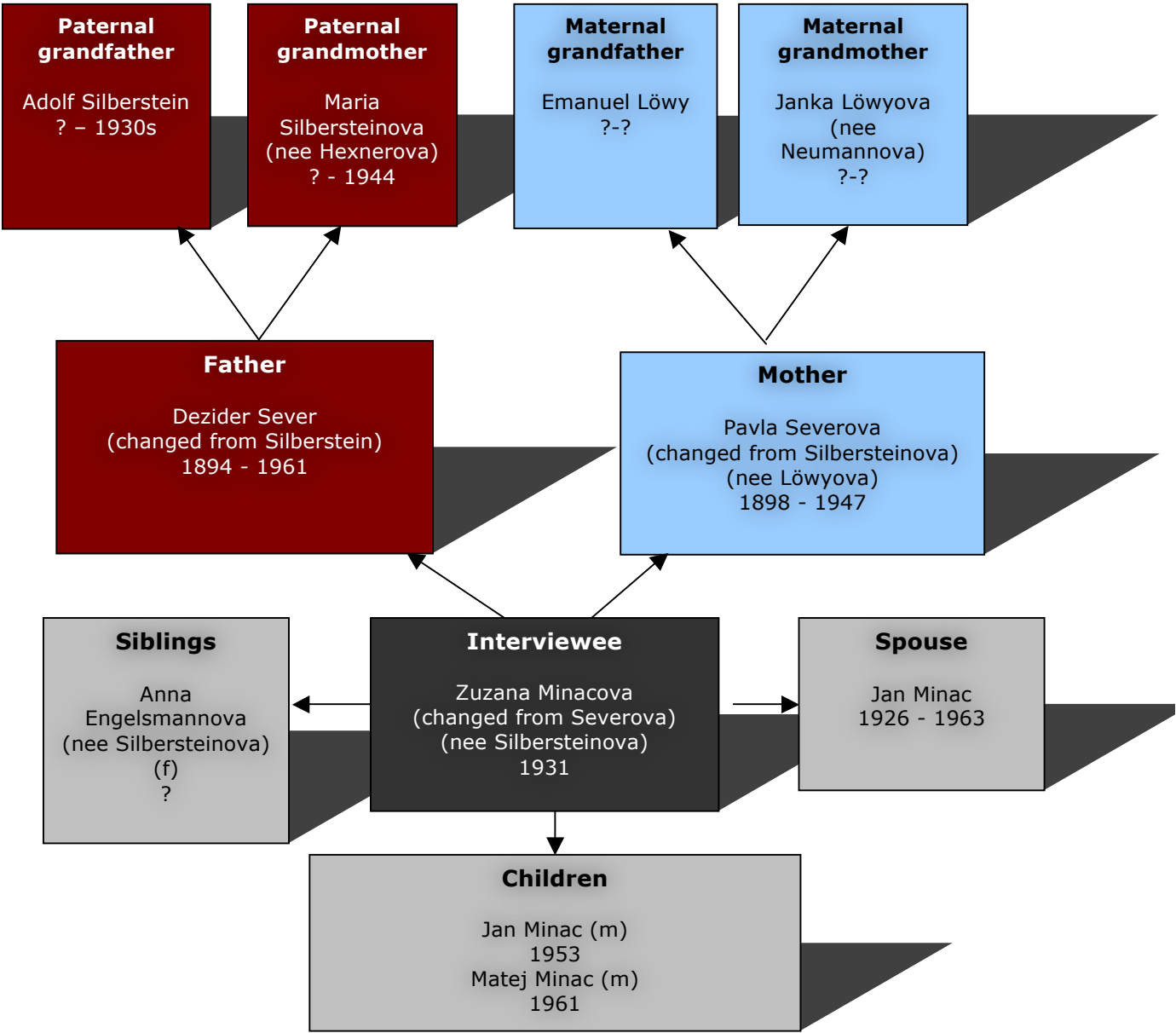


**Family Tree**



## The interviewee and his family

*Full name*

Zuzana Minacova (changed from Severova) (nee Silbersteinova)

*Where and when were you born?*

Bratislava (today Slovakia), 24<sup>th</sup> September 1931

*Where else did you live?*

Prague

*Your educational level?*

Applied arts school in Bratislava

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

Photographer

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

My father's parents were truly Orthodox Jews; during visits and summer holidays that I spent at their place, I had the opportunity to come into contact with religious life. Jewish customs were observed in the family of my paternal grandparents; they cooked kosher food, separated their dishes for various foods and holidays, attended synagogue, and lived an Orthodox lifestyle. I was a child, so I don't remember any details that clearly, but I do remember that my cousins, sister and I were always at my grandparents' during summer holidays, and had the opportunity to familiarize ourselves with true Jewish sentiments. We were still kids, so we often got things wrong, and then Grandma and Grandpa had to correct our mistakes, so I remember that we had to stick knives into the ground, where they had to stay for several days so everything would be ritually clean again. But in our family, Jewish customs were no longer observed, we already lived a non-religious life with our parents in Bratislava.

*What is your mother tongue?*

Slovak

*What other languages do you speak?*

English

*Where were you during the Holocaust?*

Labor camp: Sered (today Slovakia)

Concentration camp: Auschwitz-Birkenau (today Poland)

Labor camp: Hohenelbe – Vrchlabi

*What did you do after the Holocaust?*

Photographer

## Siblings

*Their names*

Anna Engelsmannova (nee Silbersteinova) (f)

*Where and when were they born?*

Bratislava (today Slovakia), date unknown

*What is their mother tongue?*

Slovak

*Their educational level?*

Graduated from business academy

*Their occupations?*

No information

*Where do/did they live?*

Prague

*Where else did they live?*

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*Do they have children?*

No information

## **Spouse**

*Name?*

Jan Minac

*Where and when was he/she born?*

Place unknown, 10<sup>th</sup> August 1926

*Where else did he/she live?*

Bratislava (today Slovakia)

*Is he/she Jewish?*

No

*What is his/her mother tongue?*

Slovak

*His/her educational level?*

No information

*Occupation?*

Dramaturgist and screenwriter

*Where and when did he/she die?*

Bratislava (today Slovakia), 1963

*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).*

Vladimir Minac (1922 – 1966): Slovak author of prose, essayist, scriptwriter, publicist, cultural and political figure

## Children

*Their names?*

Jan Minac (m)

Matej Minac (m)

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

Jan: Yes/ Yes

Matej: Yes/ Yes

*Where and when were they born?*

Jan: Bratislava (today Slovakia), 1953

Matej: Bratislava, 1961

*Where else did they live?*

Jan: Canada

Matej: Prague

*Their educational level?*

Jan: mathematician

Matej: graduated from Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts in Bratislava

*Their occupations?*

Jan: math professor

Matej: film director

*How many grandchildren do you have?*

No information

## Father

*His name?*

Dezider Sever (changed from Silberstein)

*Where and when was he born?*

Betlanovce (today Slovakia), 17<sup>th</sup> March 1894

*Where else did he live?*

Bratislava (today Slovakia)

*Where and when did he die?*

Bratislava, 1961

*What sort of education did he have?*

Graduated in medicine

*What sort of work did he do?*

Doctor

*How religious was he?*

As a child, my father was raised in a religious environment, as his parents were Orthodox Jews. As a child he attended a Jewish elementary school, but later as an adult he didn't observe Jewish traditions.

*What was his mother tongue?*

Slovak



*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.)*

name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Filip Silberstein (m)	Betlanovce, ? - ?, ?	Farmer	No information	No information	Came from an Orthodox family

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

In hiding

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

Doctor

## Paternal grandfather

*Your paternal grandfather's name?*

Adolf Silberstein

*Where and when was he born?*

Betlanovce (today Slovakia), date unknown

*Where else did he live?*

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*Where and when did he die?*

Betlanovce, 1930s

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

Farmer

*How religious was he?*

Jewish customs were observed in the family of my paternal grandparents; they cooked kosher food, separated their dishes for various foods and holidays, attended synagogue, and lived an Orthodox lifestyle. I was a child, so I don't remember any details that clearly, but I do remember that my cousins, sister and I were always at my grandparents' during summer holidays, and had the opportunity to familiarize ourselves with true Jewish sentiments. We were still kids, so we often got things wrong, and then Grandma and Grandpa had to correct our mistakes, so I remember that we had to stick knives into the ground, where they had to stay for several days so everything would be ritually clean again.

*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

## Paternal grandmother

*Your paternal grandmother's name?*

Maria Silbersteinova (nee Hexnerova)

*Where and when was she born?*

No information

*Where else did she live?*

Betlanovce (today Slovakia)

*Where and when did she die?*

Auschwitz (today Poland), 1944

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

Jewish customs were observed in the family of my paternal grandparents; they cooked kosher food, separated their dishes for various foods and holidays, attended synagogue, and lived an Orthodox lifestyle. I was a child, so I don't remember any details that clearly, but I do remember that my cousins, sister and I were always at my grandparents' during summer holidays, and had the opportunity to familiarize ourselves with true Jewish sentiments. We were still kids, so we often got things wrong, and then Grandma and Grandpa had to correct our mistakes, so I remember that we had to stick knives into the ground, where they had to stay for several days so everything would be ritually clean again.

*What was her mother tongue?*

Slovak

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

In hiding: Bratislava (today Slovakia)

Concentration camp: Auschwitz (today Poland), died there in 1944

## Mother

*Her name?*

Pavlina Severova (changed from Silbersteinova) (nee Löwyova)

*Where and when was she born?*

Nitra (today Slovakia), 1898

*Where else did she live?*

Bratislava (today Slovakia)

*Where and when did she die?*

Bratislava, 10<sup>th</sup> January 1947

*What sort of education did she have?*

Graduated in medicine

*What sort of work did she do?*

Doctor

*How religious was she?*

My mother was raised in an Orthodox manner, but in her marriage she no longer observed Jewish customs.

*What was her mother tongue?*

Slovak

*Tell me about his brothers and sisters.*

My mother was one of eleven siblings, six sons and five daughters

name	place and date of birth/death	occupation	biographical data and origins of spouse	biographical data of children	describe how religious they were
Jackie Löwy (m)	Nitra (today Slovakia), ? - ?,?	Violin virtuoso	No information	No information	No information
Max Löwy (m)	Nitra, ? - ?	Owned the Buffalo Bill Circus in the USA	Paula Löwy (no further information)	No information	No information

4 more brothers and 4 sisters (no further information)

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

In hiding

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

Housewife

## Maternal grandfather

*Your maternal grandfather's name?*

Emanuel Löwy

*Where and when was he born?*

Nitra (today Slovakia), date unknown

*Where else did he live?*

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*Where and when did he die?*

Nitra, date unknown (before 1931)

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

Farmer

*How religious was he?*

My grandparents were apparently still Orthodox Jews

*What was his mother tongue?*

Slovak

*Army service: which army and what years?*

No information



*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Maternal grandmother

*Your maternal grandmother's name?*

Janka Löwyova (nee Neumannova)

*Where and when was she born?*

Nitra (today Slovakia), date unknown

*Where else did she live?*

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*Where and when did she die?*

Nitra, date unknown (before 1931)

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

My grandparents were Orthodox Jews, but I don't remember details of their religious life, I was too little.

*What was her mother tongue?*

Slovak

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Died before