

## **EVA KOR**



**Born:** January 31, 1934 (Portz, Transylvania, Romania)

**Died:** July 4, 2019

**Interview Date:** March 2016

Eva Kor (née Mozes) was born on January 31, 1934 in Portz, Transylvania, Romania. With her twin sister, Miriam, and two older sisters, she lived with her parents, who were farmers, and enjoyed a happy home life. In 1940, the Hungarians annexed her village and the family experienced a rise in antisemitic attacks and discrimination. They tried to flee unsuccessfully, and in 1944 they were forced along with other Jewish families to live in Cehei ghetto. They remained there for a short period before Eva and her family were deported to the Auschwitz camp complex. The entire family, with the exception of Eva and Miriam, was gassed upon arrival. The twins were selected by Dr. Josef Mengele and subjected to medical experiments that often made them very ill and nearly killed Eva. Eva and Miriam survived both the Nazi experiments and Nazi efforts to massacre surviving prisoners to hide evidence of their crimes. They were liberated by the Soviet Army in January 1945 and returned to Romania to live with an aunt. They immigrated to Israel in 1950 and both served in the Israeli Army. In 1960, Eva met and married Holocaust survivor Michael Kor. They moved to Terre Haute, Indiana and had a son and a daughter. In 1984, Eva and Miriam founded the organization C.A.N.D.L.E.S (Children of Auschwitz Nazi Deadly Lab Experiments Survivors) and Eva founded the CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Terre Haute, Indiana. Eva passed away at the age of 85 in July 2019. This interview took place in March 2016 in Los Angeles, CA.