

Evelyn de Rothschild

Sir Evelyn Robert Adrian de Rothschild FKC (August 29, 1931 – November 8, 2022)^[1] was a British financier and a member of the Rothschild family.

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Early life

Son of Anthony Gustav de Rothschild (1887–1961) and Yvonne Lydia Louise Cahen d'Anvers (1899–1977), he was named after his uncle Evelyn Achille de Rothschild who was killed in action in World War I. Evelyn de Rothschild spent several of his boyhood years in the United States during World War II. He was a pupil at Harrow School^[2] and then studied history at Trinity College, Cambridge, but dropped out before gaining a degree.

Born into great wealth, Evelyn de Rothschild became one of England's most eligible bachelors, spending his youth travelling, socialising, driving exotic sports cars, enjoying thoroughbred horse racing and playing polo. It was not until age 26 that he decided to join N M Rothschild & Sons banking house to be trained in the family's business. In 1955, a couple years prior to Sir Evelyn's entry into the family's business, his father had to retire from the position of chairman due to illness and his cousin Victor Rothschild took over as chairman.

Career

<div>Sir</div> <div>Evelyn de Rothschild</div> <div>FKC</div>	
	
Born	<div>Evelyn Robert Adrian de Rothschild</div> <div>29 August 1931</div> <div>London, England</div>
Died	8 November 2022 (aged 91)
Nationality	British
Education	<u>Harrow School</u>
Alma mater	<u>Trinity College, Cambridge</u>
Height	1.87 m (6 ft 2 in)
Spouses	<div><div>Jeannette Bishop</div><div>(m. 1966; div. 1971)</div><div>Victoria Lou Schott</div><div>(m. 1973; div. 2000)</div><div><u>Lynn Forester</u> (m. 2000)</div></div>
Children	<div>Jessica de Rothschild</div> <div><u>Anthony James de Rothschild</u></div> <div><u>David Mayer de Rothschild</u></div>
Parents	<div><u>Anthony Gustav de Rothschild</u> (father)</div> <div><u>Yvonne Lydia Louise Cahen d'Anvers</u> (mother)</div>

Evelyn de Rothschild was appointed a director of Paris-based de Rothschild Frères in 1968 while Guy de Rothschild from the French branch of the family became a partner at N M Rothschild & Sons. In 1976 he took over as bank chairman from Victor Rothschild and in 1982 became chairman of Rothschilds Continuation Holdings AG, the co-ordinating company for the merchant banking group. He became co-chairman of Rothschild Bank A.G., Zurich in 1994, serving until 2003 when he oversaw the merger of the family's French and UK houses. David René de Rothschild of the French branch took over as executive chairman of Rothschild International after the different branches had been merged and Sir Evelyn continued as non-executive chairman of N M Rothschild & Sons. In 2003, he founded with his wife, Lynn Forester de Rothschild, a holding company, E.L. Rothschild, to manage their investments in The Economist and various enterprises in India.^[3]

Throughout his career, Evelyn de Rothschild was actively involved in a number of other organisations in both the private and public sectors and held the following business positions:

- Deputy Chairman - Milton Keynes Development Corporation (1971–1984)
- Chairman - The Economist (1972–1989)
- Director - IBM United Kingdom Holdings Limited (1972–1995)
- Chairman - United Racecourses (1977–1994)
- Director - De Beers Consolidated Mines (1977–1994)
- Chairman - British Merchant Banking & Securities House Association (1985–1989)

Evelyn de Rothschild also served as a Director of the newspaper group owned by Lord Beaverbrook. Years later, he served for a time as a Director of Lord Black's Daily Telegraph newspaper. An owner of thoroughbred racehorses, he was a past chairman of United Racecourses.

Philanthropic activities

In 1967 Sir Evelyn created the Eranda Foundation^[4] to support social welfare, promote the arts and to encourage research into medicine and education.

Sir Evelyn served as Queen Elizabeth II's financial adviser.^[5] He was a Governor of the London School of Economics and Political Science as well as an active patron of the arts and supporter of a number of charities. He served as Chairman of the Delegacy of St Mary's Hospital Medical School from 1977 to 1988. He was a Member of the Council of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, a trustee of the Shakespeare Globe Trust, and in 1998 was appointed Chairman of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers. Sir Evelyn was the founding chairman in 1990 of The European Association for Banking and Financial History in Frankfurt, Germany, a position he held until retiring in 2004. He was a board member of the Snowdon Trust, founded by the Earl of Snowdon, which provides grants and scholarships for students with disabilities.^[6]

Personal life

In 1966, Evelyn de Rothschild married Jeannette Bishop, a niece of Sir Stanley Hooker, the jet-engine engineer. The marriage ended in divorce in 1971. Jeanette Bishop died around the end of 1980 at the age of 41 along with former family cook and interpreter Gabriella Guerin and were allegedly killed. The case of black chronicle is known as the "Giallo dei Sibillini".^[7]

He married a second time in 1973 to Victoria Lou Schott (1949 - 18 January 2021), the daughter of Florida property developer Lewis Schott^[8] and his wife Marcia W. Schott (née Whitney).^[9] The marriage, which ended in divorce in 2000,^[2] produced three children:

- Jessica de Rothschild (5 June 1974) - British-based theatre director. Married British-American film director Sacha Gervasi in 2010
- Anthony James de Rothschild (30 January 1977) - married Danish model and UK TV presenter Tania Strecker in 2006.^[10]
- David Mayer de Rothschild (25 August 1978).

On 30 November 2000, Sir Evelyn married the American lawyer and entrepreneur Lynn Forester, who was the head of the Luxembourg-based wireless broadband venture FirstMark Communications Europe and the former wife of Andrew Stein, a New York City political figure who served as the last president of the New York City Council. By this marriage, he has two stepchildren, Benjamin Forester Stein (b. 1985) and John Forester Stein (b. 1988). On the announcement of the marriage, the de Rothschild couple were invited to spend their honeymoon at the White House, where they agreed to stay one night.^[11]

Sir Evelyn's family homes include Ascott House, a country estate owned by the National Trust in Buckinghamshire about 46 miles north of London.


Sir Evelyn was appointed a Knight Bachelor in the 1989 New Year Honours.^[12]

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Born August 29, 1931. Cousin of [Jacob Rothschild](#), 4th Baron Rothschild (left [N M Rothschild & Sons](#) in 1980, but remained the official head of the family). Sir Evelyn de Rothschild failed his economics degree at Cambridge, but made up for it 40 years later when he took an honorary one from Hull. Evelyn was a polo player in his youth and played often against Prince Philip.

He became a partner of the French Rothschilds in 1969, who were headed by [Guy de Rothschild](#). He was deputy chairman of [Milton Keynes Development Corporation](#) 1971-1984.

We [Chase; mid-1970s] approached three banks in the [Rothschild Group](#). Since both Evelyn de Rothschild, chairman of L.M. Rothschild, and Leon Lambert, chairman of Banque Lambert (a Rothschild through his mother), were personal friends, I had positive initial conversations with them."^[1]

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- Director of [IBM UK Holdings Plc](#) from 1972-1995
- Executive chairman [NM Rothschild & Sons](#), London 1976-2003. In 1976 he followed up [Edmund de Rothschild](#).
- In 2003 the French [David de Rothschild](#) took over as executive chairman of [Rothschild International](#) (the different branches had been merged), while Evelyn de Rothschild continued to be non-executive chairman of [NM Rothschild & Sons](#).
- Chairman of the [Delegacy of St Mary's Hospital Medical School](#) from 1977 to 1988.
- Chairman [United Racecourses](#) from 1977 to 1994.
- Director [De Beers Consolidated Mines](#) from 1977 to 1994, a firm once founded by the Rothschilds and headed by Cecil Rhodes.
- Chairman of Swiss-registered [Rothschild Continuation Holdings](#) from 1982 to 2003, in which [Jardine Matheson](#) (Keswick family of the [1001 Club](#) and [Pilgrims Society](#)) bought a 20% stake in 2005 as only allowed outside shareholder.

Co-founded the interfaith consultations between Jews, Christians, and Muslims in 1984, together with HRH Duke of Edinburgh and HRH [Crown Prince El Hassan](#) (head [Club of Rome](#) since 2001). Patron of the Interfaith consultations. Chairman of the [British Merchant Banking & Securities House Association](#) 1985-1989. Governor of the Imperial College of London from 1988 to 1998 and governor of the [London School of Economics](#).

Became a Knight of the British Empire in 1989. Some have claimed that Evelyn is a co-founder of the Progressive Policy Institute (Today Jay Rockefeller is a task force member, just as Lynn Forester de Rothschild), the think tank of the DLC in the 1985-1989 period (the DLC refused to comment on the issue). Co-chairman of the Rothschild Bank A.G., Zurich from 1994 to 2003. Director of Telegraph Newspapers. Former member of the Hollinger International Advisory Board, a company owned by Privy Councillor Conrad Black.

Member of the Council of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, the premier acting school in the UK, if not the world. Fellow of the Imperial College in 1998. In 2000, Sir Evelyn clandestinely provided the newly established British "super think tank," Policy Network, with 250,000 pounds sterling to get it started. Policy Network is the coordinating organization between the DLC and Labour's inner circle. Peter Mandelson, Privy Councilor since 1998 and a Ditchley governor, was the initial chairman of the Policy Network.

Evelyn married Lynn Forester in November 2000, who was introduced to him by Henry Kissinger at the 1998 Bilderberg Conference in Scotland, a meeting Sir Evelyn normally doesn't attend. After the wedding they seemingly flew to the US, since they were having dinner with Senator Moynihan (worked for 'Pilgrim' Averell Harriman in the 1950s, the person who set up the Psychological Strategy Board; important United Nations official in the 1970s; important DLC operative; attended the 1984 Jonathan conference on international terrorism; chairman of the 1997 Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy, which shed a little bit of light on the inner workings of the Black and Deep Black Programs, the latter officially known as Unacknowledged Special Access Programs) and the Clintons the very next day. According to EIR, the Clintons invited the married couple to spend their wedding night at the White House.^[2]

Other close associates of the the Rothschild couple are Margaret Thatcher, Lord Hanson, Rupert Murdoch, Peter Mandelson, and Sir James Goldsmith. George Soros and Warren Buffett are said to be others. Lynn Forester generously funded Bill Clinton's election campaigns, is very wealthy, and part of New York's democratic elite.

Evelyn's former wife, Lady Victoria, also spends her time in New York, but vigorously campaigned on behalf of the Republican George W. Bush. Lynn is the CEO of ELR Holdings and became a director of The Economist in 2002. She launched FirstMark Communications in the late 1990s and got Evelyn Rothschild, Henry Kissinger, Vernon Jordan (senior managing director Lazard; close Clinton friend and advisor; friend of Evelyn de Rothschild; permanent Bilderberg visitor), Michael J. Price (former managing director Lazard), Nathan Myhrvold (former CEO Microsoft; PPI Task Force member), and others as its initial directors.

In September 2002 Evelyn and Lynn organized a fundraising dinner for the Outward Bound Trust. It teaches self-reliance through outdoor programs. Prince Andrew, Jacob Rothschild, and New York Times publisher Arthur Sulzberger were among those attending.

Evelyn was present when The Archbishop of Canterbury laid the foundation stone of the new Evelina Children's Hospital in March 2003. Evelyn became its president in September 2003. In late August 2004, Clinton and his wife Hillary, Evelyn de Rothschild, Lynn de Rothschild, Vernon Jordan, and Prince Andrew were all hanging out at the Vineyard at their very own "Anyone but Bush" party. Rothschild and Jordan were jointly celebrating their birthdays that day. Together with his wife he attended the 32nd Williamsburg Conference in Delhi in 2004. Lynn was deeply involved in the 2005 Live 8 event (to support debt relief for Africa) and was even instrumental in getting U.S. television to carry the show after they dragged their feet, worrying that the event might become politicized. She spoke with Karl Rove several times seeking and getting White House help.

Evelyn is well-known for his angry outbursts and keeps very quiet about all the details of his life. Journalist Karina Robinson gave him the award of being the 'most condescending' person she interviewed in recent times.^[3]

"Karina Robinson talks to NM Rothschild's chairman Sir Evelyn de Rothschild and finds a man reluctant to give much away... The next hour (actually, the next 40 irritating minutes since I did not last the hour) was spent being told that everything is "going well," "doing well" and "with our name we can get in anywhere"... the meeting was set up by the bank's public relations firm. It seems an odd strategy to push forward someone who appears disinterested in communicating." [4]

"There were Democrats everywhere - [Maureen White](#) and her financier hubby, [Steve Rattner](#), plus veteran liberals [Vernon](#) and [Ann Jordan](#), and add the Baron Evelyn de Rothschild's all-American wife, [Lady Lynn](#), the [Jack Valentis](#), ... [Prince Andrew](#)... also Democratic kingmaker [Mandy Grunwald](#) and her now famous Time magazine mister, [Matt Cooper](#), who is under the gun for refusing to reveal his Washington sources. Also seen, former Clinton aide [Lisa Caputo](#), now of Citibank, and hubby [Rick Morris](#), wearing an "Anyone but Bush" button. At a party given to celebrate the Baron's and [Vernon Jordan](#)'s joint birthdays, I spoke with [Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg](#) and [Maurice Tempelsman](#) of Jackie fame, as well as both Clintons. The former president made a gracious, brief speech in which he said that since he first came to the Vineyard, he'd been accused of "hanging out with the swells." He added it was true, he loved Vineyard people, and they had all been simply "swell" to him." [5]

Evelyn and his family live in [Ascott House](#), which just as [Waddesdon Manor](#) is owned by the [National Trust](#).

Role in Israel

The name of Rothschild has been associated with the region for more than a century. The family helped to finance early Jewish settlements and its huge charitable trust still funds philanthropic projects in Israel. Now Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, who is known to have little time for the policies of the current right-wing Israeli government, hopes to help establish the firm foundations of the fledgling Palestinian economy. He said: "I feel very strongly that if one has a multi-ethnic community you must try to help all sides of the community to try to better themselves. "A good economic base for Palestine must be beneficial for security and peace in the area." [6]

Affiliations

- [Centre for European Reform](#)

See Also

- [N M Rothschild & Sons](#)
- [Evelyn de Rothschild](#)
- [Nathan Rothschild](#), 1st Baron Rothschild
- [Walter Rothschild](#), 2nd Baron Rothschild - recipient of the [Balfour Declaration](#)
- [Victor Rothschild](#), 3rd Baron Rothschild - [MI5](#) operative in the 1939-45 war; government advisor; funded [Encounter](#).
- [Jacob Rothschild](#), 4th Baron Rothschild
- [Guy de Rothschild](#)
- In the 1880s Baron Edmond de Rothschild (1845-1934) funded Jewish settlements in Palestine and encouraged the development of agriculture and industry. In 1899 the Rothschild settlements were transferred to form the Palestine branch of the [Jewish Colonisation Association](#) and in 1924 Baron [Edmond de Rothschild](#) created a separate Association to manage these settlements – [Palestine Jewish Colonisation Association](#) (PICA) – under the direction of his son, [James de Rothschild](#)

- [Yad Hanadiv](#) - Rothschild family foundation
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