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Smykowce, Poland(1927); only child; German occupation in 1941; Jewish males killed immediately; deportation; with mother, grandmother and three aunts near Russian border; life in ghetto; order to flee ghetto by mother; didn't look Jewish; ran from town to town (May 1942); return to ghetto with wagon and Gentile man; rescue of mother and aunts thwarted by death; sought out priest; reaching the convent; bore cold and hunger because mother had ordered her to survive; near Sduk; orphans hidden during War; worked, prayed, ate as preparation for being a nun; liberated in 1945; had to re-discover Jewish life which she thought was dead; journey through Rumania, Czechoslovakia, High Alps to find survivors; marriage; U.S.(1951); children still don't know whole story.