

Sletten, Ingebjorg

Rabbi Julius Samuel and his wife Henriette emigrated from Germany and came to live in Oslo, Norway. As the country's chief rabbi, Julius Samuel was arrested and sent back to Germany in October 1942. A few days later, the family received a telephone call from Ingebjorg Sletten - a neighbor and member of the underground. She left a brief, pre-planned message: "The night is very cold. Make sure your children are well covered." Henriette immediately prepared herself and her children for departure. An hour later, Ingebjorg arrived at the Samuels' home and transported the family, along with other relatives, to an empty apartment outside of Oslo, which was already populated with other fugitives. Ingebjorg saw to all of their needs. One night in early December, they were joined to a group of forty Jews being moved to the Swedish border in trucks carrying potatoes. From the border, they were smuggled into Sweden, and saved. The father, Rabbi Samuel, was murdered in a concentration camp.