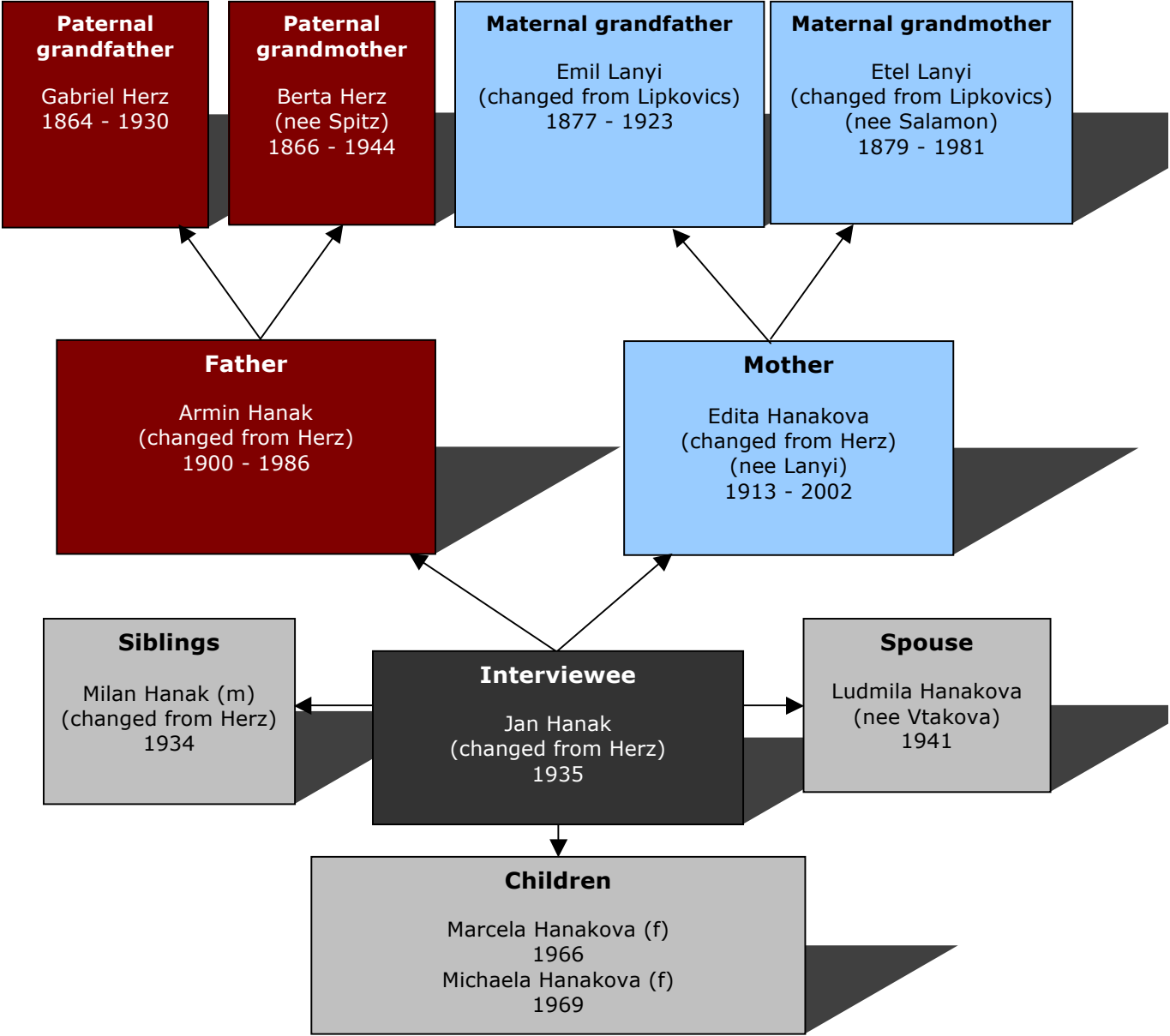


Family Tree



The interviewee and his family

Full name

Jan Hanak (changed from Herz in 1946)

Where and when were you born?

Zilina (Slovakia), 1935

Where else did you live?

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Your educational level?

Graduated from General Medicine at the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine of the University of Comenius in Martin.

What sort of work do/did you do?

Doctor, outpatient surgeon

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

My parents were religious at all. My father foresightedly had the entire family converted in 1938. After that we were Roman Catholics. He even served as an altar boy in church during Mass. Later I became an atheist. A person has to confront all his opinions with reality. In my opinion, religion is a lot of humbug.

What is your mother tongue?

My mother tongue is Slovak, despite the fact that my mother spoke Hungarian better.

What other languages do you speak?

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

Czechoslovak army, paratrooper brigade in Presov, 1956 - 1958

Where were you during the Holocaust?

In hiding: Peklina (Slovakia)

In hiding: Bratislava (Slovakia)

In hiding: Trnava (Slovakia)

Labor camp: Sered (Slovakia)

Ghetto: Terezin (Czech Republic)

What did you do after the Holocaust?

I graduated from medicine. I got married and started a family.

Siblings

Their names

Milan Hanak (changed from Herz in 1946)

Where and when were they born?

Zilina (Slovakia), 1934

What is their mother tongue?

Slovak

Their educational level?

Graduated from the Faculty of Architecture at Czech Technical University in Prague.

Their occupations?

Architect

Where do/did they live?

Prague (Czech Republic)

Where else did they live?

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Do they have children?

Filip (m)

Zuzana (f)

Lucie (f)

Where and when did they die?

Still alive

Spouse

Name?

Ludmila Hanakova (nee Vtakova)

Where and when was he/she born?

Vysnove (Slovakia), 1941

Where else did he/she live?

Zilina (Slovakia)

Is he/she Jewish?

No

What is his/her mother tongue?

Slovak

His/her educational level?

Graduated from General Medicine at the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine of the University of Comenius in Martin.

Occupation?

General physician and medical examiner

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).

N/A

Children

Their names?

Marcela Hanakova (f)

Michaela Hanakova (f)

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

No/No

Where and when were they born?

Marcela: Zilina (Slovakia), 1966

Michaela: Zilina (Slovakia), 1969

Where else did they live?

Marcela: Albany (USA)

Michaela: Vancouver (Canada)

Their educational level?

Marcela: Graduated from General Medicine at the Jessenius Faculty of Medicine of the University of Comenius in Martin.

Michaela: Graduated from Education and Nursing at the Faculty of Philosophy at Comenius University in Bratislava

Their occupations?

Marcela: anesthesiologist

Michaela: nurse

How many grandchildren do you have?

Marcela: childless

Michaela: childless

Father

His name?

Armin Hanak (changed from Herz in 1946)

Where and when was he born?

Horna Marikova (Slovakia), 1900

Where else did he live?

Zilina (Slovakia)

Kosice (Slovakia)

Where and when did he die?

Zilina (Slovakia), 1986

What sort of education did he have?

Business academy

What sort of work did he do?

My father worked at a power plant as a manager. Back then only large cities had electricity, and it was gradually being introduced into the countryside. It was also necessary to deliver materials like power poles, wire, insulators, transformers, basically everything. My father' was in charge of the supply department. Later they relocated him from Zilina to Bratislava.

How religious was he?

My father wasn't interested in religion at all.

What was his mother tongue?

Slovak

Army service: which army and what years?

N/A

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
Dezider Herz (m)	Horna Marikova (Slovakia), 1890s/1910s, died of typhus, which he caught as a soldier during WWI	N/A	Single	Childless	As far as I know, our family wasn't at all religious. No attention was ever paid to religion and rituals.
Regina Valdapfel (nee Herz) (f)	Horna Marikova (Slovakia), ?/perished in the Holocaust	N/A	Valdapfel, textile merchant. Perished in the Holocaust	Pavol Valdapfel (m)	As far as I know, our family wasn't at all religious. No attention was ever paid to religion and rituals
Maria Goldberger (nee Herz) (f)	Horna Marikova (Slovakia), 1900s/1944, Auschwitz (Poland)	Housewife	Goldberger, perished in the Holocaust	Stepsons: Hans Goldberger (m), died in WWII as a partisan Tomas Goldberger (nickname: Tomi) (m), survived the holocaust	As far as I know, our family wasn't at all religious. No attention was ever paid to religion and rituals

Where was he during the Holocaust?

In jail: Bratislava (Slovakia)

Concentration camp: Gusen (Austria)

Concentration camp: Mauthausen (Austria)

If he survived, what did he do after?

My father survived the Holocaust. After the war he went back to his job at the power plants and worked there until retirement.

Paternal grandfather

Your paternal grandfather's name?

Gabriel Herz

Where and when was he born?

Place unknown, 1864

Where else did he live?

Horna Marikova (Slovakia)

Where and when did he die?

Horna Marikova (Slovakia), 1930

What sort of education did he have?

N/A

What sort of work did he do?

Owned a butcher's shop

How religious was he?

N/A

What was his mother tongue?

N/A

Army service: which army and what years?

N/A

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

N/A

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?

Berta Herz (nee Spitz)

Where and when was she born?

Kliestina (Slovakia), 25th December 1866

Where else did she live?

Horna Marikova (Slovakia)

Where and when did she die?

Auschwitz (Poland), 1944

What sort of education did she have?

N/A

What sort of work did she do?

Housewife

How religious was she?

N/A

What was her mother tongue?

N/A

Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

N/A

Where was she during the Holocaust?

Concentration camp: Auschwitz (Poland), died there

If she survived what did she do after?

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Mother

Her name?

Edita Hanakova (changed from Herz in 1946) (nee Lanyi)

Where and when was she born?

Kosice (Slovakia), 1913

Where else did she live?

Zilina (Slovakia)

Where and when did she die?

Zilina (Slovakia), 2002

What sort of education did she have?

Graduated from high school in Kosice and business academy in Zilina (distance studies)

What sort of work did she do?

Before the war, she was a housewife. After the war she worked at the Regional Union Council in Zilina as a civil servant.

How religious was she?

My mother wasn't interested in religion at all.

What was her mother tongue?

Hungarian

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
Erzsebet Tessenyi (changed from Kelemen) (changed from Lanyi) (nee Lipkovics) (f)	Kosice (Slovakia), 28 th June 1909/15 th July 1947, Budapest (Hungary)	Lawyer	- Dr. Aladar Kelemen, lawyer - ? Tessenyi	Istvan Kelemen (m)	N/A
Elvira Littna (nee Lanyi) (f)	Kosice (Slovakia), 24 th September 1914/1995, Brighton (Great Britain)	Graduated from law. Joined the British army, where she worked as a liaison officer for the UNRA.	? Littna, diplomat	Eva (f), living in England Marina (f), died of leukemia	N/A

Where was she during the Holocaust?

In hiding: Peklina (Slovakia)

In hiding: Bratislava (Slovakia)

In jail: Bratislava (Slovakia)

Labor camp: Spandau (Germany)

Concentration camp: Ravensbrück (Germany)

If she survived, what did she do after?

After the war she graduated from business academy via distance studies, and worked at the Regional Union Council in Zilina as a civil servant

Maternal grandfather

Your maternal grandfather's name?

Emil Lanyi (changed from Lipkovics 20th September 1910)

Where and when was he born?

Porostov (Slovakia), 17th September 1877

Where else did he live?

Kosice (Slovakia)

Where and when did he die?

Kosice (Slovakia), 1st April 1923

What sort of education did he have?

Graduated from a teaching institute

What sort of work did he do?

Teacher

How religious was he?

N/A

What was his mother tongue?

Hungarian

Army service: which army and what years?

N/A

Tell me about his brothers and sisters.

N/A

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?

Etel Lanyi (changed from Lipkovics 20th September 1910) (nee Salamon)

Where and when was she born?

Kosice (Slovakia), 19th January 1879

Where else did she live?

Budapest (Hungary)

Szeged (Hungary)

Where and when did she die?

Szeged (Hungary), 1981

What sort of education did she have?

Graduated from a teaching institute

What sort of work did she do?

Teacher

How religious was she?

My grandmother was the most religious of our entire family. She prayed every day until the end of her life.

What was her mother tongue?

Hungarian

Tell me about her brothers and sisters.

I met only one of my grandmother's sisters. I don't know what her name was. We used to call her Krema. She died after World War II in Budapest.

Where was she during the Holocaust?

In hiding: Budapest (Hungary)

If she survived what did she do after?

After the war, my grandmother lived with her sister in Budapest. A couple of years before she died, she moved to a Jewish pension in the city of Szeged. She died there at the age of 101.