

## Biography - Edith (Grünbaum) Maniker

**Edith (Grünbaum) Maniker** was born on March 12, 1931, in Leipzig, Germany. She and her sister, Paula, were born to an Orthodox Jewish couple, Abraham and Trude. Her father was a typesetter and printer and also worked as a translator in the community for those needing services in Hebrew and German. The sisters attended a Jewish school and did not have strong relations with non-Jewish children in their community.

Despite Edith's enrollment in a Jewish school, she kept her Jewish identity relatively hidden in her interactions with the larger community. Until Kristallnacht, she did not remember feeling any overt antisemitism but this changed on November 9-10, 1938, when the family watched their synagogue burn from the windows of their apartment. In the aftermath of Kristallnacht, family members who had lost their home moved in with the Grünbaums and Abraham lost his job.

Edith's uncle held a role within the Jewish community in Leipzig that allowed the Grünbaums to procure places for Edith and Paula on a Kindertransport, or children's transport, to England. They were joined by their four cousins and all six children were sponsored by relatives in England. Edith left for England in July 1939, one month after Paula. Due to this journey, they were able to survive the Holocaust; however, both of their parents, their grandparents and numerous other relatives perished.

Following the war, in 1947, Edith and her sister moved to the United States and settled in Detroit, Michigan where they had family. She met and married Aaron Maniker. The couple had 3 children. She recorded her initial testimony with USC Shoah Foundation on August 13, 1998. Her Dimensions in Testimony interview was filmed over five days in March 2021 in Los Angeles, California.

