

Bay Area Holocaust Oral History Project

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Name of interviewee: Fratini, Annamarie

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Summary: A mischeling, or "mixed race" child survivor. Father was Austrian Catholic, mother was Austrian Jewish. They lived in Vienna. Her parents were friendly with Sigmund Freud, who lived nearby. Anna Marie and her mother were supposed to be deported along with other Jews on several occasions, but were saved by the efforts of a lawyer who was a friend of the family and a Nazi, and who pushed their names to the bottom of deportation lists on several occasions. This Nazi lawyer eventually committed suicide after the war. Anna Marie grew up without any declared religious identity, though she was baptized at age 8. She says her parents did this for practical reasons, because they thought it would offer her some protection. Anna Marie had an older brother who also survived because he was sent to England before things got really bad. Anna Marie's father was drafted in to the army and sent to the Eastern front, where he was captured by the Russians and was a POW. He escaped from the Russian POW camp, and returned home to Austria.