

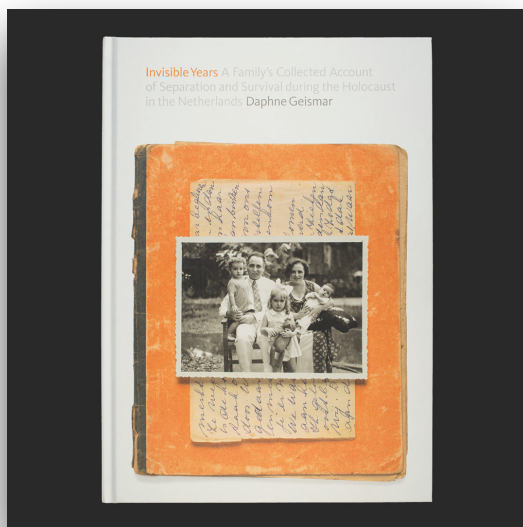
Invisible Years : A Family's Collected Account of Separation and Survival During the Holocaust in the Netherlands

**A BEKI Zoom Book talk
with Author**

**Daphne Geismar and
Sharon Strauss (her cousin and assistant)**

Sunday December 6 at 11:00AM

Daphne Geismar's family had a drawer—the bottom drawer of an antique desk in her mother's house in Connecticut. They called it the “Holocaust drawer.” Packed with journals, official documents and a discarded Jewish Star tucked neatly in a book, it contained information on the Church in Rotterdam where her grandparents, Chaim and Fifi de Zoete, survived the Holocaust as Onderduikers (people in hiding). When she discovered the artifacts, Daphne, an art book designer, set out to piece together the complicated and often tragic history of both sides of her family using the documents in the Holocaust drawer as breadcrumbs. Even with help from many people, including her cousin Sharon Strauss (an embryologist, who will join us on Zoom from Israel), it would take her more than ten years of research to follow the clues to understand what happened to her extended family during the Holocaust years in Holland. The result is *Invisible Years*, a book that combines stunning photographs and beautifully written pieces that tell the story of one a family trying to survive one of history's most horrific chapters.



For more information about the book, visit the website
<https://www.invisibleyears.com/theb-book>

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