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### WOMEN DURING THE RESISTANCE

THE HISTORY OF WOMEN IN THE ITALIAN RESISTANCE REPRESENTS A FUNDAMENTAL COMPONENT FOR THE PARTISAN MOVEMENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST NAZI-FASCISM. THEY FOUGHT TO REGAIN THE FREEDOM AND JUSTICE OF THEIR COUNTRY BY FULFILLING FUNCTIONS OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE.

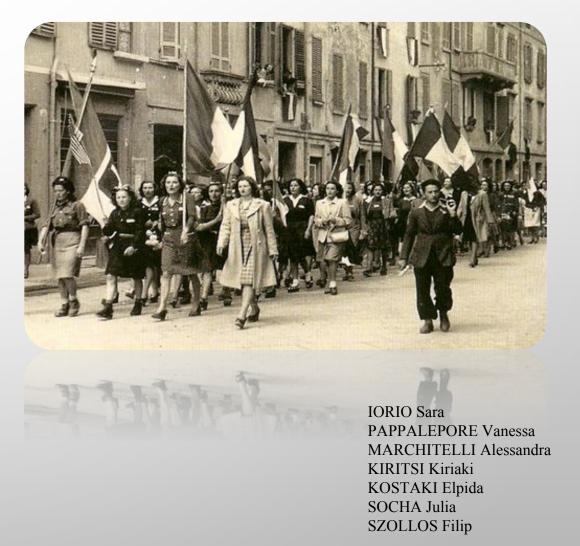


IN ALL THE CITIES, PARTISAN WOMEN FOUGHT DAILY TO RECOVER THE ESSENTIAL GOODS FOR THE SUSTENANCE OF THEIR COMRADES .

THERE WERE ORGANIZED GROUPS OF WOMEN WHO CARRIED OUT ANTI-FASCIST PROPAGANDA, RAISED FUNDS AND ORGANIZED ASSISTANCE TO POLITICAL PRISONERS AND WERE ALSO ENGAGED IN MAINTAINING COMMUNICATIONS AS WELL AS IN MILITARY OPERATIONS.



THE WOMEN WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE **RESISTANCE WERE PART OF ORGANIZATIONS** AND ALSO, THEY FOUNDED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY GROUPS, OPEN TO ALL WOMEN FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND OF ANY POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS FAITH, WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF LIBERATION OF THE HOMELAND AND FIGHT FOR THEIR OWN EMANCIPATION, TO **GUARANTEE WOMEN'S RIGHTS.** 



#### OFTEN THEY BECAME HEADS OF FAMILIES, IN PLACE OF THEIR HUSBANDS ENLISTED IN THE ARMY AND INSIDE THE FACTORIES ORGANIZED STRIKES AND DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST FASCISM.



THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE COLLECTION OF CLOTHING, FOOD, MEDICINES AND INFORMATION WAS VERY IMPORTANT: EVERYTHING WAS SENT TO THE RELAYS, WHICH THEN REACHED THE PARTISANS IN THE MOUNTAINS.

THIS, HOWEVER, WAS NOT THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE CIVIL RESISTANCE;

IN FACT, THE WOMEN MADE THEIR HOMES AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE A HIDING PLACE FOR THE WOUNDED OR CONVALESCENTS AND TO ENSURE THEM A MEAL.



#### LE STAFFETTE

THE RELAY ROLE WAS OFTEN PLAYED BY YOUNG WOMEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 18, FOR THE SIMPLE FACT THAT THEY WERE THOUGHT TO AROUSE LESS SUSPICION.

THE RELAYS HAD THE TASK OF GUARANTEEING LINKS BETWEEN THE VARIOUS BRIGADES AND MAINTAIN CONTACT BETWEEN THE PARTISANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.





#### WHO IS LILIANA SEGRE ?

LILIANA SEGRE IS AN ITALIAN HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR, NAMED SENATOR FOR LIFE BY PRESIDENT SERGIO MATTARELLA IN 2018FOR OUTSTANDING PATRIOTIC MERITS IN THE SOCIAL FIELDS



1930	Born in Milan into a Jewish family
1938	She was expelled from school after the drama of the Italian racial laws
10 December 1943	She tried to flee to Switzerland
30 January 1944	She was deported from platform 21 of the Milan Central railway station to the Auschwitz concentration camp
January 1945	She faced the death March towards Ravensbrük concentration camp in Germany
1 May 1945	She was liberated by the Red Army
1951	She married Alfredo Belli Paci



#### LIFE

FOR A LONG TIME SEGRE NEVER WANTED TO SPEAK PUBLICLY ABOUT HER EXPERIENCE IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS. IT WAS ONLY IN THE EARLY 199'S THAT SHE DECIDED TO INTERRUPT HER SILENCE

### THE TESTIMONY OF IMPRISONMENTS

**"IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT FOR MY RELATIVES TO LIVE WITH A** WOUNDED ANIMAL LIKE I WAS: A LITTLE GIRL WHO CAME BACK FROM HELL. FROM WHOM OBEDIENCE AND **RESIGNATION WAS DEMANDED.** SOON I LEARNED TO KEEP MY TRAGIC MEMORIES AND DEEP SADNESS TO MYSELF. NOBODY UNDERSTOOD ME.

I WAS THE ONE WHO HAD TO ADAPT MYSELF TO A WORLD THAT WANTED TO FORGET THE PAINFUL EVENTS THAT HAD JUST PAST, THAT WANTED TO START AGAIN, EAGER FOR FUN AND CAREFREE."

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#### «ITALIAN HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR GIVEN POLICE ESCORT AFTER FAR-RIGHT THREATS 7 NOV 2019

#### WHY?

- «WOULD DO WELL IN A NICE LITTLE INCENERATOR»
- THE ATTACKS HAVE INCREASED SINCE HER PROPOSAL TO ESTABILISH A PARLIAMENTARY COMMISION TO COMBAT RACISM
- THE PROPOSAL WAS REJECTED

## PARTISAN WOMEN IN THE REST OF THE WORLD

#### PARTISAN GREEK WOMEN

ALTHOUGH IN TIMES OF WAR WOMEN ARE NEGLECTED BY HISTORY THEY PLAY A DECISIVE ROLE AS WELL AS THEY FOUGHT IN THEIR OWN WAY. THEY HAD THE ROLE OF NURSES SO THEY CAN HELP THE SOLDIERS HEAL THEIR WOUNDS.



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#### LELA KARAGIANNI

LELA KARAGIANNI WAS A GREEK WOMAN WITH AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR. SHE WAS THE LEADER OF A SPY ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS CALLED "BOUBOULINA". SHE WAS TRYING TO SAVE 150 BRITISH SOLDIERS AND HELP THEM TO ESCAPE BY CREATING A SPY ORGANIZATION.



LELA FOUND SECRET INFORMATION ABOUT AN AIRPORT AND SPREAD INFORMATION ABOUT GREEK COWORKERS OF THE OCCUPYING FORCES. SHE ,ALSO, WORKED FOR AN ORGANIZATION CALLED "APOLLON". GERMANS ARRESTED HER HER AND HER FIVE KIDS AND THEY TORTURED THEM. IN THE END, SHE WAS EXECUTED WITHIN OTHER 59 WARRIORS OF THE REBELATION.



#### PARTISAN POLISH WOMEN: ELŻBIETA ZAWACKA

ELŻBIETA ZAWACKA WAS COURIER OF THE MAIN COMMAND OF ARMIA KRAJOWA. THE ONLY OF 15 CANDIDATES WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE TRAINING AND LATER SERVED AS CICHOCIEMNA IN SPECIAL FORCES.



### MARIA WITTEK AND IRENA SENDLER

MARIA WITTEK WAS FIRST GENERAL IN POLISH ARMY AND SHE WAS A SOLDIER. SHE TOOK PART IN REBELLION IN WARSAW

IRENA SENDLER WAS SAVING JEWS DURING A WAR. SHE BECAME INVOLVED IN UNDERGROUND ACTIVITIES. IN ODER TO HELP JEWISH CHILDREN FROM WARSAW GHETTO IRENA JOINED ŻEGOTA WHERE SHE BECAME THE HEAD OF CHILDRENS DEPARTMENT





### PARTISAN SOLVAK WOMEN: VIOLA VALACHOVA

VIOLA VALACHOVA WAS 15 YEARS OLD, BORN IN BRATISLAVA SHE JOINED RESISTANCE AND PARTISAN GROUPS OF ALEXES SEMIONORIC JEGOROV



#### **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE ATTENTION**

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