

*“...When I look back, I think that the armed resistance was possible because [there] was an ethical, moral resistance going on in the ghetto before deportation. It is a chain. It didn’t come suddenly. The young people [in the underground] came from the houses of the parents who were transported to the gas chambers. But the houses were full of beliefs, of hope, of believing in humanity, of justice, and this was a chain leading to active resistance. And this is why I cannot separate the uprising or active resistance or the partisan resistance from the resistance which took place in the quiet so-called times in the ghetto. This was the base, the foundation...it was a chain of resistance in our Jewish lives which [culminated in] armed resistance.”*

- Vladka Meed, member of the Jewish resistance in Poland, who acted as a smuggler and courier in support of residents of the Warsaw ghetto



Vladka Meed's false identification that allowed her to "pass" as an "Aryan." © USHMM, courtesy of Benjamin (Miedzyrecki) Meed (#02325)