

Serge Klarsfeld

Wartime Experience: Hidden

Serge Klarsfeld was born September 17, 1935, in Bucharest, Romania during a visit there to his mother's birthplace and family. His Mother Raissa and father Arno had moved to Paris in 1928 to attend university.

At the outbreak of war with Nazi Germany, Arno had enlisted in the French Foreign Legion. His regiment suffered defeat in June 1940 and he was captured by the Germans. He escaped to Nice the Free Zone in France where he settled with his wife and children. In 1943, Arno was arrested there by the SS during a roundup ordered by Alois Brunner and was deported to the Auschwitz concentration camp where he died. Serge and his mother and sister escaped arrest by the Gestapo when they hid in a closet in their apartment in Nice. Young Serge was cared for in a home for Jewish children operated by the OSE (an organization which hid and assisted children in the free zone of France). His mother and sister survived the war helped by the underground French Resistance.

An author and attorney. He is Graduate of Superior Studies in History at the Sorbonne. He also is a graduate of the Institute of Political Science of Paris, Docteur des Lettres, and lawyer at the Court of Appeal of Paris.

Klarsfeld has been active in bringing Nazi and Vichy officials to trial for the crimes they committed. He has been active in bringing Nazi and Vichy officials to trial for the crimes they committed and has worked on many legal cases against several Nazi criminals who operated in France - namely Lischka, Barbie, and Brunner, and initiated the Bousquet, Leguay, Papon, and Touvier.

Klarsfeld is president of the organization, Sons and Daughters of the Jewish Deportees of France and is one of the foremost historians on the fate of the Jews in France during the Second World War. Klarsfeld has published numerous books on the fate of French Jewry during World War II which list of all the Jews deported with their last names, first names, date and place of birth and the story of each of the deportation convoys.

Klarsfeld and he wife Beate have been recognized for their significant work bringing Nazi war criminals to Justice. They live and work in Paris. Their son Arno is a human rights attorney.

Des dossiers du Mémorial de la Shoah-Paris

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From the files of the Memorial de la Shoah - Paris

Serge KLARSFELD né le 17/09/1935 à BUCAREST (ROUMANIE)Enfant de déporté, père déporté le 28/10/1943 par convoi n° 61 pour AUSCHWITZ Miraculeusement échappé lors de son arrestation en 1943 à NICE, mais son père sera tué à AUSCHWITZ. Brillantes études à la Sorbonne, à l'institut des sciences politiques. Il est docteur et lettres et avocat à la cour d'appel de PARIS. Il a publié divers travaux se référant aux juifs déportés de France.

VICHY-AUSCHWITZ en 2 volumes, qui analyse la participation du régime de VICHY et de la solution finale pour les juifs de France.Les enfants d'IZIEU recherchés et arrêtés par Klaus Barbie concernant 44 enfants juifs Le calendrier de la persécution des juifs de France 1940/1944 Le mémorial des enfants juifs déportés de France Actif militant dans la recherche des anciens criminels nazis ayant opéré en France.