

Vocabulary Guide

Behind the Secret Window by Dr. Nelly Toll

<u>Term</u>	<u>Definition</u>
<i>babcia</i>	grandma
<i>Boże mój!</i>	My God!
<i>ciocia</i>	aunt
<i>cudy</i>	miracles
<i>dama</i>	lady
<i>dorożki</i>	horse-drawn carriages
<i>do svidania</i>	goodbye
<i>ganki</i>	long interior porches
<i>goląbki</i>	stuffed cabbage
<i>groszy</i>	pennies
<i>Judenfrei</i>	Jew-free
<i>kochanie</i>	sweetheart
<i>Kristallnacht</i>	German for “Crystal Night,” also known as the Night of Broken Glass, this was a night of terror across Germany on November 9-10, 1938. Jewish businesses and homes were ransacked and many Jews were killed.
<i>Matka Boska Częstochowska</i>	Our Lady of Częstochowa
<i>nie normalny</i>	not normal
<i>niestety</i>	no; sorry
<i>notatki</i>	notes
<i>paluszki</i>	“fingers” of boiled dough

<i>pamiętnik</i>	memory book
<i>Pan, Pani, Panna</i>	Akin to “Sir,” “Madam,” or “Miss,” these are words used to address someone with respect, usually well-learned individuals.
<i>parszywe Żydłaki</i>	filthy Jews
<i>pierogi</i>	<i>dumplings</i>
<i>poziomki</i>	tiny, wild strawberries
<i>psiakrew!</i>	<i>damn it!</i>
<i>śmietana</i>	sour cream
<i>spasibo</i>	thank you
<i>Volksdeutche</i>	Polish citizens who had, or claimed to have, a German background
<i>Wehrmacht</i>	the German army
<i>Wir werden zurückkommen!</i>	We will return!
<i>zdravstvuite</i>	hello
<i>złoty</i>	Literally, “golden.” <i>Złoty</i> is Polish currency.
<i>Żydowska świnia</i>	Jewish swine