Female Couriers: Unsung Heroes of the Holocaust

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**Process Paper** 

I chose the topic of female couriers for my documentary when I started reading through

some of the documents provided by the MCHE website. I was interested in the stories of these

girls, what they achieved, and how they did it. They definitely contributed to the resistance in the

ghettos with the physical items they brought, and the hope and connection they kept alive.

I conducted my research by reading some of the documents from the MCHE website a

second time to understand it more fully, then looking at sources on other websites, and finally

contemplating a book I had just finished about a non-Jewish female courier.

I created my documentary by first watching videos about making documentaries, then

writing a basic outline for my documentary, and then starting work on my script. After I finished

my script, I started the editing process with the help of my older sister.

After doing a voice-over, collecting images, and putting it all to music, I cited the sources

that I used in a works cited page that follows this short paper.

My historical argument is female couriers were very important heroes in Jewish

resistance.

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