

Interviewee:	<u>GORKO</u> , Alexandra	Date:	April 14, 1986
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SUMMARY

Alexandra Gorko, nee Paley, was born in Kiev, Russia in 1916. In this follow-up interview she briefly describes conditions in Bergen-Belsen: clothing, food, and her work in an ammunition factory. She reflects on the issue of resistance and her decision to disobey Mengele's order to inject pregnant women with a gasoline-type substance. She also acknowledges that she refused to cooperate in the act of throwing babies from the windows of the Lodz Ghetto hospital where she was a supervisor and nurse. She refers to her brother's involvement with a group of 12 men who built a secret radio and disseminated BBC news March 1940 until January 1942 when they were exposed and sent to Chelmno for gassing. In referring to her knowledge of what was transpiring under the Nazis, she discusses the deception perpetrated by the Nazis as well as the inability of people to believe the reports that circulated even when clothes resembling those of friends and relatives were delivered to the ghetto.

For additional information on Mrs. Gorko's experiences, see the original interview by Eileen Steinberg on August 19, 1985. See also the interview with her husband Anatole Gorko.

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SUBJECT HEADINGS

Mengele, Josef, 1911-.

Bergen-Belsen (Concentration camp).

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945) -- Personal narratives.

World War, 1939-1945 -- Personal narratives, Jewish.

Jews -- Persecutions. -- Poland -- Łódź.

Jewish ghettos -- Poland -- Łódź.

Holocaust survivors.

World War, 1939-1945 -- Atrocities.

World War, 1939-1945 -- Jewish resistance.

World War, 1939-1945 -- Concentration camps -- Liberation.