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HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2016

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Susanne was born in Berlin in 1925. Susanne's parents ran a bookshop business. Susanne had friends who were Jewish and friends who were not Jewish.

When the Nazis came to power they made it difficult for people who were not Jewish to be friends with people who were Jewish.

On *Kristallnacht* the Nazis smashed Susanne's family's bookshop. The Nazis arrested Susanne's father. He had not done anything bad. The Nazis arrested him for being Jewish.

At school Susanne was asked if she would like to escape from the Nazis on a train. Susanne said yes. Susanne forgot to tell her parents that she had said yes.

Susanne's parents let her go on the train because they wanted her to be safe from the Nazis. Susanne was only 13 years old when she went to London on the train. Her mother and father were not allowed to go with her.

In London, Sydney and Golda, a young married Jewish couple, looked after Susanne.

The Nazis killed Susanne's mother and father.

Susanne grew up. She got married and had an exciting life.

On Holocaust Memorial Day Susanne wants us to remember all of the children who were looked after by new families.

Susanne also wants us to think of all of the children and mothers and fathers who did not escape and were killed by the Nazis.

Sydney and Golda's story is one of our other life stories for HMD 2016.

Glossary:

Arrested – to be 'arrested' means that someone stops you from going where you want to go and doing the things you want to do.

Jewish – Jews are a group of people who share an ethnicity called Judaism. Judaism is also a religion, which most Jews follow. If you are a Jew people will call you 'Jewish'.

Kristallnacht – '*Kristallnacht*' is German for crystal night. We use the word '*Kristallnacht*' to talk about the night of 9 November 1938 when the Nazis smashed the shops of Jewish people. The Nazis also killed and arrested lots of Jews on this night. The broken glass from the shops looked a bit like crystal so people called the night when these terrible things happened: crystal night: '*Kristallnacht*'. This night is also called the night of broken glass.

Nazis – The 'Nazis' were a group of people in Germany who believed that they were better than everyone else. The 'Nazis' were racist, they wanted to kill people who were Jewish for being 'different' to them.