

Suzanne Marburg

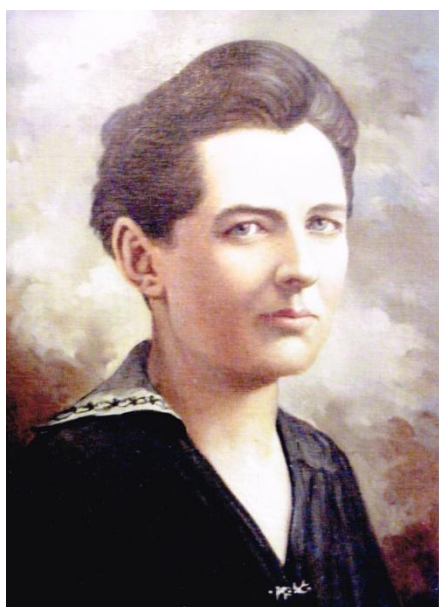
by Nina Caddick

In the last quarter of 1938 a Birmingham born Unitarian Minister, by the name of Reverend Rosalind Lee, went to Prague to set up a relief association to help refugees from the Sudetenland. Lee set up relief offices in Krakovska Street, just off Wenceslas Square. This Unitarian scheme ran in parallel with the similarly motivated *Kinderlift* (or Kinder Transport) initiative originated by Sir Nicholas Winton.

After meeting the late Nicholas Winton and Eleanor Rathbone and touring many of the camps, Lee returned to England with twenty refugee children, many of whom were Jews. One of these children was three year old Suzanne, the daughter of Alfred and Irene Marburg.



Suzanne Marburg



Rev. Rosalind Lee

Suzanne was placed with a Unitarian Minister, the Reverend Lewis Lloyd, his wife Clara Jane and daughter Rene and they lived at 167 Swanshurst Lane, Moseley.

On the night of 11- 12 December 1940, on a night that later became known as the 'Birmingham Blitz', the house that the Lloyd family lived in took a direct hit from a bomb and all those living in 167 Swanshurst Lane died: Clara (Age 69), Rene Lloyd (34), Suzanne (5), Mabel Upton (58) and Lily Knight (58). Reverend Lloyd (70) died at Selly Oak hospital of his injuries in January 1941.

The story goes that after the war Irene Marburg came to reclaim her daughter but to date no evidence of this has been found.

The house in Swanshurst Lane was completely destroyed and new properties were eventually built there. Today, a Jewish family live in the house that was built on the bomb site. When they heard about Suzanne and the Lloyd family they visited the grave and carried out a small Jewish Service for Suzanne at Kingswood Chapel, Hollywood, where their remains are now buried.



Lionel Singer, Gill Taylor, Laurence Taylor and Lisa Lesser beside the grave of Suzanne Marburg at Kingswood Chapel.



Memorial to Suzzane Marburg at Kingswood Chapel



Kingswood Chapel, Packhorse Lane, Hollywood, B47 5DQ.
The chapel was built in 1792, following the Priestley Riots.

As we remember Suzanne and the fact that she died an innocent five year old 75 years ago we are interested in finding any of her remaining family members, So, if anyone has any information regarding this event or details of Suzanne or her family, we would like to hear from them. Please contact Nina Caddick at ninacaddick@hotmail.com or through moseleyhistory@moseleyexchange.com.

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**A CHILD OF THE KINDER
TRANSPORT**

A Service of Dedication to the
Memory of
Suzanne Marburg
Late of Prague

Killed in an Air Raid on this city on
12th December 1940

August 5th 2008-4th Av 5768

ORDER OF SERVICE

Introduction by Chief Minister Rabbi Yossi Jacobs

Case History of Suzanne Marburg by Lionel Singer

Psaln 1

Psaln 23

Prayer

Unwelling by Lia Lesser

Memorial Prayer

Kaddish (in unison) lead by Lionel Singer

Acknowledgements

SUZANNE MARBURG

Aged 5
13.08.1935-12.12.1940

An Appreciation of her Life

Suzanne arrived in England in 1939, as one of 10,000 Jewish and also Non-Jewish children as part of a scheme which came to be known as "Operation Kinder Transport". The aim of which was to rescue as many of Europe's Targeted Jewish Children who were being subject to Nazi Persecution and worse and would undoubtedly and ultimately have ended up in concentration/Death Camps.

Almost without exception these children were parted from their parents who were making a great personal sacrifice for their children's safety and probably realized that they would never see their children again.

In the Case of Suzanne her mother did miraculously survive the War and came to the UK looking for her daughter in 1945.

Tragic News awaited her. I have no information as to what became of her mother afterwards.

Suzanne was befriended by the Lloyd family who at the time were living at 167 Swanshurst Lane Moseley. Tragically all the Lloyd family along with Suzanne were killed in an air raid on the night of Dec 12 1940.

She is now buried in the Lloyd Family Plot in the grounds of the Kingswood Unitarian Chapel in Packhorse Lane, Hollywood.

Above: The Memorial Service programme