Frank Islam Athenaeum Symposia Fall 2019 Speaker Series & the Annual Bella Mischkinsky Memorial Lecture present





Edith Mayer Cord

Finding Edith: Surviving the Holocaust in Plain Sight

> Tuesday, November 5 12:30 p.m. Germantown, Globe Hall

Athenaeum Symposium/Bella Mischkinsky Lecture collaboration.

Light refreshments will be served.

Born in Vienna in 1928, Edith Mayer Cord moved to Italy with her family to escape the rise of Nazism in Austria. In 1938, Italy passed the same anti-Jewish laws, similar to the Nuremburg laws, and the entire family was asked to leave. Unable to receive a visa for any country, Edith and her family entered France illegally in April 1939 where they received political asylum.

Finding Edith: Surviving the Holocaust in Plain Sight is the coming-of-age story of a young Jewish girl chased in Europe during World War II. Like a great adventure story, the book describes the childhood and adolescence of a Viennese girl growing up against the backdrop of the Great Depression, the rise of Nazism, World War II, and the religious persecution of Jews throughout Europe. Edith was hunted in Western Europe and Vichy France, where she was hidden in plain sight, constantly afraid of discovery and denunciation.



