

For Reading at the Seder

Warsaw, Poland, erev Pesach.

Location: A bunker beneath
Mila 19 directly across from Mila 18 –
the headquarters of the ghetto uprising.

... The long hours drag on. We listen intently to the sounds of battle outside. Darkness comes slowly...I can barely make out the dark forms of the sleepers. Grandpa is dividing the *matzot* into small pieces in the dark. In hushed tones we recite the blessing, "Al achilat matza." The sounds of the fighting grow fainter and fainter. Suddenly, everything quiets down. Darkness and a foreboding silence reign. We do not dare move.

The above is an excerpt from "Here There Is No Why" by our member Rachel Roth. It records the mood in the Warsaw ghetto on the night when the uprising began in 1943, 74 years ago this coming Monday night. We should all remember that day.