

Bay Area Holocaust Oral History Project

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Name of interviewee: Barnes, Roma

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Summary: Born Roma Rosenmann, on March 15, 1930 in Demblin, Poland. She was subjected to a lot of anti-Semitism in her schools growing up. After the Germans invaded Poland in 1939, they began rounding up Jews in the towns that they lived in to send them off to different camps. Roma was able to flee these roundups several times. However, her parents were caught in the first roundup and sent to Sobibor, where they were killed immediately upon arrival. Roma then went back to her town and met up with her uncle and stayed with him. He was preparing fake passports for all of them to go to Switzerland, but he was caught and shot in front of Roma by the Nazis. Eventually Roma was caught and sent to a work camp, where she witnessed such atrocities, as watching the hanging of her friend, and then to Chesokova, where she was liberated. After the war she made her way to the United States after staying in England.

This is a general summary of the two interviews that Roma has done with the BAHOHP.