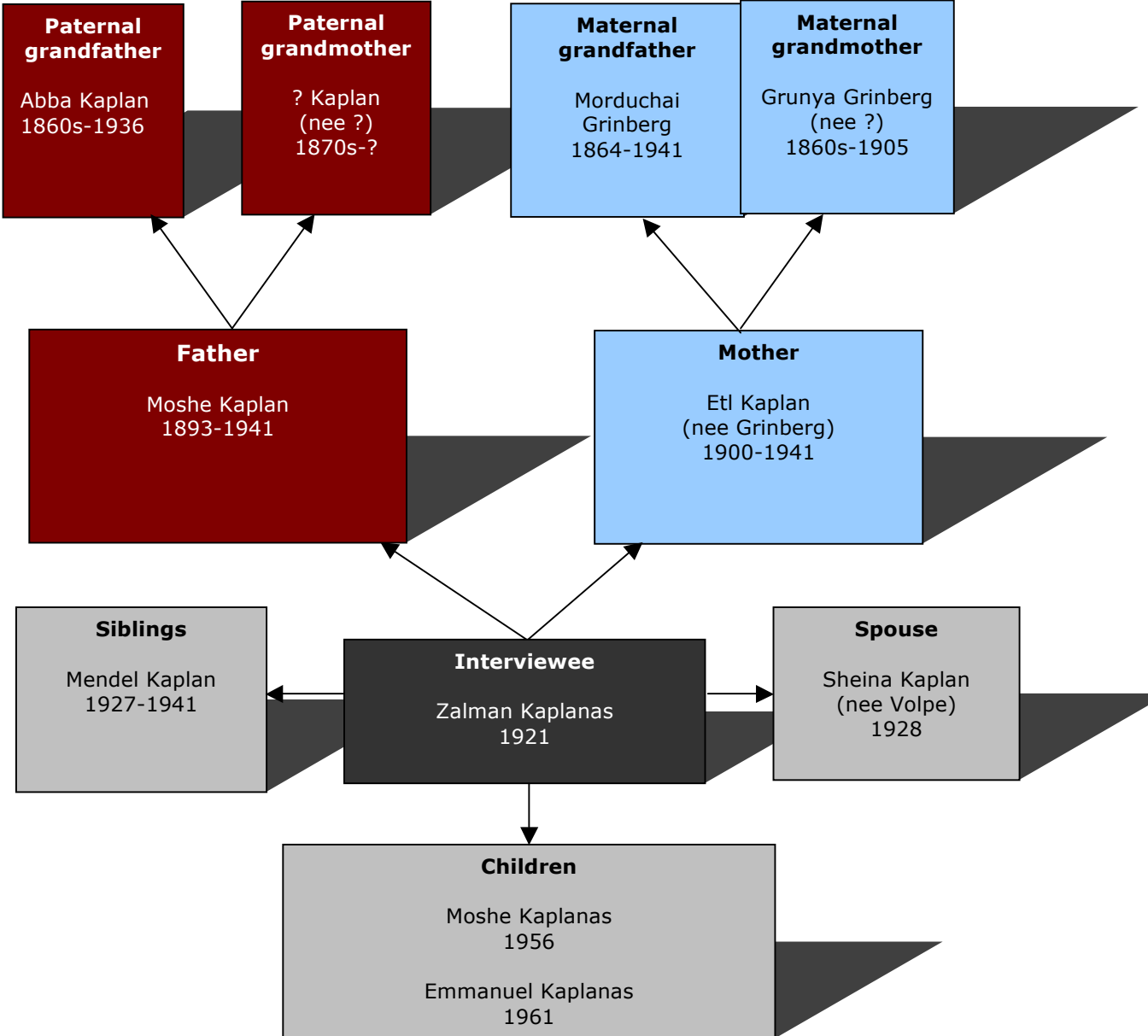


**Family Tree**



*Full name*

Zalman Kaplanas (changed from Kaplan in 1992 because of assimilation)

*Where and when were you born?*

Jurbarkas, 1921

*Where else did you live?*

Kaunas, Vilnius

*Your educational level?*

Graduated from Vilnius University, Department of Economy

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

Director of the Forestry Vocational School, engineer and economist in the Light Industry Ministry in Vilnius

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

My parents were rather religious, celebrated holidays, observed traditions- Sabbath and the kashrut.

*What is your mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*What other languages do you speak?*

Lithuanian, Hebrew, Russian, German

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

Soviet Army, 1942-1946

*Where were you during the Holocaust?*

Evacuation: labor army in Engels (today Russia), officers' school in Podolsk (today Russia)  
Front line: Russia, Belarus, Lithuania (1944-1945)

*What did you do after the Holocaust?*

Graduated from college, worked, got married, raised two sons

## Siblings

*Their names*

Mendel Kaplan

*Where and when were they born?*

Jurbarkas, 1927

*What is their mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*Their educational level?*

Jewish elementary school

*Their occupations?*

N/A

*Where do/did they live?*

Jurbarkas

*Do they have children?*

N/A

*Where and when did they die?*

Murdered by Germans not far from Jurbarkas on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1941

**Spouse**

*Name?*

Sheina Kaplan (nee Volpe)

*Where and when was he/she born?*

Kronis, 1928

*Where else did he/she live?*

Vilnius

*Is he/she Jewish?*

Yes

*What is his/her mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*His/her educational level?*

Graduated from Chemistry Department of Vilnius University

*Occupation?*

Chemist engineer at military plant in Vilnius

*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).*

None

## Children

*Their names?*

Moshe Kaplanas  
Emmanuel Kaplanas

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

Both identify themselves as Jews, the younger son observes traditions and celebrates Jewish holidays.

*Where and when were they born?*

Both in Vilnius  
Moshe: 1956  
Emmanuel: 1961

*Where else did they live?*

Emmanuel: Israel

*Their educational level?*

Moshe: Vilnius University, Economics Department  
Emmanuel: Vilnius University, Applied Mathematics Department

*Their occupations?*

Both work as engineers

*How many grandchildren do you have?*

None

*His name?*

Moshe Kaplan

*Where and when was he born?*

Jurbarkas, 1893

*Where and when did he die?*

Jurbarkas, August 1941

*What sort of education did he have?*

Cheder

*What sort of work did he do?*

Salesman

*How religious was he?*

Father was religious, covered his head, went to the synagogue on Sabbath and holidays, wearing tallit and tefillin, observed traditions and celebrated holidays.

*What was his mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*Army service: which army and what years?*

None

*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   |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|---|-------------------------------|--|
| Yankel-Berl Kaplan (m)   | Jurbarkas, ?-1941             | No information | Jewish wife ?-1941                      | No information                | He was rather religious, covered his head, went to the synagogue on Sabbath and holidays, observed traditions, celebrated holidays.  |
| Dovid Kaplan (m)         | Jurbarkas, ?-1941             | No information | Jewish wife ?-1941                      | No information                | He was rather religious, covered his head, went to the synagogue on Sabbath and holidays, observed traditions, celebrated holidays.  |
| Meyer Kaplan (m)         | Jurbarkas, ?-1941             | No information | Jewish wife ?-1941                      | No information                | He was rather religious, covered his head, went to the synagogue on Sabbath and holidays, observed traditions, celebrated holidays.  |
| Entl ? (nee Kaplan) (f)  | Jurbarkas, ? -1941            | Housewife      | Jewish husband ?-1941                   | No information                | She was rather religious, covered her head, went to the synagogue on Sabbath and holidays, observed traditions, celebrated holidays  |
| Shove ? (nee Kaplan) (f) | Jurbarkas, ?-1941             | Housewife      | Jewish husband ?-Jurbarkas, 1941        | No information                | She was rather religious, covered her head, went to the synagogue on Sabbath and holidays, observed traditions, celebrated holidays. |



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| Riva ?<br>(nee Kaplan) (f) | Jurbarkas,<br>?- Auschwitz<br>(today Poland),<br>1943 | Housewife | Jewish husband<br>(No further<br>information) | Son<br>lived in Israel | She was rather<br>religious, covered her<br>head, went to the<br>synagogue on<br>Sabbath and holidays,<br>observed traditions,<br>celebrated holidays. |
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| Klara ?<br>(nee Kaplan) (f) | Jurbarkas,<br>?- Belgium,<br>1970s | Housewife | Jewish husband<br>(No further<br>information) | No information | She was rather<br>religious, covered her<br>head, went to the<br>synagogue on<br>Sabbath and holidays,<br>observed traditions,<br>celebrated holidays. |
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*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Murdered by Nazis not far from Jurbarkas in August 1941



*Your paternal grandfather's name?*

Abba Kaplan

*Where and when was he born?*

Jurbarkas, 1860s

*Where and when did he die?*

Jurbarkas, 1936

*What sort of education did he have?*

Cheder

*What sort of work did he do?*

Butcher

*How religious was he?*

Grandfather Abba Kaplan was a very religious man. He wore a kippah, prayed in the synagogue in the morning and in the evening every day, observed Jewish traditions and celebrated holidays.

*What was his mother tongue?*

Yiddish

*Army service: which army and what years?*

None

*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?*

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| Died before |
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*Your paternal grandmother's name?*

? Kaplan (nee ?)

*Where and when was she born?*

Jurbarkas, 1870s

*Where and when did she die?*

Jurbarkas, date unknown (before 1921)

*What sort of education did she have?*

Educated at home

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

Was religious, always wore a head kerchief, went to the synagogue, observed traditions, celebrated holidays, strictly observed 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 |  |  |  |  |  |
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*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Died before



*Her name?*

Etl Kaplan (nee Grinberg)

*Where and when was she born?*

Jurbarkas, 1900

*Where else did she live?*

Kaunas

*Where and when did she die?*

Kaunas, 28<sup>th</sup> September 1941

*What sort of education did she have?*

Finished elementary school

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

My mother was rather religious, didn't cover her head, observed Jewish traditions, followed the kashrut and celebrated holidays.

*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 | biographical data of children | describe how religious they were |
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|   |                                   |             | spouse  |   |  |
| Meyer Grinberg<br>(m)                         | Jurbarkas, 1885-<br>USA, 1960s    | Businessman | Jewish wife<br>(No further<br>information)                                  | Mariam ?<br>(nee Grinberg) (f),<br>1921     | No information   |
| Joseph Grinberg<br>(m)                        | Jurbarkas, 1890-<br>Israel, 1970s | Salesman    | Zhenya Grinberg<br>(nee ?)<br>Jew from Riga<br>(today Latvia)<br>1900s-1941 | Robert Grinberg,<br>1920s-1941 (m)          | He was rather<br>religious, covered his<br>head, went to the<br>synagogue on<br>Sabbath and holidays,<br>observed traditions,<br>celebrated holidays.  |
| Emmanuel<br>Grinberg (m)                      | Jurbarkas, 1899-<br>USA, 1965     | Clerk       | Jewish wife<br>1900s-?  | Two children<br>(No further<br>information) | He was rather<br>religious, covered his<br>head, went to the<br>synagogue on<br>Sabbath and holidays,<br>observed traditions,<br>celebrated holidays.  |
| Polina Volgart<br>(nee Grinberg)<br>(f)       | Jurbarkas, 1893-<br>Riga, 1941    | Housewife   | ? Volgart<br>Jew<br>1890s-1941  | Two children, died<br>in Riga in 1941       | She was rather<br>religious, covered her<br>head, went to the<br>synagogue on<br>Sabbath and holidays,<br>observed traditions,<br>celebrated holidays. |
| Dina<br>Shabashevich<br>(nee Grinberg)<br>(f) | Jurbarkas, 1895-<br>Kaunas, 1941  | Housewife   | ? Shabashevich<br>Jew<br>1890s-1941   | Daughter, died in<br>Kaunas in 1941.        | She was rather<br>religious, covered her<br>head, went to the<br>synagogue on<br>Sabbath and holidays,<br>observed traditions,<br>celebrated holidays. |

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Killed in Kaunas ghetto on 28<sup>th</sup> September 1941



*Your maternal grandfather's name?*

Morduchai Grinberg

*Where and when was he born?*

Jurbarkas, 1864

*Where else did he live?*

Siberia

*Where and when did he die?*

Siberia, 1941

*What sort of education did he have?*

Cheder

*What sort of work did he do?*

Owned a large store

*How religious was he?*

Grandfather wasn't a very religious man, observed Jewish traditions, celebrated holidays, attended synagogue on holidays mostly for the sake of paying tribute to traditions

*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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| Leibl Grinberg<br>(step-brother) | Jurbarkas, 1895-<br>Siberia, ? | No<br>information | Jewish wife<br>(No further<br>information) | No information                | No information                   |

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Deported to Siberia

## Maternal grandmother

*Your maternal grandmother's name?*

Grunya Grinberg (nee ?)

*Where and when was she born?*

Jurbarkas, 1860s

*Where and when did she die?*

Jurbarkas, 1905

*What sort of education did she have?*

Educated at home

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

My grandmother was religious, celebrated holidays and observed traditions.

*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 | biographical data of children | describe how religious they were |
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|   |                                  |                                     | spouse         |                |                |
| Gersh (Gary) ?  | Jurbarkas,<br>1860s- USA, ?      | Businessman,<br>owner of a<br>store | No information | No information | No information |
| Beila ?   | Jurbarkas, 1850s<br>- USA, 1930s | Housewife                           | No information | No information | No information |
| One brother lived<br>in the USA (No<br>information<br>about the others) |                                  |                                     |                |                |                |

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Died before