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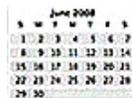
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A LOYAL WIFE

Buckhead woman writes memoir

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Eva Friedlander with her book, "Nine Lives of Marriage — A Curious Journey."

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Eva Friedlander knows a thing or two about survival.

The Budapest native evaded capture during the Nazi occupation of Hungary during World War II to meet her husband George after the war.

But after four honeymoon years in Italy and transplanting to the U.S., Friedlander came to face harsh obstacles in what she thought was a perfect matrimony.

With the help of co-author Mickey Goodman, the 89-year-old Buckhead resident documents her journey in "Nine Lives of Marriage — A Curious Journey," which was released in August.

"I think that this is a story about survival," said Goodman, an East Cobb resident. "Most women would have caved under the challenges she faced."

The book begins with George, who passed away in November 2005, meeting Eva at her secretarial business she started after the war and the spark of their romance. The memoir also shares their individual journeys to survive the Holocaust.

"I escaped by way of the underground Zionist movement," said Eva, who was about

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16 when the Nazis took over. "My mother and I moved across town and assumed false identities."

George's story was even more remarkable, having escaped three forced labor camps.

After confirming their love, they moved to Rome, Italy, where they were married and lived for four romantic years.

After immigrating to the U.S., the couple settled in Atlanta, where George worked in biochemistry and Friedlander pursued her love of art and antiques.

With two children, Lynne and Lewis, as well as successful careers, the Friedlanders' lives looked perfect from the outside. But internally, the marriage struggled as another woman entered the picture. The other

woman's 45-year relationship with George became a constant battle Eva fought hard to overcome.

"It was a very trying period of time. It almost came to a complete breakdown," she said. "But since my family had broken up when I was 14, I decided I would not be able to do that to my children."

Terrible accidents led to a turn in George's health later in life. And as Eva took care of him at NurseCare of Buckhead the last three years of his life, they would begin to patch their rocky past.

"I do not have regrets," said Eva. "Looking back, I would do it again."

Eva and Goodman will be signing copies of the memoir at the Vinings Historic Preservation Society's Book Signing Sunday at the Old Pavilion along with four other local authors.

The book is available by visiting Amazon.com and at www.ninelivesofamarriage.com.

If you go

- o **What:** Vinings Historic Preservation book signing with B. Bruce Cook, Eva Friedlander, Mickey Goodman, Clare Isanhour, Peter Stelling and Ben Weinberg
- o **When:** 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday
- o **Where:** Old Pavilion, 3057 Paces Mill Road, Vinings
- o **Cost:** free, books available for purchase
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