

DEBORA'S DIARY, 1943
2002.74.1

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Descriptive summary

Title: Debora's diary

Dates: 1943

Accession number: 1995.88.5

Creator: Debora, ?-1944

Extent: 0.5 linear feet (1 oversize box)

Repository: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW, Washington, DC 20024-2126

Abstract: The collection includes a diary written in 1943 by a young woman named Debora (last name unknown) who fought with the Polish underground in Warsaw. Debora hid the diary and told her friend Lusia Schwarzwald Hornstein, a fellow underground fighter, where to find it should she not survive. Debora was killed by a bomb in Warsaw during the Polish uprising in 1944. In the diary Debora writes about living in hiding, poor living conditions in the bunker, looking for her mother, learning that her mother was killed, and burying her mother. Lusia recovered the diary in March 1945 from behind a radiator in a burned-out house where they lived under false papers and wrapped it in a newspaper. After the war, Lusia married her husband in 1948 and they immigrated to the United States in 1951.

Languages: Polish

Administrative Information

Access: There are no known legal restrictions on access to this material, but the collection cannot be digitized or removed from storage because of conservation concerns.

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Physical access: This diary is unavailable for request because of conservation concerns.

Preferred citation: (Identification of item), Debora's diary (2002.74.1), United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, Washington, DC.

Acquisition information: Debora's diary was donated by the Lusia Schwarzwald Hornstein's family to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2002.

Related material: An oral history interview with Lusia Schwarzwald Hornstein was conducted by the Shoah Foundation as well as with the Museum (1993.A.0093.16). The Museum's Library holds a copy of *At the Fire's Center: a story of love and Holocaust survival* (DS135.H93 A13 1998) about the Hornstein family. Lusia's family also donated the newspaper the diary was wrapped in (2002.74.2).

Accruals: Accruals may have been received since this collection was first processed, see archives catalog at collections.ushmm.org for further information.

Processing history: Morgan Voth, October 2018

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

Debora's diary is arranged as a single series.

Indexing terms

World War, 1939-1945--Jewish resistance--Poland.

World War, 1939-1945--Personal narratives.

Warsaw (Poland)--History--Uprising, 1944.

Warsaw (Poland)

Diaries.

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Series 1: Debora's diary, 1943

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