]. There he bought a farm, which then expanded. After some time he bought another farm, and also owned a distillery.

How religious was he?

My paternal grandparents weren't very religious. My mother's parents, the Adlers, were more religious. They dressed in a modern fashion for the time, they didn't wear traditional clothing, but Grandma wore wigs.

What was his mother tongue?

Slovak

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

If he survived what did he do after?

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Paternal grandmother

Your paternal grandmother's name?

Janka Hechtova (nee Weiss)

Where and when was she born?

Place unknown, was born between 1851-54

Where else did she live?

Svrbice (Slovakia)

Preselany (Slovakia)

Where and when did she die?

Preselany (Slovakia), 1919

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

My paternal grandparents weren't very religious. My mother's parents, the Adlers, were more religious. They dressed in a modern fashion for the time, they didn't wear traditional clothing, but Grandma wore wigs.

What was her mother tongue?

Hungarian

Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Died before

If she survived what did she do after?

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Mother

Her name?

Rozalia Hechtova (nee Adlerova)

Where and when was she born?

Preselany (Slovakia), 13th April 1893

Where else did she live?

Nitra (Slovakia)

Where and when did she die?

Nitra (Slovakia), 1968

What sort of education did she have?

Finished girls' high school

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

My parents weren't that religious. I'm not saying that they didn't observe things. The way things were on Friday evening [*Sabbath*] was that there was a Sabbath supper during which we prayed. We baked barches. And also the annual holidays, when they were. They ate kosher up until 1942, while the butcher butchered poultry. On Saturday they attended synagogue.

What was her mother tongue?

Slovak

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
Vojtech (Bela) Adler (m)	No information	No information	No information	- Viliam (m), 1922/1944, fell as a partisan in the Slovak National Uprising - Hedviga (f), 1925/1940s, died in the Holocaust	No information
Cecilia (Cilka) Hechtova (nee Adlerova) (f)	Preselany or Vycapy Opatovce (Slovakia), 26 th January 1890/20 th November 1964, Nitra (Slovakia)	No information	Henrich Hecht, farmer, Svrbice (Slovakia), 18 th August 1881/20 th December 1944, died in the Holocaust	- Ladislav (m), died in the Holocaust - Tibor (m), 20 th November 1914/ 6 th April 1978, Nitra (Slovakia) - Ibolya (f), died in the Holocaust	Practiced Judaism and observed all holidays in both the pre and post-war periods.
Zigmund Adler (m)	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information
Gizela (Gizka) ? (nee Adlerova) (f)	Place unknown, 15 th July 1891/ 10 th August 1965, Nitra (Slovakia)	No information	No information	One daughter, her married name was Blumova	Practiced Judaism and observed all holidays in both the pre and post-war periods.

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Concentration camp: Sachsenhausen (Germany)

Concentration camp: Buchenwald (Germany)

If she survived, what did she do after?

Lived with her son and his family in Nitra

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

Jakab Adler

Where and when was he born?

Probably Preselany

Where else did he live?

No information

Where and when did he die?

No information

What sort of education did he have?

No information

What sort of work did he do?

Farmer

How religious was he?

Grandpa Adler was a religious man. They lived a normal life, the kind that is lived in villages, there was a community there, and they also had a prayer hall.

What was his mother tongue?

Hungarian

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

If he survived what did he do after?

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Maternal grandmother

Your maternal grandmother's name?

Rachel Adlerova (nee ?)

Where and when was she born?

1854 or 1855, probably Preselany (Slovakia)

Where else did she live?

No information

Where and when did she die?

Preselany (Slovakia), 1942

What sort of education did she have?

No information

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

Grandma was religious. She observed holidays, kept a kosher household and wore a wig.

What was her mother tongue?

Hungarian

Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

No information

Where was she during the Holocaust?

She died at home before the transports began.

If she survived what did she do after?

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