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Interviewee: WEINSTOCK, DIANE¹ Date: June 1978

Interviewer: Bernice Zoslaw

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SUMMARY

Diane Weinstock, nee Gottlieb, was born in Radom Poland in 1923 into a modern religious family. Her mother was a member of WIZO and Diane attended Zionist youth activities. She describes pre-war antisemitism, the German Occupation, the establishment of the Radom Ghetto in 1941 and her family's living conditions there until 1942. She also details clandestine education and religious observances that happened in the ghetto.

She and her mother were able to obtain false papers and hide posing as non-Jews in Warsaw from November 1943 until October 1944. Diane describes how after the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising she, her mother and several others hid out in a bunker in the demolished Warsaw Ghetto until January 1945. She gives a detailed description of how they managed to survive including being warned by a Jewish father and son that the Germans were scouting the area. They were liberated by the Soviets in January 1945. She returned to her hometown of Radom but encountered severe antisemitism. She then fled to Regensburg, Germany to reunite with a brother and an uncle who survived. Her father perished in the same camp three weeks before liberation. Diane worked as an interpreter for UNRRA, then married and emigrated to United States after the war.

¹Diana is an alternative first name.

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SUBJECT HEADINGS

Holocaust Jewish (1939-1945) Poland World War (1939-1945) Personal Narratives, Jewish, female Radom, Poland Radom Ghetto Hiding with false papers Hiding as a non-Jew Hiding in the burned out Warsaw Ghetto