

Anna Laura Geschmay Mevorach



Anna Laura Geschmay was born in Göppingen (D) on February 3, 1931 in a Jewish family. In 1936 she moved with her parents to Italy to escape racial laws.

In 1948 she obtained her secondary school diploma with specialization in teaching training and the one in science in 1949.

She graduated in economics and commerce in 1954 (23 years old). She was for decades: first Managing Director, then Chairman, of a family group of factories in the technological textile sector with plants in various countries around the world; the Group exported to 67 countries. On 2 June 1995 she was honoured with the title of *Cavaliere del Lavoro* (Order of Merit for Labor), one of the few women in Italy at the time.

In 1999, after the sale of the "felt and fabrics" Group to the world's largest manufacturer in the sector, she focused on the real estate field, becoming President of ITAFEM S.r.l., a service company and general contractor. The Group is active in the design and construction of high-tech buildings (special archives, maximum-security structures, etc.).

In recent years, the Group further established itself in the luxury real estate sector, of which Venice is particularly rich, as well as in the office, commercial and residential sectors. Last but not least, the expansion was oriented to hotel business, taking care of major restoration works of important structures managed by renowned international chains.

From 16 July 1996 to June 2014, she was a member of the Regency Council, acting as Censor at the Bank of Italy in Venice.

From 2009 until the beginning of 2015 she was General Councillor at the Venice Foundation. Both of these positions were left due to age limits.

In 2006 she personally wrote and edited a book, "Dalla Schwäbische Alb alla Laguna Veneta" (From the Schwäbische Alb to the Venetian Lagoon), the story of her personal and working life. The contents of this book have also been translated into other languages.

At the end of 2008 she was honoured with the important award "*Una vita per l'industria*" (A Life for Industry), conferred on her by Confindustria di Venezia (Italian Industrial Federation), the association for which she also held the position of Vice Chairman.

She is currently in charge of the various family activities in which she holds the role of President, as well as taking care of her personal properties, in particular the villa in which she lives and its park, both of which have been notified to the Superintendence of Fine Arts and Monuments of Veneto Region.