

## Survivor Leesha Rose on Hiding with the Resistance in a Jewish Hospital

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.

Gradually more and more people were given a temporary haven within the walls of the Joodse Invalide Hospital. One did not know the identity of the other, even though we all met in the freight elevator in times of danger and panic. Sometimes the overloaded elevator would hang for hours in between the floors until the Germans left the hospital. We would not talk, whisper, move, or relieve ourselves. In sum, it meant going through an agonizing physical strain time after time.

Many on the hospital staff were engaging in illegal activities. One knew very little about the activities of the other and this had its advantages. If one of the staff were caught by the Germans, he could not tell on the others.

**Source: Leesha Rose, *The Tulips are Red*, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem 1978, p. 129.**