

Biography Werner Sollinger

Werner Sollinger was born on September 12, 1910 as the second child of Gustav and his wife Charlotte Sollinger in Berlin. With his parents and his older sister Edith he first lived in Schoeneberg, later in Charlottenburg.

After finishing his school education he went to the Chamber of Industry and Commerce (IHK) in Berlin and studied banking.

In 1936 Werner Sollinger managed to escape to Cape Town, South Africa. His sister Edith had already emigrated there in 1934 and was certainly able to intercede for him with the South African authorities.

In Cape Town he married Steffi Blum, born on February 13, 1919. They had two children - Denis, May 29, 1942, and Sidney, June 6, 1944. Both children stayed in Cape Town and started their own families there. Sidney married Wendy Jamieson and they had two daughters, all of them still live in Cape Town. Denis and his wife Irene Goldman had three children in South Africa, they moved to Chicago in the USA in 2002.

As Chief Financial Officer, Werner Sollinger headed the finance department of a large stationery manufacturer in Cape Town until his retirement in 1975. He passed away on September 7, 1987.