



Henri Obstfeld

Henri Obstfeld was born in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1940. In 1942, at the age of two years old, his parents arranged a hiding place for him with a family in Arnheim, Holland after his parents received papers directing them to present young Henri at a certain time and place in Amsterdam with personal documents, a rucksack and a supply of food.

His foster parents, Jakob and Hendrika Klerk, told friends and family that Henri was a nephew whose parents had been killed in the Luftwaffe bombing of Rotterdam. To protect his life, he did not play with other children or go to school for fear of discovery.

Henri's parents were in a separate place of hiding during the war, provided with food by the Dutch Resistance.

He was reunited with his family after the war and his foster parents were later honoured for their bravery. Henri's parents survived the war and he came to Britain in 1961 to study, and still lives here today.