

Interviewee: SEILER, Ute  
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## SUMMARY

Ute Seiler was born in October 1942 in Berlin, Germany. She underwent experimentation as a twin in Auschwitz. Her earliest memory is hiding with her twin sister, Anna, and their grandmother in a dark cellar. When found, they were sent to Auschwitz, where the girls were separated from their grandmother. Ute recalls clinging to her sister and screaming when they were put in a crib in the Children's Block. A doctor gave them injections in their arms and spinal columns. Anna became very sick, had convulsions throughout one night and never awoke. The next day, she was taken from the crib and Ute never saw her again. The injections continued for Ute, who fell ill with tuberculosis and suffered with convulsions for many years afterward.

In 1944, she was liberated by Russian soldiers and in 1945, she was reunited with her grandmother. They lived in Dessau until 1948, when she was sent to Wanne-Eickel to live with her father. In 1952, they emigrated to Canada. Ute learned that her mother and older sister, Heidi, had been taken away shortly after her birth. Ute married and her husband took her to the Cleveland Clinic, where she was finally cured of the convulsions and she has been able to have a normal life. She has recognized Dr. Mengele in photographs as the man who gave her the injections at Auschwitz.

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