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Crave Press Releases Nonfiction Book About Holocaust Survivor and Her Family
Story of Holocaust survivor Eva “Evitchka” (Ritter) Levitt and her family is now available.

Leesport, Pa. – *Evitchka: A True Story of Survival, Hope, and Love* by Lawrence P. Levitt, Lehigh Valley author, physician and husband of Evitchka, and Stephanie Smartschan, Lehigh Valley author, is now available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and IndieBound as well as select retailer sites. Eva “Evitchka” Ritter resided in Allentown, Pa., with her husband and children.

Before World War II, there were two hundred Jewish children in the small town of Humenné, Czechoslovakia. After the war, there were six. Evitchka was one of them. Her survival is a testament to the luck, determination, and resilience of her parents and the bravery of a young Catholic couple. Her story crosses continents and spans decades, culminating in the unlikely chance to repay an unpayable debt.

Lawrence P. Levitt, MD founded the Neurology Division at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and served as a Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trustee. Larry is a graduate of Weill Cornell Medicine and trained at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Bellevue Hospital and the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. His previous works include *Neurology for the House Officer* and *Uncommon Wisdom: True Tales of What Our Lives As Doctors Have Taught Us About Love, Faith and Healing*. He was married to the incomparable Eva for sixty-one years and is a father of three and grandfather of six.

Stephanie Smartschan has spent the last thirteen years working in marketing and development for Jewish nonprofits and serves on the boards of local Jewish organizations. She got her start working for *The Boston Globe* while a student at Northeastern University and went on to write for *The Cape Cod Times*, covering everything from casinos to courts, nuclear power plants to religion. Her work garnered many regional awards. Stephanie lives in Allentown, Pennsylvania, with her husband Adam and two daughters.

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