

CECILIE KLEIN-POLLAK
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Hallendale, Florida,
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United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Born Cecilia Goldensile on April 13, 1925, in Yasinna, Czechoslovakia; Cecilie Klein-Pollak discusses her experience in Auschwitz and how the Holocaust overwhelmingly changed her outlook on life; meeting her husband while both working as dental lab technicians in Budapest after liberation; arriving in New York City in December 1948 and spending most of the next two years in a sanatorium to recover from TB; her two published books of poems, "Out of the Ashes" and "Poems of the Holocaust," and her published memoirs, "Sentenced to Live;" her three children and her second husband, Isaac Pollak, a survivor of Buchenwald; attending the first reunion of Holocaust survivors, "World Gathering," in Jerusalem; the ongoing effects of the Holocaust on her emotional well being; how she has never returned to her homeland; and her gratitude for the work of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.