

LILLIAN ECKSTEIN

BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE



Lillian Eckstein was born on March 22, 1926, in Nižní Verecky, Czechoslovakia (now Nyzhni Vorota, Ukraine) to parents Pinchas Mendelson and Miriam Rosenberg. She grew up in a big family among three sisters: Ibi, Margaret, and Ella, and three brothers: Gabriel, Jacob, and Menache. When the Nazis invaded Czechoslovakia, Lillian and her family were forced to live in the Mukačevo ghetto. She was deported to Auschwitz II-Birkenau, a concentration and death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland, and later transported to Bergen-Belsen, a concentration camp in Germany. There, she was liberated by British armed forces. She immigrated to New York where she married Michael Eckstein and had two daughters: Irene and Marilyn Eckstein. This interview was conducted on February 26, 1995, in Rego Park, New York.