

Marcel Szejnberg

Wartime Experience: Hidden

Marcel was born in Paris on March 9, 1937, where he lived with his parents Bajla (née Alterman) and Nissen and his older brother Henri. His father worked as a tailor and his mother as a dressmaker. Marcel's parents came to France from Poland in 1933.

The family was arrested in the infamous roundup of Jews on July 16, 1942. They were sent to the holding camp in Beaune la Roland near Orleans and then to Drancy. From there, Marcel's father was deported in July. His mother was deported that August. His brother was deported in September.

Marcel, then five years old, was sent to a hospital in Paris and was taken from there by his aunt Leah Alderman. He was sent to a farm near Paris when he remained for the duration of the war when his uncle came to retrieve him. Marcel was then sent to an orphanage where he remained until he was 13 years old, in 1950. After that, he stayed with various relatives and had to move many times.

As an adult, Marcel worked first as a tailor. He eventually had his own business manufacturing women's ready to wear clothing. He married and had three children and six grandchildren. Now retired, Marcel continues his interest in collecting antiques, which fill his Paris apartment.

Marcel is active in the organization of children who were hidden in France during the war.

Des dossiers du Mémorial de la Shoah–Paris

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Enfant caché

Marcel SZTEJNBERG né le 9/03/1937 à PARIS de Nissen ou Nysel ou Nysen SZTEJNBERG et Bajla ou Bella ALTERMAN émigrés de POLOGNE en 1933.

Enfant de déportés son père convoi n°6 du 17/07/1942, sa mère convoi n° 16 du 7/08/1942, son frère Henri convoi n° 34 du 18/09/1942

A vécu à PARIS avec ses parents et son frère Henri, père tailleur, mère couturière. Ses parents étaient arrivés en France en 1933. La famille a été arrêtée lors de la rafle du 16/07/1942. Ils ont été conduits à BEAUNE LA ROLANDE puis à DRANCY. Tous ont été déportés en 1942. Marcel, âgé de 5 ans fut envoyé aussitôt dans un hôpital à PARIS puis pris en charge par sa tante Leah ALTERMAN qui le cacha dans une ferme de la région parisienne où il est resté jusqu'à la fin de la

guerre. Son oncle est venu le rechercher pour le placer dans un orphelinat jusqu'en 1950. Il avait alors 13 ans. Après sa sortie, il bougea beaucoup.

Adulte, Marcel est devenu tailleur et a créé sa propre entreprise de confection de vêtements. Marié, 3 enfants et 6 petits-enfants. Maintenant retraité, il s'intéresse aux antiquités.

Il est actif dans l'organisation des enfants cachés en France durant la guerre.