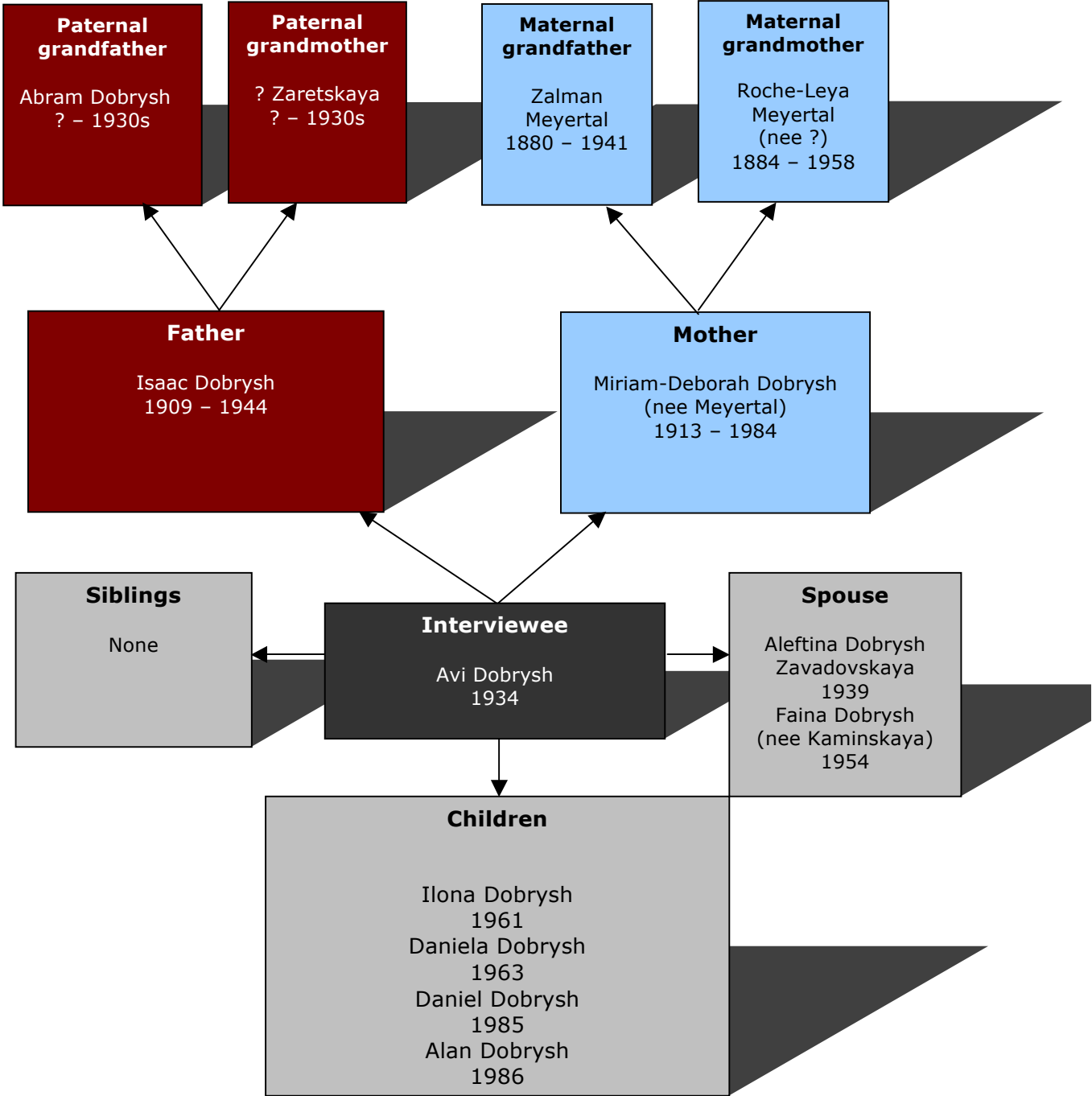


**Family Tree**



## The interviewee and his family

*Full name*

Avi Dobrysh

*Where and when were you born?*

Tartu, 14<sup>th</sup> December 1934

*Where else did you live?*

Tallinn

*Your educational level?*

Graduated from the Construction Department of Tallinn Polytechnic Institute in 1959

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

Construction engineer

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

My parents were not very religious, but they observed Jewish traditions. Father went to the synagogue during Jewish holidays, at home we marked Sabbath and Jewish holidays, and we observed the kashrut.

*What is your mother tongue?*

German

*What other languages do you speak?*

Estonian, Russian, Finnish

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

None

*Where were you during the Holocaust?*

Evacuation: Chuvash Republic (today Russia), Kyrgyz Republic (today Kyrgyzstan), from 1942 – Egorievsk (in the vicinity of Moscow, today Russia)

*What did you do after the Holocaust?*

Came back from evacuation to Tallinn, studied and then worked

## **Siblings**

*Their names*

None

## Spouse

*Name?*

Aleftina Dobrysh (nee Zavadovskaya)

Faina Dobrysh (nee Kaminskaya)

*Where and when was he/she born?*

Aleftina: Kalinin (today Tver, Russia), 1939

Faina: Zaporozhye (today Ukraine), 1954

*Where else did he/she live?*

Aleftina: Tallinn, New York (USA)

Faina: Tallinn

*Is he/she Jewish?*

Aleftina: half-Jewish

Faina: no

*What is his/her mother tongue?*

Aleftina: Russian

Faina: Russian

*His/her educational level?*

Aleftina: finished 7 grades of compulsory school

Faina: graduated from Foreign Languages Department

*Occupation?*

Aleftina: sales assistant

Faina: French language teacher at the Economic University of Estonia, Business Club

*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).*

Aleftina: no siblings

Faina: no siblings

## Children

*Their names?*

Ilona Dobrysh (from 1<sup>st</sup> marriage)

Daniela Dobrysh (from 1<sup>st</sup> marriage)

Daniel Dobrysh (from 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage)

Alan Dobrysh (from 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage)

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

My children were not raised Jewish and do not identify themselves as Jews.

*Where and when were they born?*

Ilona: Tallinn, 1961

Daniela: Tallinn, 1963

Daniel: Tallinn, 1985

Alan: Tallinn, 1986

*Where else did they live?*

Ilona: New York (USA)

Daniela: New York (USA)

*Their educational level?*

Ilona: graduated from college

Daniela: graduated from college

Daniel: student of Tallinn Polytechnic University

Alan: student of Tallinn Polytechnic University

*Their occupations?*

Ilona: manager

Daniela: no information

Daniel: student

Alan: student

*How many grandchildren do you have?*

Ilona: 2 children

Daniela: 1 son

## Father

*His name?*

Isaac Dobrysh

*Where and when was he born?*

Pskov (today Russia), 1909

*Where else did he live?*

Pechory (today Russia), Tartu

*Where and when did he die?*

Perished during the battle for liberation of Saaremaa island (Estonia), 12<sup>th</sup>  
October 1944

*What sort of education did he have?*

Finished 5 or 6 grades at school

*What sort of work did he do?*

Seller and traveling salesman in the store of merchant Bakst

*How religious was he?*

Father was not particularly religious, but he followed Jewish traditions. He went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, marked Sabbath and Jewish holidays at home, observed the kashrut.

*What was his mother tongue?*

Russian

*Army service: which army and what years?*

Soviet army: 1942 – 1944

*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
Hirsh Dobrysh (m)	Pskov (today Russia), 1906 – Tartu 1985	Owner of a store	? Dobrysh (nee ?) ? – Tallinn 1980s	2 sons, born in 1932 and 1936	Hirsh observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, marked Jewish holidays at home.
Lena Emelianova (nee Dobrysh) (f)	Pskov, 1913 – Tallinn, 1983	Painter	Ioan Emelianov Tallinn ? – Tallinn 1990s	Asya Emelianova (f) Tallinn, 12 <sup>th</sup> October 1944	Lena observed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, marked Jewish holidays at home.

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

1941 – 1942: evacuation, Chuvash Republic (today Russia), then Kyrgyz

1942 – 1944: mobilized in Estonian corps of Red Army



## Paternal grandfather

*Your paternal grandfather's name?*

Abram Dobrysh

*Where and when was he born?*

No information

*Where else did he live?*

Pskov (today Russia), Pechory (today Russia), Tartu

*Where and when did he die?*

Tartu, 1930 or 1931

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

Tailor

*How religious was he?*

Grandfather was religious and followed Jewish traditions. He went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, marked Sabbath and Jewish holidays at home, observed the kashrut.

*What was his mother tongue?*

No information

*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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No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Paternal grandmother

*Your paternal grandmother's name?*

? Zaretskaya (kept maiden name after she got married)

*Where and when was she born?*

No information

*Where else did she live?*

Pskov (today Russia), Pechory (today Russia), Tartu

*Where and when did she die?*

Tartu, 1930 or 1931

*What sort of education did she have?*

No information

*What sort of work did she do?*

Housewife

*How religious was she?*

No information

*What was her mother tongue?*

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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No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Died before

## Mother

*Her name?*

Miriam Dobrysh (nee Meyertal) (Jewish name: Miriam -Deborah)

*Where and when was she born?*

Tallinn, 1913

*Where else did she live?*

Tartu

*Where and when did she die?*

Tallinn, 1984

*What sort of education did she have?*

Finished German lyceum in Tallinn, during war studied in the college in Egorievsk (today Russia)

*What sort of work did she do?*

Official

*How religious was she?*

Before the war she followed Jewish traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, marked Jewish holidays at home.

*What was her mother tongue?*

German

*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
Isaac Meyertal (m)	Tallinn, 1905 – Tallinn, 1971	Engineer	No information	None	Isaac observed traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, marked Jewish holidays at home.
German Meyertal (Jewish name: Hirsh) (m)	Tallinn, 1907 – Tallinn, 1967	Chemical engineer	? Meyertal (nee ?) Germany, ?, currently living there	Marina Meyertal (f) Darovsk (today Russia), 1941 Eric Meyertal (m) Tallinn, 1955	German observed traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, marked Jewish holidays at home.
Pavel Meyertal (Jewish name: Pesach) (m)	Tallinn, 1910 – Tallinn, 1979	Chemist, in food industry	No information	No children	Pavel observed traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, marked Jewish holidays at home.
Sheine ? (nee Meyertal) (f)	Tallinn, 1916 – Riga ghetto (today Latvia) 1941	Housewife	No information ? – Riga, 1941	Son was born in Riga ghetto, 1941 and died there in the same year	Sheine observed traditions, went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, marked Jewish holidays at home.

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Evacuation: Chuvash Republic (today Russia), Kyrgyz Republic (today Kyrgyzstan), from 1942 – Egorievsk (in the vicinity of Moscow, today Russia)

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

Came back to Tallinn, worked

## Maternal grandfather

*Your maternal grandfather's name?*

Zalman Meyertal

*Where and when was he born?*

Place unknown, 1880

*Where else did he live?*

Tallinn

*Where and when did he die?*

Tallinn, September 1941 (executed in Tallinn prison)

*What sort of education did he have?*

No information

*What sort of work did he do?*

Cobbler

*How religious was he?*

Grandfather was religious. He followed Jewish traditions. He went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, marked Sabbath and Jewish holidays at home, observed the kashrut.

*What was his mother tongue?*

No information

*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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No information

*Where was he during the Holocaust?*

Remained in Tallinn, was arrested and imprisoned by Germans in Tallinn prison, executed in 1941



## Maternal grandmother

*Your maternal grandmother's name?*

Roche-Leya Meyertal (nee ?)

*Where and when was she born?*

Tartu,

29<sup>th</sup> November 1884

*Where else did she live?*

Tallinn

*Where and when did she die?*

Tallinn, 20<sup>th</sup> January 1958

*What sort of education did she have?*

Grandmother was illiterate.

*What sort of work did she do?*

She started working at the age of 13, rolling rolled cigarettes, then became a housewife when she got married. During the war she sold things on the market and rolled cigarettes.

*How religious was she?*

Grandmother was religious .She followed Jewish traditions. She went to the synagogue on Jewish holidays, marked Sabbath and Jewish holidays at home, observed the kashrut.

*What was her mother tongue?*

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
? Meyertal (m)	Tartu, before 1884 – Tallinn, 1960s	Entrepreneur	? Meyertal (nee ?) ? – Tallinn, 1970s	No information	No information

*Where was she during the Holocaust?*

Evacuation: Chuvash Republic (today Russia); then left for the settlement of Darovsk, Kirov oblast (today Russia), where the wives of her elder sons were exiled.

*If she survived what did she do after?*

Came back to Tallinn, was a housewife