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GELBERSHATA [REPSKI] GENIA

- 1.01 She was born in 1925 in Larchava, near Pinsk. Her father was a merchant. There was an older and a younger sister. Describes her childhood. The family was orthodox. She went to a Polish school and did not experience antisemitism.
- 1.11 When the Russians entered their situation worsened. Father lost his business. She had to go to a Russian school. Jewish refugees arrived and told them what was happening in Germany.
- 1.18 Describes the arrival of German army. Father and older sister hid in basement. Anti Jewish orders were issued. She was sent to work cleaning streets and roads. Describes conditions and hunger.
- 1.28 Describes going to ghetto. Father refused to escape so others wouldn't suffer retributions.
- 1.38 Describes burning of ghetto and groups taken out of the ghetto to be shot. There was a cry to escape. She ran away and was wounded by shots. A friend helped her. They walked for days. Describes her extreme suffering and some medical helps he received.
- 1.49 Her knowledge of what had happened in other places.
- 1.54 Suicides in the ghetto.
- 2.01 The youth organization in Lachava to which her older sister belonged. They had planned to escape. She saw her sister's dead body dying near the police station.
- 2.05 She has difficulties remembering what happened to her and how she got to the partisan family camp located in a village.
- 2.10 Describes walking at night and hiding in the forest during the day. How they got food from the peasants. They reached the partisans in November, after 3 months.
- 2.18 Describes life in the family camp in a village and the partisans who supplied them.
- 2.28 One of the partisans befriended her and helped her join the partisan proper. Her work was to scout the areas before the partisan attacks.

- 2.39 Describes different partisan activities.
- 2.46 After a year she was sent to a base camp and worked in the kitchen. When the Germans retreated, they liberated Slutsk. She was released and found her sister in Lachava. They both went to Germany to camp Fernwald. She joined a kibbutz of partisans and after a year went with Aliya B to Israel. Describes her life and adjustment.