

Synopsis of Interview of Guta Goldstein
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Guta Goldstein (nee Koppel) was born in Łódź, Poland in 1930. Her father was a textile merchant and came from a large Orthodox family.

Although Guta was only ten years old when the Łódź ghetto was established, she has quite a remarkable recollection of the events and how they affected her and her family. She relates many events, including her miraculous escapes as from a “children’s camp” during one of the Aktions.

She remembers Judenrat chief, Chaim Rumkowski, urging parents to give up their small children. She and her mother were finally deported to Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland, in August of 1944. She offers an amazing description of her arrival and first impressions.

Though she still looked like a young child, Guta survived several selections and was taken to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in Germany, in November of 1944. From Bergen-Belsen, she was taken to Meltheuer, a subcamp of Flossenbürg concentration camp in Germany, where she worked as a chambermaid for German officers. She was liberated on April 16, 1944 by the United States Army.

Guta immigrated to Australia in 1949.

Total timing: 2 hrs 4 min