
Eva Hefer

Eva was born in Třinec, Czechoslovakia in 1928, to her parents Jan and Růžena Měkyn, the younger sister of Hanna and Zadenk. In 1939, when the area where the family lived was occupied, the children were transferred to central Czechoslovakia and later the entire family moved to Ostrava and Frýdek-Mistek. In September 1942 Eva, of the entire family, received a summons to report for a transport to Theresienstadt. Accompanied by her father and brother, she came to the gathering point with her belongings. The day after arriving at Theresienstadt, Eva received a summons to a transport Eastwards, however a woman at the ghetto who heard her story suggested that she appeal the summons to the Alttestenrat – which Eva did and her name was erased from the transport. Years later she learned that the transport had been destined for the Treblinka extermination camp. In the ghetto Eva was housed in the L-410 children's block, where she remained until the end of the war. Eva's sister Hanna was deported to the ghetto in December 1944 and her mother in February 1945. At the end of the war the three returned to the family home in Frýdek-Mistek, where her father, brother, and brother-in-law were waiting for them. In 1948 Eva married and moved to Prague. In January 1949 Eva and her husband immigrated to Israel and arrived at Kibbutz Givat Haim. Years later Eva left the kibbutz, worked as a nurse at a hospital, and lived in Magdiel. Eva remarried Arie Hefer, among the founders of Kibbutz Givat Haim, and returned to the kibbutz. In 1973 the couple moved to Beer Sheva and later to Tel Aviv, where she lives to this day. Eva and Arie, who passed away in 1996, have a son, three grandchildren, and are expecting a great-grandchild. ■