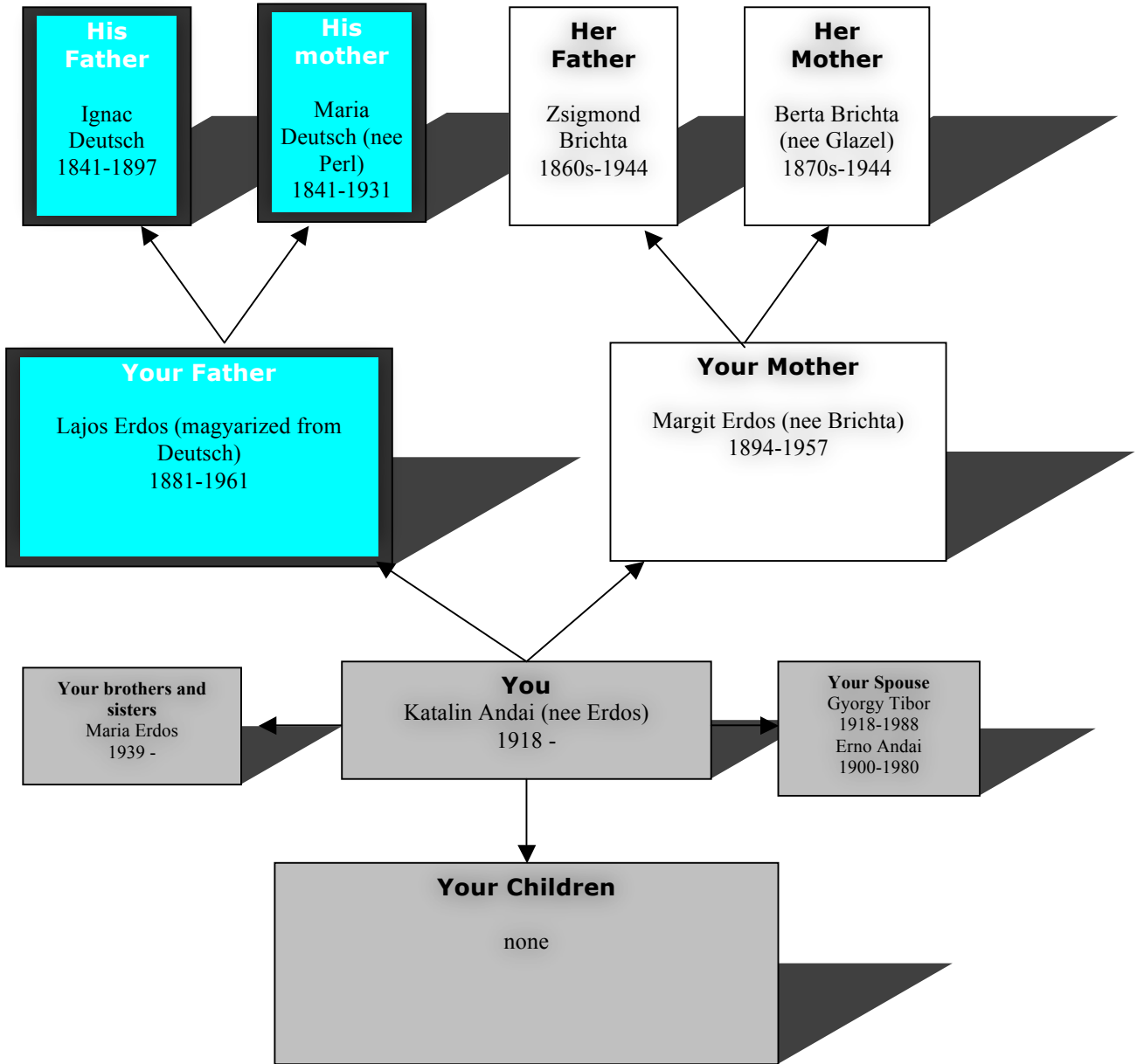


**Your family tree**



## You and your family

*Your full name*

Katalin Andai (nee Erdos)

*Where and when were you born?*

Kassa (today Kosice, Slovakia), 1918

*Where else did you live?*

Budapest

*Your educational level?*

Graduated from secondary school, two years completed at the Academy of Music  
(as a private student)

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

Before WWII: giving private Latin lessons, After WWII: music score copier first at  
the Copyright Office, then in the Music Printing House, then in the Music Publisher

*What was the level of religiosity in your parents' home? How were you raised?*

Nothing was observed

*What is your mother tongue?*

Hungarian

*How many languages do you speak?*

German and a little Italian

*Where were you during the Holocaust?*

In a protected house in Budapest

## Your brothers and sisters

*Their names*

Maria Erdos

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*Where and when were they born?*

Budapest, 1939

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*What is their mother tongue?*

Hungarian

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*Their educational level?*

Graduated as a Spanish major from university (Havanna, Cuba)

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*Their occupations?*

Simultaneous interpreter, translator

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*Where do/did they live?*

Budapest

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*Where else did they live?*

14 years in Havanna, Cuba

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*Do they have children?*

none

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*Where and when did they die?*

Still alive

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## Your spouse

Name?

1. Gyorgy Tibor

2. Erno Andai

Where and when was he/she born?

1. Budapest, 1918

2. Budapest, 1900

Where else did he live?

1. Marl (Germany) (from 1960)

2. only in Budapest

Is he/she Jewish?

1. yes

2. yes

What is his/her mother tongue?

1. Hungarian

2. Hungarian

His/her educational level?

1. graduated from the Academy of Music

2. graduated from the Academy of Dramatic and Cinematic Art

Occupation?

1. violinist: before WWII, he worked in the Metropolitan Orchestra of Budapest, after WWII in the orchestra of the Opera House, then he was concert master of the Operetta Theatre, then he worked in the orchestra of the Hungarian radio.

2. before WWII: playwright, after WWII: his plays were declared bourgeois and he never wrote again; he worked in the Copyright Office until retirement – he determined copyright fees

Where and when did he/she die?

1. Marl (Germany), 1988

2. Budapest, 1980

## Your children

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

No children

## Your father

*His name?*

Lajos Erdos (magyarized from Deutsch in 1891 together with his brothers)

*Where and when was he was born?*

Felpec, 1881

*Where else did he live?*

Budapest, Marosvasarhely (during WWI)

*Where and when did he die?*

Budapest, 1961

*What sort of education did he have?*

Graduated from secondary school and completed two years at the Faculty of Law

*What sort of work did he do?*

Higher postal clerk

*What was his level of religiosity?*

Not religious – probably because of his wife who wasn't religious. He received religious education from his parents as a child but he left for a boarding school in Budapest at the age of 10 and probably couldn't observe all as much as he had learnt

*What was his mother tongue?*

Hungarian

*Army service: Which army and what years?*

WWI: Austro-Hungarian army as first lieutenant – he worked as a so-called mobile postman during the war

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

Seven siblings. Apart from Gyula, all of Lajos' brothers had a diploma. Some from secondary school, some from university.

**1) Jozsef:** (1865, Felpec – 1938, Budapest), started working in a machine factory in Budapest, later opened a car repair shop which was taken over by his sons after his death; they were well-to-do. Three children: Rózsi: (1897, Budapest– 1961, Vienna) She married Jozsef Bergl, had one son, Peter. Miklós: (1899, Budapest – 1945, disappeared), married Vera Lilienfeld from Denmark and had a daughter Marta, born in 1935. Laszlo: (1904, Budapest – 1943, in forced labor).

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**2) Sandor:** (1870, Felpec – 1945, Budapest), married Ilona Topf (1877-1937), half-sister of his father who was born to his grandfather's third wife. Four children: Istvan: (1898-1986), married Magda Grosz, daughter of the president of the Jewish community of Eger, he was director of his father's mill, he was director of his father's mill, his whole family survived the Holocaust. Rozsi: (1901-1944), married Ferenc Bruszt, who committed suicide in 1944. Ha a daughter Aniko (1928-1944), who was shot with her mother in Budapest by the Hungarian Nazis, and a son Ivan (born in 1926), who lives in Kecskemet today. Klara (1903-1966), married Sandor Krecs, a wholesale merchant in wine and they lived in Vienna. Her husband and son died during the Holocaust and she died in old age. Erzsebet (1906-1938) died of TBC.

**3) Bela:** (Felpec, 1874 – Vienna, 1936), married Ilona Darvas (1891-1981) and had two sons Sandor (1905-) and Endre (1908-1980). Worked as engineer at the Hungarian Railways and after the Hungarian Soviet Republic, in which he participated, he left for Vienna.

**4) Gyula:** (Felpec, 1876 – Auschwitz, 1944), married Juliska Wittmann (1883-1944). He remained in Felpec and worked on the land, later worked in his brother Sandor's mill. Two children: Piroska (Felpec, 1905 – Auschwitz, 1944), married Lajos Jávör, a VET, they both died in the Holocaust. Ilonka (Felpec, 1910 – England, 1970). Her first husband died in the Holocaust, she remarried and immigrated to England.

**5) Janos:** (Felpec, 1878 – Auschwitz, 1944), married Mariska Feldmann (1893-1944). Well-to-do lawyer in Györ. Very religious family. Two children, Bela (1914-1943) and Gabriella (1920). The whole family died in Auschwitz apart from Gabriella.

**6) Moricz:** (Felpec, 1868 – Felpec, 1884). He died of tuberculosis at the age of 16.

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**7) Riza:** (Felpec, 1872 – 1899). She died quite young leaving a husband and a daughter behind.

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*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

In protected house in Budapest

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

He was a pensioner and worked as night-watchman in an iron works

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## Your father's family

### His father

*Your father's father name?*

Ignac Deutsch

*Where and when was he born?*

Somewhere in Burgenland (today in Austria), 1841

*Where else did he live?*

Felpec

*Where and when did he die?*

Felpec, 1897

*What sort of education did he have?*

He was a butcher's apprentice, and after serving his apprenticeship, he traveled in the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy to learn the trade better but then he never worked in it

*What sort of work did he do?*

He opened a tavern in Felpec

*What was his level of religiosity?*

Probably not too religious but interview cannot tell as she didn't know him personally

*What was his mother tongue?*

Hungarian



*Army service: Which army and what years?*

No information

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

Jozsef: from Ignac's father's second marriage; his descendants lived in Burgenland.

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Fritz: from Ignac's father's second marriage; he lives now in London where he emigrated from Vienna before the Anschluss

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Grete: from Ignac's father's second marriage; she died in Austria during the Holocaust.

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Ilona Topf: 1877-1938, from Ignac's father's third marriage; she was married by one of Ignac's sons, Sandor

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*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

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**His mother**

*Your father's mother's name?*

Maria Deutsch (nee Perl)

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*Where and when was she born?*

Felpec, 1841

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*Where else did she live?*

Nowhere else

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*Where and when did she die?*

Felpec, 1931

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*What sort of education did she have?*

No exact information – but she must have had minimal education because she could only read

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*What sort of work did she do?*

housewife

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*What was her level of religiosity?*

Not too religious, but she kept Pesach and the high holidays. However, she didn't lead a kosher household and at times she and her children even ate pork

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*What was her mother tongue?*

Hungarian

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

Interviewee knows of only one sister Katica who lived in Tet, a village near Felpec, and whose daughter the interviewee knew. His daughter, Janka, lived in Budapest. Her husband owned several movie theaters and he died in 1919 in the Spanish flue epidemic. They had a son born in the 1910s who died in forced labor (he went down with typhoid; the barrack where the sick were was put on fire and he died in the fire).

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*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Died before

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## Your Mother

*Her name?*

Margit Erdos (nee Brichta)

*Where and when was she was born?*

Kassa (today Kosice, Slovakia), 1894

*Where else did she live?*

Budapest, Marosvasarhely (today Tirgu Mures, Romania)

*Where and when did she die?*

Budapest, 1957

*What sort of education did she have?*

Graduated from the Catholic Teacher Training College of Kassa

*What sort of work did she do?*

She was at home but she always found some jobs for herself, but she never pursued them for a long time: in turn, she sew dresses, made straw hats for sale, she knitted stuff from mohair (very fashionable for some time), she worked for an interior decorator salon making various knitting, sewing and crocheting.

*What was her level of religiosity?*

She wasn't observant at all

*What was her mother tongue?*

Hungarian (but she spoke almost native German as well)

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

1. Olga: born in 1890/1 in Kassa, went to university in Budapest, there she met her future husband, Istvan Szabo, a Christian, the son of a jailer who studied

for a degree in engineering at the Technical University; after getting married, they moved to Resicabanya (today Resita, Romania), where her husband worked at the local ironworks; they had a daughter who has been diabetic from the age of 4 on. Since they lived in Romania and Olga's husband was not Jewish, they were not persecuted.

2. Bella: born in 1896/7 in Kassa, went to university in Budapest, which she did not like; she was married to a tavern owner, Imre Levai, originally from the provinces; he had a tavern in the 7<sup>th</sup> district; they were well off and Bella didn't work at all. They had no children. They both survived the Holocaust, and her husband wasn't drafted into forced labor because he had been decorated during the Hungarian Soviet Republic of 1919 for some great achievement.

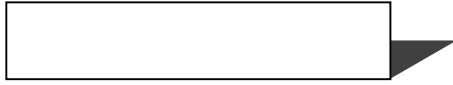
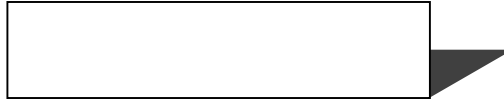
*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

In a protected house in Budapest

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

She was at home and she learn music score copying from the interviewee and helped her in her work

Your Mother's family



*Your mother's father name?*

Zsigmond Brichta

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*Where and when was he born?*

Somewhere in Upper Hungary (today Slovakia), 1860s

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*Where else did he live?*

Kassa (today Kosice, Slovakia)

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*Where and when did he die?*

Kassa, 1944

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*What sort of education did he have?*

Basically no education, but he was an autodidact, he read a lot, spoke several languages

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*What sort of work did he do?*

First he had a pawnshop, then a hotel, and later he worked as an accountant

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*What was his level of religiosity?*

Not religious (clean-shaven face with little moustache), he did not observe Sabbath, kashrut and did not go to synagogue even on high holidays

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*What was his mother tongue?*

German, but he spoke fluent Hungarian and Slovak as well.

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*Army service: Which army and what years?*

No information

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

Interviewee knows of one brother Arnold who was a doctor in a town near Kassa. During the Holocaust he was deported and his grand-daughter died at the age of 16 in an SS brothel

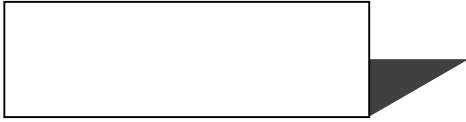
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*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

He was taken to the ghetto in Kassa and he poisoned himself together with his wife

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## Her mother



*Your mother's mother's name?*

Berta Brichta (nee Glazel)

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*Where and when was she born?*

Somewhere in Upper Hungary (today Slovakia), 1870s

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*Where else did she live?*

Kassa (today Kosice, Slovakia)

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*Where and when did she die?*

Kassa, 1944

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*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

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*What sort of work did she do?*

housewife

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*What was her level of religiosity?*

Not religious, she did not observe Sabbath, kashrut and did not go to synagogue even on high holidays

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*What was her mother tongue?*

Probably German

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

No information

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*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

She was taken to the ghetto in Kassa and she poisoned herself together with her husband

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