

From the Testimony of Shoshana Stark “I Decided - I’m Not Staying Here”

Shoshana Stark was born in Kosice in Slovakia. She was deported to Auschwitz in 1943, and after selection was transferred to Plaszow and other labor camps. She survived a death march to Bergen-Belsen, and was liberated there by the British. After liberation, she was taken to Sweden by the Red Cross for rehabilitation, and returned to her native town in 1946.

“I went home. I didn’t have anywhere I could stay... The gatekeeper was living in the house and wouldn’t let me go in... I also had aunts and family. I went to see all their apartments. There were goyim [gentiles] living in every one. They wouldn’t let me in. In one place, one of them said, ‘What did you come back for? They took you away to kill you, so why did you have to come back?’ I decided: I’m not staying here, I’m going”.

Shoshana Stark joined the Bericha organization, immigrated to Palestine at the end of 1947, was deported by the British to Cyprus, and later returned to Israel.

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