

## **Regine Londner**

Wartime Experience: Concentration Camp Survivor

I was born on September 1st, 1922 in Bendzin, Poland. My name was Rywcia Pozmantir and I was the daughter of Bunem Pozmantir and Pesia Pozmantir, née Edelman. My parents were married in 1899. I am the youngest of a family of 5 children. I have 3 sisters: Ruchele, emigrated to France in 1924 and was deported from France, Cyla emigrated to Chile in 1928, Hela, emigrated to France in 1928 and was hidden by a French family during the war; and a brother Rubin, deported from Poland in 1943 with his wife Mania and his 2 children, Bunem (9 years old) and Ksyl (7 years old)

Before the war, my parents owned a restaurant/bar and we lived well. I lived a very short time with my sisters at home who were much older than me. My brother Ruhm was a furrier and married in 1933 just before the death of my father from a heart attack at 62. From the age of 11, I lived alone with my mother who continued to take care of the business.

We were a very orthodox family who followed the Torah very scrupulously. Until the age of 14 I attended the Jewish school in Bendzin. In 1939 the Germans occupied the city, burned the synagogue. In 1942, there was a roundup of Jews and we were sent to the ghetto. There my mother was separated from me and was sent to Auschwitz.