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# Hana Sternlicht

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Hana was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1930, an only daughter of Arnold Neumann and Irenna née Katzir. Until age 9 Hana enjoyed a happy childhood in a small and loving family.

When the Germans occupied Czechoslovakia in 1939 and the antiJewish laws were publicized, her childhood came to an end. Hana was expelled from school and for about three years she remained at home.

In December 1942 the family was deported to the Theresienstadt Ghetto. Upon arrival they were separated, and at first Hana lived with her mother in the women's quarters. Later, Hana was transferred to the L-410 children's quarters, where she was housed with girls her age.

In October 1944, a week after her father was sent to the East, Hana and her mother were deported too. Undergoing selection at the camp, the two were separated and Hana's mother was murdered. After about two weeks at the camp, Hana was transferred to the Freiberg labor camp in Germany, where she worked in a factory that manufactured aircraft components.

Six months later she was sent to the Mauthausen camp in Austria. On May 5, 1945, she was liberated at the camp by the American army.

At the conclusion of the war, Hana returned to Prague but found none of her family. In March 1949 she immigrated to Kibbutz Hahotrim with the "Dror" movement and subsequently married Dov Sternlicht. Hana and Dov have two children and six grandchildren. ■