

Faces in the Void: Czech Survivors of the Holocaust

Artist/Organisation: Marion Davies and Jane Liddell-King

A collaborative exhibition by poet Jane Liddell-King and photographer Marion Davies.

Faces in the Void is a series of evocative poems and photographs which explores the continuing impact of the Second World War on Czech Jewish life.

In 1965, the fragile post-War economy prompted the Czech Communist regime to market 1564 deteriorating Torah scrolls. Three British Jews bought these and they were then taken to London's Westminster Synagogue where most were restored and loaned around the world. When Jane and Marion discovered that each of their synagogues uses a Czech Torah, they set out to track down any survivors from the scrolls home towns. Amazingly they met a handful of survivors all willing to share unique stories. They also met their children and grandchildren for whom the recent discovery of their Jewish roots has enabled them to come to terms with the devastation of genocide.

Back in England, Jane and Marion met Sir Nicholas Winton, organiser of the Czech Kindertransports and Vera Gissing, one of the 669 rescued children. Pianist, Alice Herz Sommer also gave them her story.

Through intersecting images and testimonies, *Faces in the Void* becomes a universal marker for other minority communities.

Dimensions: The exhibition comprises a sequence of nine poems. Each poem is displayed together with associated photographs. In total 50 photographs are available but less may be used depending on the size of the available space.

The photographs and poems are displayed in open (unglazed) box frames of varying sizes ranging from 480 x 330 mm to 210 x 150 mm

In the case of the poems, they have been framed in boxes of 33cmx48cm, but are joined to make a larger overall size of 66cm x 48cm. One poem is 99cm x 48cm.

Cost of hire: Venue to print labels and introductory panel

£150 each for delivery and for Marion and Jane to assist hanging exhibition, and insurance

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