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Summary

Ita Dimant (née Rosenzweig) reads a translation of her Holocaust memoir in which she describes growing up in small town outside of Warsaw, Poland, where her father was the rabbi; the invasion of Poland; living in the Warsaw ghetto where she worked as a nurse and established a kindergarten in her apartment; conditions in the ghetto including the typhus epidemic, the overcrowding, and the reduction of the size of the ghetto; joining a Zionist youth group called Gordonia; hearing rumors that the deportations to Treblinka were true; the disbelief of most of the population; the start of mass deportations in the summer of 1942, including some of her family members; obtaining a false marriage certificate to avoid deportation; being asked by Gordonia to serve as a courier owing to her Polish appearance and language fluency; fleeing Warsaw ghetto on August 20, 1942 and going to Częstochowa; her three years in hiding as a non-Jew named Genowefa Zawadska in Częstochowa, Poland; boarding in the home of Stefan Gromul and being aided by the family of Henryk Brust; the liquidation of the Częstochowa ghetto; the resistance efforts; Ita's arrest in July 1943; being sent by the Gestapo, which decided she was not Jewish, to Germany for forced labor on a farm; writing her wartime diary while in hiding on margarine wrappers; her liberation on April 11, 1945 near Gerlingen, Germany; working at Kibbutz Buchenwald; and immigrating to Israel, where she arrived on September 8, 1945; her marriage to Symcha Dimant; and the recognition of the Brust family as Righteous Among the Nations.

A published version of the memoir, in Polish, is located in the USHMM Library as DS135.P63 D57 2001, while an abbreviated copy, in English, is located under DS135.P63 D56 1993.