

Human Kindness

Righteous Among the Nations

In times of extreme cruelty, alongside the horrors and brutality who were driven from hate, ignorance and racism, acts of extreme kindness and bravery were also registered during the Second World War. Families, friends and sometimes total strangers risked their lives and their family lives to save Jews.

This session wishes to portray the heroism of the righteous among the nations and the extraordinary altruism of their actions. We offer to discuss the question “what leads a person to choose to do good and risk his own life in the process and what should we as a society learn from their actions?”

► First part:

We want to begin our discussion with watching two stories of righteous among the nations

<https://youtu.be/GevqXuw0Gho> The story of Sydney Zoltak, who was rescued by a righteous among the nations

<https://youtu.be/OI2oH4DsKII> Freedom writers, Miep Gies, the secretary who hid the Frank family

► Second part:

In this part we will read poems and sing songs about the topic

“I hear the name “righteous among the nations” and I try

I try to think of the people who gave me shelter and a place to hide

I try to think and ask: if I were them, what would I do?

If I in an ocean of hate, facing a burning and a collapsing world

Would I give shelter?”

<https://youtu.be/k4V3Mo61fjM?list=RDQME1sN7lfni4A>
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► Third part:

In the third stage, we will discuss the topic and hear what the participants think. Keeping in mind that there are various ways to reach the soul of each guest in the event.

Possible questions to further the discussion:

- ◆ What motivates a person to help someone even if he risks his own life?
- ◆ When do we feel obligated to take a stand and when do we ignore the wrongs we see around?
- ◆ Do we, as Jews do enough to cherish and tell the stories of the “righteous among the nations”?
- ◆ What do you think you would have done if faced with facing such a dilemma?
- ◆ Should we, as the Jewish people, portray more altruism towards other nations?