

ANITA LASKER WALLFISCH

BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE



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Anita Lasker Wallfisch was born on July 17, 1925, in Breslau, Germany, to Jewish parents Alfons and Edith Lasker. She had a religious but assimilated upbringing celebrating Jewish holidays and going to non-Jewish schools with her two sisters: Marianne and Renate Lasker. During the war, she attempted to conceal her identity by adopting a new name of Madeleine Demontaigne but was discovered and deported to Auschwitz II-Birkenau, a concentration and death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. She was later transported to Bergen-Belsen, a concentration camp in Germany, from which she was liberated by British armed forces. After the war, she immigrated to the United Kingdom, married Peter Wallfisch, and had two children: Maya and Raphael Wallfisch. This interview was conducted on April 24, 2018, in London, United Kingdom.