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IN HITLER'S GHETTOS

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WHO'S WHO

(IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

Renia Kukiełka: born in Jędrzejów, a courier for Freedom in Będzin.

Sarah Kukiełka: Renia's older sister, a Freedom member who takes care of Jewish orphans in Będzin.

Zivia Lubetkin: a Freedom leader in the Jewish Fighting Organization and in the Warsaw ghetto uprising.

Frumka Płotnicka: born in Pinsk, a Freedom member who leads the fighting organization in Będzin.

Hantze Płotnicka: (pronounced in English as *Han-che*) Frumka's younger sister, also a Freedom leader and courier.

Chajka Klinger: (pronounced in English as *Hay-ka*) a leader of The Young Guard and the fighting organization in Będzin.

Gusta Davidson: a courier and leader of Akiva, based in Kraków.

Hela Schüpper: a courier for Akiva, based in Kraków.

Irena Adamowicz: a Catholic woman who worked with the Polish underground and helped the Jewish underground.
Code name: Zosia.

Bela Hazan: a Freedom courier, based in Grodno, Vilna, Białystok. Worked with couriers Lonka Kozibrodska and Tema Schneiderman.

Ruzka Korczak: (pronounced in English as *Rush-ka*) a leader of The Young Guard in Vilna's fighting organization and a partisan leader in the forests.

Vitka Kempner: a leader of The Young Guard in Vilna's fighting organization and a partisan leader in the forests.

Faye Schulman: a photographer who becomes a partisan nurse and fighter.

Anna Heilman: an assimilated Warsaw Young Guard member who takes part in the resistance at Auschwitz.



GLOSSARY

Antisemitism: Prejudice against Jewish people

Couriers: During World War II, these were women who transported documents, information, money, weapons, supplies, and even people between cities in Poland

Gestapo: The official secret police of Nazi Germany

Ghetto: A closed-off area in a city where Jews were restricted

Holocaust: The mass genocide of the European Jews during World War II

Judenrat: A community-based agency run by Jews that managed and policed Jewish ghettos and communities

Labor Camps: Nazi Germany built and managed concentration camps before and during World War II; labor camps exploited the labor of people held at the camps

Marxism: The belief in a classless society

Nazi: A member of the National Socialist German Workers Party, also known as the Nazi party

Partisan: A member of an armed group formed to fight against an occupying force

Shabbat: The day of rest and worship in the Jewish religion, observed from sunset Friday to Saturday evening

Yiddish: The main Jewish language in Poland before the war

Zionist: A person who believes in the creation of a Jewish homeland in Israel

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