Edith Mayer Cord lived a life of extraordinary and frightening experiences evading the Nazis in Austria, Italy, and France. Join us at the Columbia luncheon to hear her story of great courage and survival. She will discuss lessons learned the hard way, how to rise above difficult circumstances, transcend hatred, find meaning, and protect freedom. Edith will examine the power of ideas such as how German leaders, supported by educated men and women, devised techniques to manipulate the populace. What were the turning points in Germany’s history? Can a holocaust happen anywhere? Here, today?

Born in Vienna in 1928, Edith moved to Italy with her family to escape the rise of Nazism. Forced to leave Italy in 1938, the family entered France illegally and received political asylum. At the outbreak of World War II, her father and older brother were arrested twice as enemy aliens and ultimately deported to Auschwitz. Neither returned.

Edith and her mother remained in France until mass deportations forced Edith, at the age of 14, to go underground. In May 1944, after a year on the run, Edith was smuggled into Switzerland where she worked as a nanny until the end of the war. Fortunately, she was reunited with her mother, who had managed to survive.

Come hear Edith tell of her survival, the arduous tasks of coming to terms with man’s inhumanity, making a living and getting an education—and the paths which brought her to New York where she married, taught French and German at the University of Pennsylvania and embarked on a new career in financial planning. Following her retirement in 2006, Edith began to write about her experiences. Her latest book, *Surviving the Holocaust in Plain Sight* will be published in May 2019 by Purdue University Press.

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Price includes speaker fee, hot catered lunch, and administrative fee.

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