

Gustawa Birencwajg In Her Nursery



This is me, Gustawa Birencwajg, in our nursery in Pieszyce. I am first from the right, in the lower row. The other people in the photo are my co-workers, but now I don't remember their names. This photo was taken in the 1940s. After the war my husband and I got an apartment in Pieszyce. There were children in the city and they started organizing a nursery. Because I had worked at a nursery in Russia, they took me as the director, to organize that nursery, because nobody knew how to go about it. You see, nurseries did not exist before the war. I organized it, there was a doctor there who was a Jew, and I took in young children, under three years of age, I organized the staff and it was all very good. This was in Piotrolesie. Near Dzierzoniow. I worked there for some two or three years, I don't remember exactly. This orphanage for Jewish children was next to the nursery, they picked these children up in the forests. They were alone. The director asked me to transfer to that orphanage, as the hostess. His name was Kozlowski. He later died in Israel. Anyway, I transferred there and worked as hostess. And my husband was working in a boiler-room in a factory.