

In The Wartime Diary of Edmund Kessler, Dr. Kessler, a Jewish attorney from Lwow, Poland, gives an eye-witness account of the Holocaust through the events recorded in his diary between the years, 1942-44. In vivid, documentary style, he describes his experiences in the Lwow Ghetto, the Janowska Concentration Camp, and in an underground bunker where he and twenty-three other Jews were hidden by a courageous Polish farmer and his family. The book includes a chapter written by Kazimierz Kalwinski, who, as a teenager, was a care-taker for the hidden Jews on his family's farm. Edmund's daughter, Renata Kessler, coordinated the book and has written the epilogue about her search for the story, which has taken her to Israel, Poland, and Lviv (or Lwow) in the Ukraine. Renowned scholar Antony Polonsky contributes an insightful historical overview of the times in which the book takes place.

At this event, Renata Kessler will present the book, read from Edmund Kessler's diary, and discuss its significance with Prof Antony Polonsky. Copies of *The Wartime Diary of Edmund Kessler* will be available at the event.

An event sponsored by the Institute of Polish-Jewish Studies, Oxford, and the Department of Hebrew and Jewish Studies, University College London.

28 May 2013, 6-8 pm. No registration, no entrance fee, all welcome!

UCL, Gower Street, Pearson Lecture Theatre G22 (access through main gate Gower Street, the Pearson building is on the left).