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TITLE: Oral history interview with Clara Ma'ayan

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SUMMARY: Born in 1915 in Munchen. When she was three years old her family moved to Rzeszow in Galicia. Became an active member and a leader of the "Hano'ar Hatziony" youth movement in Poland before the war. In the years 1938-1939 studied education at Warsaw and worked in the orphanage of Janusz Korczak. Her testimony reviews this way of living and methods of work. At the beginning of the war she moved to Rzeszow and spent a few weeks in the ghetto. Made several escape attempts that failed. Eventually succeeded to run away and arrived at Lwow (L'vov, Lemberg), that was under Soviet rule. There she met friends from the youth movement and passed as Aryan. She also happened to witness a massacre of the Judenrat by the Germans. She considered escaping through Kowno (Kaunas) with the help of the Japanese embassy but it proved to be impossible. In the beginning of 1943 moved with false documents to Warsaw, and lived as an Aryan. Established connections with underground members at the ghetto and even visited them once inside the ghetto. Witnessed the revolt in the ghetto from the Aryan side.