

【Simone Veil Biographical Information】

July 13, 1927	Born in Nice, in the south of France
March, 1944	Arrested by the Gestapo in a café in Nice the day after passing the baccalaureate (high school certification exams)
April 15, 1945	Liberated by the Allied forces from the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp
1945	After receiving a scholarship in autumn, jointly enrolled in the Faculty of Law at the University of Paris and the Paris Institute of Political Studies
1949	Earns bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Law at the University of Paris, completes studies at the Paris Institute of Political Studies
1954—1956	Two-years training in the Paris Prosecutor's Office, qualified as a Justice Department official
1957—1964	Worked at the Ministry of Justice Penal Administration Office
1964—1969	Worked at the Civil Affairs Bureau
1969—1970	Adviser to the Minister of Justice
1970—1974	Secretary General of High Council of the Judiciary (direct advisory organ to President Georges Pompidou)
1974—1976	Minister of Health (Appointed by President Giscard d'Estaing to the Jacques Chirac Cabinet)
1976—1979	Minister of Health, Social Security, and Family (President Giscard d'Estaing, Raymond Barre Cabinet)
1979-1993	European Parliament Member
1979-1982	European Parliament President
1982-1984	European Parliament Head of the Legal Committee
1993-1995	Minister of State, Minister of Social Affairs, Health and City (under coexistence government of Socialist Party President François Mitterrand and Rally for the Republic (RPR) Party Prime Minister



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1997-1998	Policy Member of the High Council of Political Policy
1998-2007	Member of the Constitutional Council of France
2000-2007	First President of the Fondation pour la Mémoire de la Shoah (Honorary President)
2003-2009	Board of Director of the International Criminal Court's Trust Fund for Victims
2007	Published the autobiography "Une vie" (Stock Company)
2010	Inducted to the Académie Française (elected in 2008)
2011	Conferred an Honorary Doctorate degree from Meiji University

【Honorary Doctorate Degree】

Mme. Veil has received numerous honorary doctorate degrees in various countries, with the first from Princeton University in 1975. Meiji University is the first university in Japan to confer an honorary degree to Mme. Veil.

【Honors and Awards】

Onassis Foundation Award (1980)
Charlemagne Prize (1981)
Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute Four Freedoms Award (1984)
Truman Peace Prize
(Jerusalem 1991)
B'nai B'rith Presidential Gold Medal
(Washington 1993)
Stresemann Society Gold Medal (Meissen 1993)
WHO Health of All Peoples Gold Medal (1997)
Prince of Asturias Award and Prix Grand Siècle Laurent-Perrier (2005)
Scopus Award (Paris 2007)
Charles V European Award
(Spain 2008)
German-French Journalism Prize (Paris 2009)
Heinrich Heine Prize
(Dusseldorf 2010)
European Civil Rights Prize of the Sinti and Roma
(Berlin 2010)