





**MARCH 22, 1923.** Marcel Mangel is born amid the bustling busyness of a market street in Strasbourg, France.

He is the second son of Charles, a kosher butcher, and Anne – both Jewish immigrants, Charles from Poland and Anne from what is now Ukraine.



Strasbourg's twenty thousand residents are no longer safe. They are told to leave in two days. Steam engines whistle. Conductors cry out.

**SEPTEMBER 1939.**

France and Germany are at war.

Train wheels lurch and screech and start up their clanging clattering rhythm as Marcel and his family flee their home.

But on this night, in front of the radiant lights,  
he boldly takes centre stage. The crowd of  
three thousand goes silent . . .



and  
**MARCEL  
MARCEAU**  
is born.