

Survivor Leesha Rose on Hiding Babies with the Resistance

Leesha Rose was brought up in The Netherlands. She was a teenager when the war broke out and later played an important role in the Resistance Movement. In her book, she describes the hardships of the Dutch Jews in the war, as well as the activities of the Resistance Movement.

A new world opened up for me when I was assigned to the Obstetrics Department. I was permitted to attend and help with the delivery of a newborn baby. I had always been amazed and awed by the miracle of birth. But to see it actually happen and then to hear the first cries of life after the doctor held the baby by its feet and gave it a little pat was to witness the glorious miracle of creation.

More than once, I saw the parents looking at each other in happiness and then I heard the father say to the doctor: "What shall I do with the baby now? How can I keep him safe and out of reach of the Nazis? Soon we may be called up for deportation and forcibly taken out of our house. Shall we go into hiding? But then the cries of the baby will give us away. Doctor, I feel guilty for having brought this new life into this miserable world!"

Here I could be of help. After consultation with my contact in the Resistance, the baby and the parents were hidden separately, somewhere in The Netherlands.

Source: Leesha Rose, *The Tulips are Red*, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem 1978, p. 109.