

## **Rosenberg Case fact sheet:**

### **Key dates - timeline:**

#### Ethel Rosenberg nee Greenglass:

Born 9/28/15 NYC. Executed 6/19/53, Sing-Sing Prison, Ossining, NY (age 37 at death)  
Graduated Seward Park High School, June 1931 (age 15)  
Led strike, August 1935 (age 19)  
Married June 18, 1939  
Arrested and charged with "Conspiracy to Commit Espionage," 8/11/50

#### Julius Rosenberg

Born 5/12/18 NYC. Executed 6/19/53, Sing-Sing Prison, Ossining, NY (age 35 at death)  
Graduated Seward Park High School and City College (BS, Electrical Engineering), 1939  
Married June 18, 1939  
Arrested and charged with "Conspiracy to Commit Espionage," 7/17/50

#### Morton Sobell (Rosenberg's co-defendant)

Arrested and charged with "Conspiracy to Commit Espionage," 8/16/50  
Sentenced to 30 years imprisonment, released in 1968. Served 18 years.  
Admitted on 9/11/08, engaged in military-industrial espionage with Julius Rosenberg in 1940's.

#### Michael & Robert Meeropol (born Rosenberg)

Michael: Born 3/10/43 NYC. Age 7 at time of parents' arrests, 10 at their execution.  
Professor of Economics, Western New England College, now retired  
Co-author with brother: *We Are Your Sons*, Houghton-Mifflin, 1975  
Editor: *The Complete Prison Correspondence of Julius & Ethel Rosenberg*, Garland, 1994

Robert: Born 5/14/47 NYC. Age 3 at time of parents' arrests, 7 at their execution.  
Attorney and Founder/Executive Director, Rosenberg Fund for Children, now retired  
Co-author with brother: *We Are Your Sons*, Houghton-Mifflin, 1975  
Author: *An Execution in the Family*, St. Martin's Press, 2003

### **Rosenberg case timeline:**

Arrest dates listed above: (They were imprisoned until their executions)

3/6/51, Trial commences, Federal Judge Irving R. Kaufman presiding  
3/29/51, Jury returns guilty verdicts against all defendants  
4/5/51, Judge Kaufman sentences Rosenbergs to death and Sobell to 30 years  
2/25/52, Conviction affirmed by 2nd Circuit Federal Court of Appeals  
10/13/52, Supreme Court declines to review case (the first of 9 such denials)  
11/21/52, Judge Kaufman sets execution date of 1/12/53, (later stayed).  
5/29/53, Judge Kaufman sets execution for week of 6/15/53  
6/15/53, Supreme Court denies in 5-4 vote stay of execution, execution set for 6/18/53  
6/17/53 Justice Douglas stays execution after reviewing new claim, Court starts summer recess

6/17/53 Attorney General Brownell meets secretly with Chief Justice Vincent  
6/18/53 Chief Justice Vincent orders reconvening of Court in special session  
6/19/53 Court vacates Douglas' stay, execution set for 11pm  
6/19/53 Execution moved forward to 8pm so as not to conflict with Jewish Sabbath  
6/19/53 8pm Julius Rosenberg executed first,  
6/19/53 Ethel Rosenberg execution botched, must be redone, completed after sundown  
12/24/54 Michael and Robert Rosenberg introduced to Abel and Anne Meeropol  
1/1/1954 Michael and Robert Rosenberg begin living with Meeropols, names changed.  
1973 Michael and Robert Meeropol reveal parentage, begin Rosenberg reopening effort.  
1990 Robert Meeropol founds Rosenberg Fund for Children  
9/28/15 New York City Council declares Ethel Rosenberg's execution wrongful  
9/28/15 Manhattan Borough President declares "Ethel Rosenberg Day of Justice"