



Integrity

Firm adherence to a moral code, especially in the face of adversity.

During the Holocaust there were individuals who allowed integrity in rescuing Jews.

Eugenia Wolkstein
Poland
A nun who ran a Catholic orphanage, Eugenia allowed her nuns to shelter Jewish children and passed them off as Catholics. She provided them with food, shelter, and schooling, all the while concealing their Jewish identity.

Chaim Kaplan
Ukraine
A newspaper editor in Ukraine, Chaim sought to help fleeing Jews escape the Nazis. He ignored the orders of his government and allowed travel visas for thousands of Jews to escape through the Soviet Union to safety in other countries.

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Courage

The state of mind that enables one to face danger, hardship, or uncertainty with composure and resolve.

During the Holocaust there were individuals who displayed courage in rescuing Jews.

Melanie Plotnikoff
The Netherlands
A student who worked with friends in the Dutch resistance, Melanie participated in the rescue of more than 150 Jewish children. She also hid a Jewish family for more than two years and helped a Nazi in order to protect them.

Irene Sendler
Poland
As a member of Żegota (the Council for Aid to Jews) and head of its Children's Bureau, Irene helped smuggle more than 2,500 Jewish children out of the Warsaw ghetto and into hiding. She was arrested and tortured by the Germans.

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Compassion


A feeling of sympathy for the suffering of another and the desire to alleviate it.

During the Holocaust there were individuals who displayed compassion in rescuing Jews.

Diga Rajack
Canada
Diga took in a boy and his mother who were Jewish immigrants and were in danger. She worked her way off as her husband's shop manager and gave him a job. Diga saved the boy in an emergency and continued to provide care for his education and well-being.

Harenek and Yigona Szlachetky
Ukraine
Harenek, Yigona, and their parents arranged to hide more than 100 Jewish children. The children were hidden in a secret room in their home. Harenek and Yigona saved every child at their home.

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Moral Leadership


The ability to influence others to accomplish a goal arising from a sense of right and wrong.

During the Holocaust there were individuals who demonstrated moral leadership.

Yehoshua Kuperman
Poland
The owner of a Protestant orphanage, Yehoshua refused the Nazis' demands to hand over the children. He hid them in his home and provided them with food and clothing. He saved more than 1,500 Jewish children.

Yehoshua Kuperman
Poland
A teacher at a Jewish school, Yehoshua saved Jewish children from the Nazis by providing them with food and clothing. He also provided them with shelter and helped them escape to safety in other countries.

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Ingenuity

Inventive skill or cleverness in confronting a challenge.

During the Holocaust there were individuals who displayed ingenuity in rescuing Jews.

Diga Mikulnic
Canada
Diga hid a Jewish teacher and other Jews who were in danger. She used her ingenuity to help them escape the Nazis and provided them with food and clothing. She saved more than 1,500 Jewish children.

Dobke Kuchel
Poland
A teacher who was arrested to save the Jewish children in her school, Dobke used her ingenuity to help them escape the Nazis and provided them with food and clothing. She saved more than 1,500 Jewish children.

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Cooperation

Working together toward a common goal or purpose.

During the Holocaust there were individuals who cooperated with others in rescuing Jews.

Probus Munsch Neuman
Canada
Probus is a teacher who worked with other Jewish immigrants to help them escape the Nazis. He provided them with food and clothing. He saved more than 1,500 Jewish children.

Dorothy Pescher
Poland
Dorothy worked with other Jewish immigrants to help them escape the Nazis. She provided them with food and clothing. She saved more than 1,500 Jewish children.

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Self-Sacrifice

Giving up personal wants and needs for the sake of others or for a cause.

During the Holocaust there were individuals who showed self sacrifice in rescuing Jews.



Zabigla Kuczkiewicz

Poland

Although her parents, who had never changed addresses or Jewish family ties, were to have their names changed in 1941, she refused to do so. She hid Jews in her home and her family and the welfare of the right Jewish citizens before their own.



Antoinette de Santos Mendez

France

A religious sister in France, Antoinette saved Jews in thousands of ways in this country. She hid them in her convent. Antoinette was a nun, the religious government would not allow her to leave her convent for the year.

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Social Responsibility

A sense of obligation to ensure the welfare of others.

During the Holocaust there were individuals who showed social responsibility in rescuing Jews.



Yvonne Fry

France

An elementary professor, Yvonne went to Marseilles to help refugees. She was arrested by the Nazis and sent to the Ravensbrück concentration camp. She was released after 18 months and returned to the United States.



Jerry Rubenstein

Poland

A professor of law and camp resistance at Auschwitz, Jerry smuggled food and medicine to fellow inmates. He risked his life to help and support and encouraged the unity and suffering he witnessed in the camp.

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