



**Ann Rosenheck** was born in Rachov, Czechoslovakia, a small town nestled in the Carpathians Mountains. Ann was only thirteen years old when the Nazis occupied her small town; and together with her family they were sent to the ghetto. After six weeks in the ghetto, the family was deported to the Auschwitz Concentration Camp where she was separated from them during the “**Selection**” process. After four months in Auschwitz, she was sent to Germany to work in an ammunition factory. Ann was liberated in Dachau, Germany on April 1945 by the advancing American army. After liberation, she lived in a DP camp in Germany for three years and in 1948 she arrived in the U.S. In 1949 she was reunited in New York City with her childhood sweetheart Ike, and they immediately got married. After living in New York for over 30 years, Ann and her husband moved to South Florida. When the Memorial was opened in 1990, Ann joined as a volunteer speaker, sharing her story with many groups of adults and students visitors to the Memorial. In 2006 Ann visited Waynesboro Middle School in Virginia where the students had the opportunity for the first time ever to meet and speak with a Holocaust survivor. For the students, teachers, and the entire community it was a life changing experience. In 2007, Ann fulfilled a long time dream to go back to her hometown of Rachov, Ukraine. She visited the places where she grew up as a child prior to the Holocaust and also reunited with her best friend from school. Today Ann is working together with the Foundation for Holocaust Education Projects to continue and bring Holocaust education and awareness to many communities across the U.S. Her story is powerful and inspiring as she describes the passage from a loving circle of family and friends, to the horrors of the Holocaust, to renewed life after liberation, and the creation of her own family.