

From Behind the Iron Curtain: A Memoir

With Slavka Halper

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A CCI Special Program on Zoom*

The Jewish community in Prague was decimated by WWII. The post war Jewish community consisted



mostly of Jews from other parts of Czechoslovakia and neighboring countries. This included Slavka's parents, both of whom survived and were deeply marked by the Holocaust.

Jewish life did not flourish in Prague under Communist rule. Indeed, many were persecuted, and some were executed. Slavka's parents were journalists who lost their jobs after the Soviet invasion in 1968. Slavka started her medical studies at the Charles University in Prague but they were interrupted by her family's escape from Czechoslovakia to Canada in 1976.

Since her escape, Slavka has visited Prague twice. She will talk about the history of Jews in Prague and Czechoslovakia; about being Jewish in Communist Prague; her parents' life and experience; and, her impressions of Jewish post-communist Prague.

Slavka Halper is a professor at UGA in the Vet School and the Medical Partnership. After escaping to Canada she finished her MD degree at the University of Toronto (where she met Ed, her future husband) and went on to complete a residency in pathology and a PhD in experimental pathology at the Mayo Clinic.

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