

EVA SCHLOSS



Born: May 11, 1929 (Vienna, Austria)

Interview Date: December 2015

Eva Schloss (née Geiringer) was born in 1929, in Vienna, Austria to Erich and Fritzie Geiringer. Eva had an older brother, Heinz, with whom she was very close. They grew up in an upper-middle-class, non-religious Jewish family. Her father owned a shoe factory. The annexation of Austria in 1938 prompted the family to flee to the Netherlands. Eva's father arrived in Amsterdam in 1939 and the rest of the family joined him in 1940. The Geiringers met the Frank family during their time in Amsterdam; as young girls, Eva and Anne Frank were neighbors. In 1942, the Nazis occupied the Netherlands and Eva and her family went into hiding. In 1944, on Eva's 15th birthday, the family was betrayed and arrested by the Nazis, deported first to Westerbork Concentration Camp and then to the Auschwitz camp complex. Eva's father and brother were murdered on a death march to the Mauthausen camp complex, while Eva and her mother remained at Auschwitz and were liberated by the Soviet Army in 1945. After the war, they moved back to Amsterdam and reconnected with Otto Frank. Eva moved to London and married Zvi Schloss in 1952 and they had three daughters. Eva's mother Fritzie and Otto Frank later married as well, making Eva a posthumous stepsister to Anne Frank. Eva is a cofounder of the Anne Frank Trust UK and is active in sharing her testimony around the world. This interview took place in December 2015 in Los Angeles, CA.