



Volve Katz

BIRTH	1949
DEATH	10 Nov 1964 (aged 14–15) Stamford Hill, London Borough of Hackney, Greater London, England
BURIAL	Adath Yisroel Cemetery Enfield, London Borough of Enfield, Greater London, England
MEMORIAL ID	192913241

Fifteen year old Volve (Wolf/Woolf) Katz was a student at the Mesifita Talmudical College in Stamford Hill, the heart of Jewish London. A fire broke out in the small hours leaving Judah Gottesman seriously injured, and Volve dead. Mr Gottesman recovered and went on to become a shochet in Manchester.

On December 4, 1964, the coroner returned a verdict of accidental death, and on December 22, the local press reported on a letter from New Scotland Yard to MP David Weitzman: "Careful inquiries have been made into the suggestions of suspected incendiarism consequent upon an outbreak of fire at the above establishment. There is no evidence that any form of pseudo-fascist or similar activity is present in the district, or that this incident was perpetrated by any such local organisations."

That should have been the end of the matter, but the following year after a number of Jewish premises were torched in arson attacks, an attempt was made to implicate the British Nazi leader Colin Jordan (MEMORIAL ID 98560153) in this accidental fire. In 1968, the third of a series of trials saw Jordan's violently anti-Semitic ex-wife, the French heiress Françoise Dior, convicted for her role in the attacks.

From 1984, the publisher of a scurrilous magazine made a series of increasingly outlandish claims about the Mesifita College fire until 2009 when he was questioned about it by the Metropolitan Police. He had nothing to say.

In keeping with Jewish tradition, Volve Katz was buried as soon as possible. On November 13, 1964, the London "Jewish Chronicle" reported that on the afternoon following the fire, scores of cars lined the road and more than six hundred people packed into the forecourt of the college and the pavement outside before the funeral.

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