

# Muslims Who Risked Their Lives to Save Jews During the Holocaust: Overview and Sources of Information

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Mountains east of Tirana, Albania

How we came to study this subject

The Puzzle of Altruism

Moral Elevation

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The Righteous Among the Nations

Year One (2013-2014)

Holocaust Museums in the United States, Canada,  
Israel, Germany, Poland, and Hungary

\*Year Two (2014-2015)

Righteous Muslims and/or Arabs

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# AMONG THE RIGHTEOUS

LOST STORIES FROM  
THE HOLOCAUST'S LONG REACH  
INTO ARAB LANDS

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*Winner of the ADL Daniel Pearl Prize*

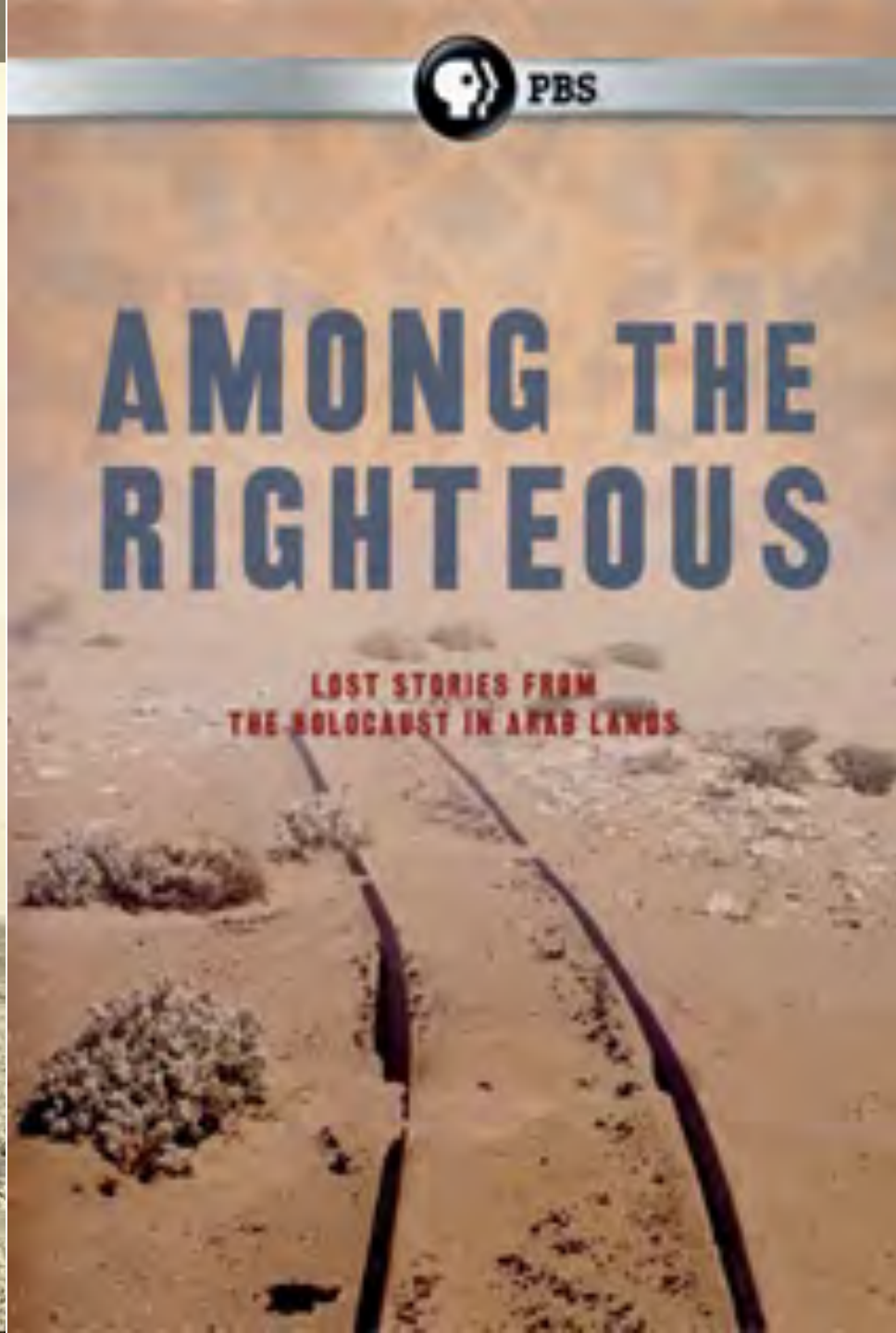
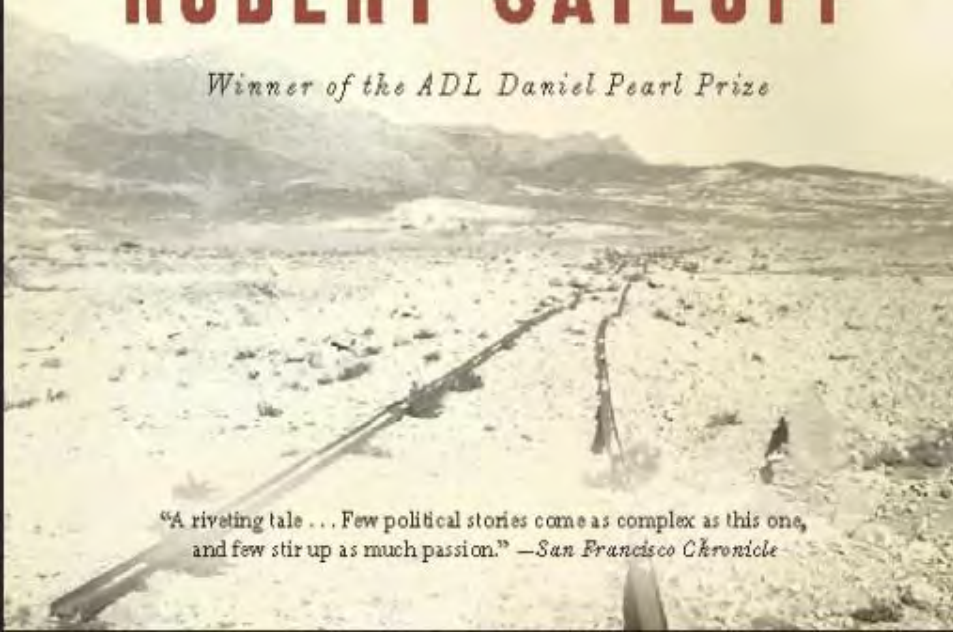
"A riveting tale . . . Few political stories come as complex as this one,  
and few stir up as much passion." —*San Francisco Chronicle*



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# Casablanca (1942)



Major Strasser:  
“It is possible the French  
authorities will find a  
reason to put him in the  
concentration camp here.”



Robert Satloff

“Among the Righteous:  
Lost Stories of the Holocaust’s Long  
Reach into Arab Lands”



Read more about the true stories in *Among the Righteous*. Plus, watch video clips and extended interviews about some of the people profiled.

**[Khaled Abdul Wahab](#)** A charismatic, cosmopolitan Tunisian not only hid a local Jewish family at his farm, but also protected the women from harm.

**[Si Ali Sakkat](#)** After a long career in public service, an Arab nobleman retired to a farm, where, one day, he welcomed and harbored some unexpected guests -- Jewish men who had escaped from a labor camp during a battle.

**[Nissim Zvili](#)** When the father of this Tunisian Jewish family was conscripted for forced labor by the Nazis, the others were taken to a farm for protection by an Arab friend.

**[Morice Tondowski](#)** A young Polish man fled his country to escape the war, but after joining the French military, wound up in a desert labor camp.

**[Silvan Shalom](#)** After the male members of this influential Jewish family escaped to avoid arrest by the Nazis, the women were aided by a compassionate and quick-thinking Arab neighbor.

**[Hamza Abdul Jalil](#)** The owner of a neighborhood bathhouse in Tunisia hid a young Jewish man who was trying to evade a Nazi dragnet for forced laborers.

**[Joseph Scemla](#)** Betrayed by their Arab 'friend,' this Tunisian Jewish man and his two sons suffered the ultimate fate -- deportation to Germany and execution at a Nazi prison.

## Monuments or Exhibits on Arab Rescuers

Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Syria?  
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Holocaust memorial, Jewish Cemetery Borgel, Tunis.



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## תעודת כבוד Certificate of Honour

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT IN ITS SESSION  
OF MARCH 12, 2018  
THE COMMISSION FOR THE DESIGNATION  
OF THE RIGHTEOUS, ESTABLISHED BY  
YAD VASHEM, THE HOLOCAUST HEROES  
& MARTYRS' REMEMBRANCE AUTHORITY,  
ON THE BASIS OF EVIDENCE PRESENTED  
BEFORE IT, HAS DECIDED TO HONOUR

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החליטה הוועדה לציון  
חסידיו אופות העולם  
עליד רשות הזיכרון יד ושם  
על יסוד עדויות  
שהובאו לפניה, לתת כבוד  
ויקר ל

Mohamed Helmy

מוחמד הלמי

WHO DURING THE HOLOCAUST PERIOD

על אשר בשנות השואה

WHO SAVES ONE LIFE IS AS THOUGH HE HAD SAVED THE ENTIRE

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# Mohamed “Mod” Helmy

“If any other country offered to honor Helmy,  
we would have been happy with it,”

Mervat Hassan, the wife of Helmy’s great-nephew, told the AP.



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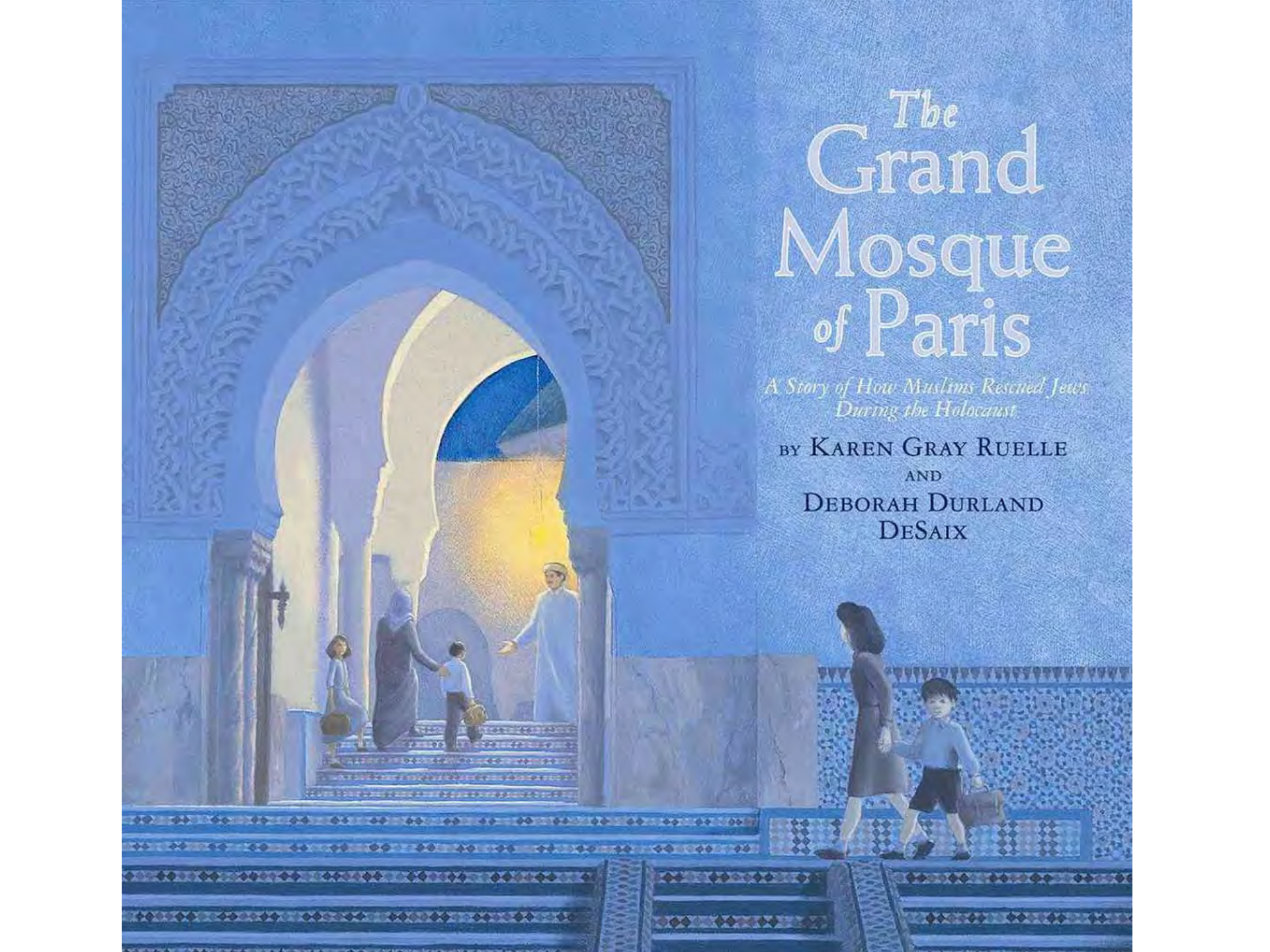
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Mohammed “Mod” Helmy, Egyptian doctor recognized as a Righteous Among the Nations, but whose family refused to accept the award.

Paris?

Grande Mosquée de Paris and its rector Si Kaddour Benghabrit.

The book cover features a monochromatic blue-toned illustration of a mosque's entrance. A large, ornate archway frames a brightly lit interior where a man in a white thobe and a woman in a dark hijab are interacting with a young child. In the foreground, a woman in a dark dress and a young boy with a suitcase are walking down the steps. The architecture is detailed with intricate geometric patterns.

# The Grand Mosque of Paris

*A Story of How Muslims Rescued Jews  
During the Holocaust*

BY KAREN GRAY RUELLE  
AND  
DEBORAH DURLAND  
DESAIX



"To the memory of the director, the staff and the students of this school, arrested in 1943 and 1944 by the Vichy police and the Gestapo, deported and exterminated at Auschwitz because they were born Jewish"

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Neve Shalom

# Neve Shalom - Wahat al-Salam - Oasis of Peace



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Ramallah

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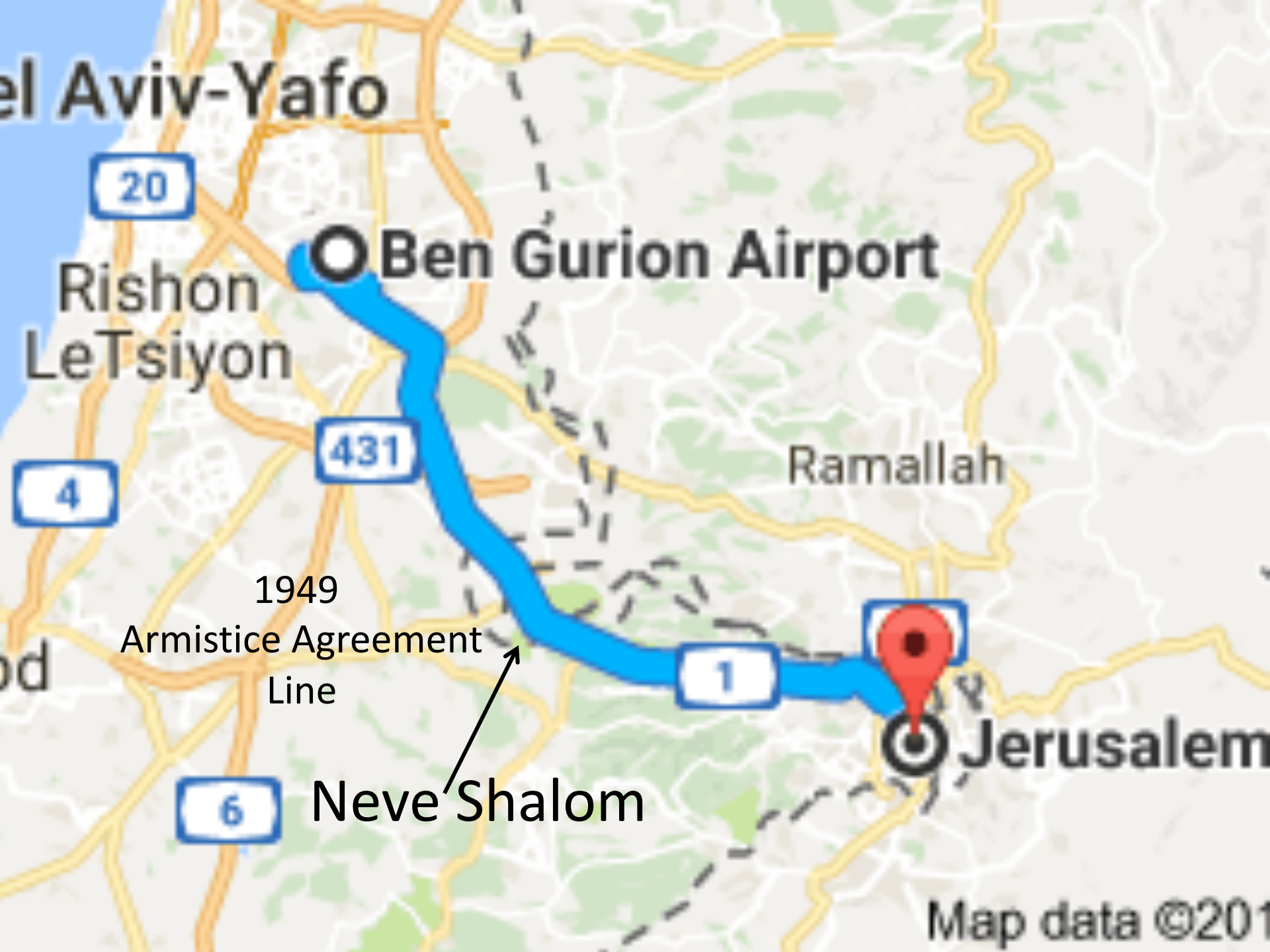
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Jerusalem

6 Neve Shalom

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# Israeli Jews and Arabs Plant 'Garden of the Righteous' to Honor Forgotten Holocaust Heroes





Albania

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“Besa: Muslims Who Saved Jews During World War II”

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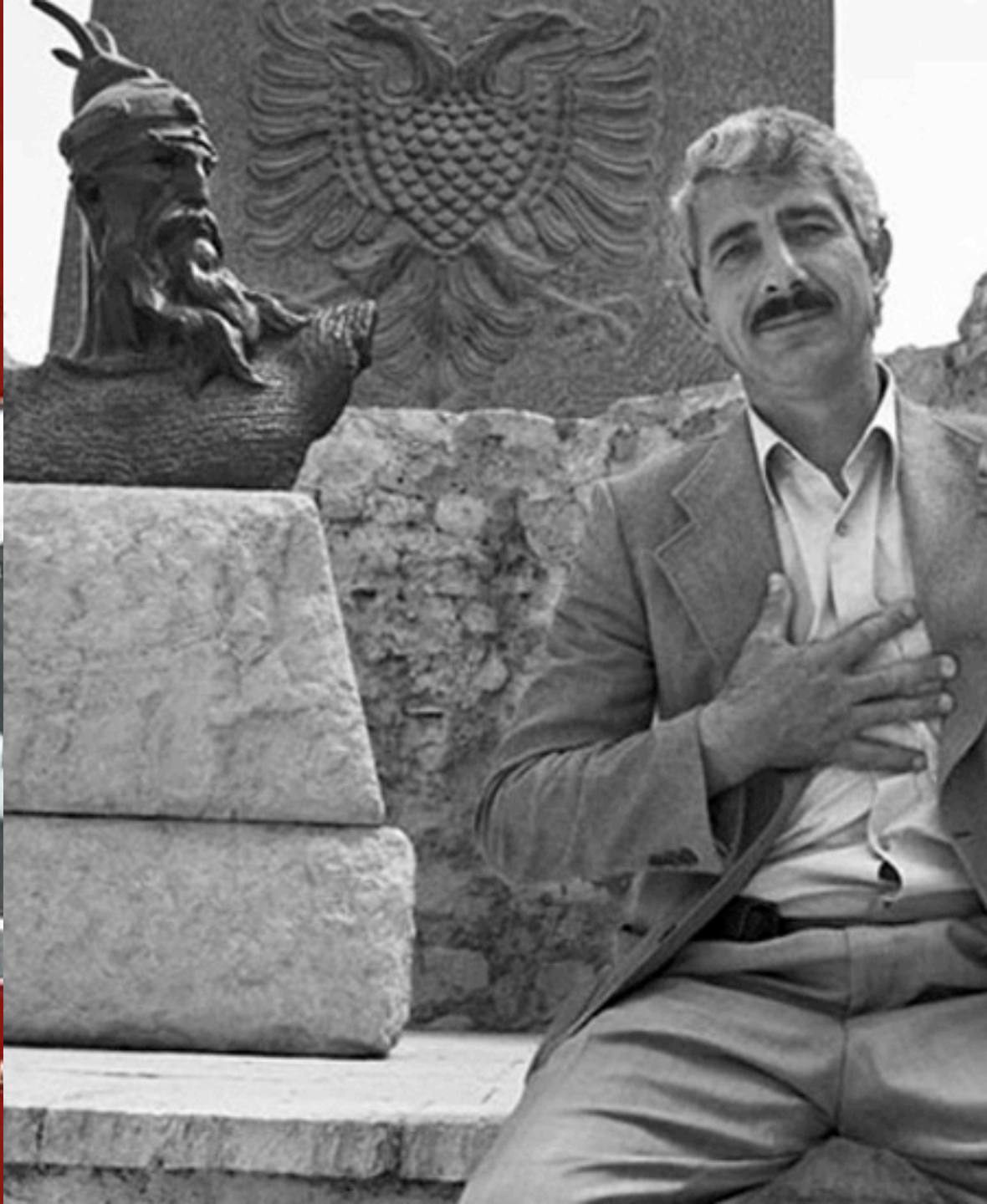


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# BESA

ALBANIANS WHO SAVED JEWS IN WORLD WAR II



NORMAN H. GERSHMAN

JWM PRODUCTIONS, LLC PRESENTS **BESA: THE PROMISE**  
MUSIC BY **PHILIP GLASS** ART DIRECTION BY **TOM SCHMIDT** EDITED BY **CHRISTINE S. ROMERO** DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY **NEIL BARRETT**  
BASED ON THE BOOK **BESA: MUSLIMS WHO SAVED JEWS IN WWII** BY **NORMAN H. GERSHMAN**  
PRODUCED BY **JASON WILLIAMS** **WILLIAM MORGAN** **RACHEL GOSLINS** & **CHRISTINE S. ROMERO**  
DIRECTED BY **RACHEL GOSLINS**

# BESA

How many people  
would lay down their lives ...  
for a stranger?





When you live with a promise for so long,





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DOMINANT MILITARY LEADERS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY  
MILITARY LEADERS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY  
THE HISTORY OF THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY



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A black plaque with white text, likely a list of names or dates, mounted on the wall.



“In honour of the Albanian men and women who during the Nazi German occupation, 1943-1944, guided by the principle of *besa* and at great risk to themselves, sheltered and saved the lives of all Jewish people living in Albania.”



“The gates of your small country remained open, Albania. Your authorities closed both eyes, when necessary, to give poor persecuted people another chance to survive the most horrible of all wars. Albania, we survived the siege because of your humanity.”

Escape Through the Balkans  
by Irene Grunbaum

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TÜRKİYE CUMHURİYETİ



(1914-2003)

*Salâhatî'nin Ülkesi*

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Yeni Kuruş

POSTA

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# Rhodes, Greece



NEVER FORGET



IN ETERNAL  
MEMORY  
OF THE 1604  
JEWISH MARTYRS  
OF RHODES AND COS

WHO WERE  
MURDERED IN  
NAZI DEATH CAMPS

23 JULY 1944

NEVER FORGET



À L'ÉTERNELLE  
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DES 1604 MARTYRS JUIFS  
DE RHODES ET DE COS  
EXTERMINÉS  
DANS LES CAMPS  
DE CONCENTRATION  
NAZI

23 JUILLET 1944



## Saving Jewish Lives From Auschwitz and the Holocaust

The story is about 42 Jews who were illegally detained, but released prior to their deportation due to the courageous acts of the Turkish Consul General of Rhodes, Selahattin Ulkuman. He has been honored by several organizations, including the B'nai B'rith, the Anti-Defamation League as well as by Yad Vashem in Jerusalem which awarded him the "Righteous Among the Nations" in 1990 with a few planting ceremony.

On July 18, 1944, the Germans began ordering all of the Jews of Rhodes to appear with their identity cards and work permits at the Air Force Command Center in the new section of the city. On July 20th, the Consul General in Rhodes for Turkey, Selahattin Ulkuman went to the office of the German Commanders demanding the release of the Jews of Turkish nationality that were being detained. He cited various treaties and neutrality agreements between Turkey and Germany, and reluctantly the Germans released the 42 Jews.

All of the other Jews were detained for one more day until they were crowded onto three small freight ships and deported to Auschwitz. Of the 1,070 Jews deported, they were all murdered except for 151 who survived.

As written by Hilda Franco in his book, *The Jewish Martyrs of Rhodes and Cos*, Selahattin, the Consul General of Turkey, intervened to protect his nationals. He managed to obtain their release, along with the families, even in the case of marriages of women of Turkish origin to Jews of the *Dodecanese*.



The courageous Turkish Consul General of Rhodes who saved 42 Jews during World War II, the Honorable Selahattin Ulkuman.

One of the Jews of Turkish nationality, Maurice Surlans, said in an interview several years later, "I owe my life to this Turkish Consul who showed enormous strength to save his citizens' lives."

Although the 42 Jews of Turkish nationality were not deported, they were still threatened and were required to appear at 8 a.m. daily at the German Command Center. The Daniel Tourtel family, who moved to the United States after the War, described the following: "Every morning, at 8 a.m. we had to be present for a roll-call at the Gestapo. Sometimes, without any given reason we were detained for 1 to 2 hours. Those hours were nightmares for us. Besides being in fear of being sent to a concentration camp, we were terrified of losing our lives under the continuous bombings of the island since we were refused to be in bomb-shelters."

In a later newspaper interview, Selahattin Ulkuman stated: "All I did was carry out my duty as a human being".

### German List of 42 Turkish Citizens of Rhodes

INDEX No.	NAME	RESIDENCE	RELATIONSHIP
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List of the Jews of Turkish Nationality saved by the Consul General, Selahattin Ulkuman. This list is the actual document document used by the Daily Post and of these Jews.



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In occupied Europe, Turkey was the only country that stood up while Jews were taken to camps to be killed.

At every turn it bravely and forcefully tried to protect its citizens.



All who were involved in the saving of Jews, everywhere, and there were many in Europe as well, promoted themselves as such.

Whereas the Turkish diplomats who did this don't seem to have made any effort to get recognition.

This may be part of Turkish character as well.

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# The Quincentennial Foundation Museum of Turkish Jews Istanbul





## 2. DÜNYA SAVAŞI SIRASINDA DİPLOMATLAR WORLD WAR II AND TURKISH DIPLOMATS

Türkiye, 1939-1945 yılları arasında Avrupa'ya kasıp kavuran ve milyonlarca insanın hayatına mal olan İkinci Dünya Savaşı'nın büyük bir bölümü süresince tarafsız kaldı.

Bu dönemde Türk Diplomatları olağan üstü bir gayretle görev gördükleri işgal altındaki ülkelere yaşayan Türk Yahudilerini Alman mezarlardan ve "yıkılan kamplardan" kurtarmayı başardılar.

Turkey stayed neutral throughout most portions of WWII which devastated Europe and claimed the lives of millions between 1939-1945. Turkish diplomats serving in occupied countries saved the lives of Turkish Jews living in those countries from Nazi atrocities and extermination camps.

# "Wall of Honor"

**SELAHATTİN ÜLKÜMEN**  
Rodos Konsolosu Consul at Rhodes



20 Temmuz 1944 sabahı Rodos Yahudileri, Almanya'da toplama kamplarına gönderilmek üzere toplandığında Türkiye Cumhuriyeti'nin genç Konsolosu Selahattin Ülkümen derhal Alman komutanı Kleeman'ı ziyaretle tüm ısrar ve hatta tehditlerini diplomatik kararlılıkla alt ederek 42 Türk Yahudisini kurtarmayı ve anavatana göndermeyi başardı.

Selahattin ÜLKÜMEN, 26 Haziran 1990 günü Kudüs Yad Vashem (Holokost Kurbanlarını ve Kahramanlarını Anma Kurumu) tarafından "Uluslararası Dürüst" (Hassid Umot ha Olam) unvanı ile onurlandırıldı ve anısına pul basıldı.

In the morning of July 20, 1944 the Jews of Rhodes were gathered in order to be sent to the concentration camps in Germany. The young Consul of Turkey, Selahattin ÜLKÜMEN, immediately visited the German Commander Kleeman and, confronting his threats with diplomatic decisiveness, he managed to save 42 Turkish Jews and sent them to Turkey.

On June 26, 1990, Selahattin ÜLKÜMEN was honoured with the title "Righteous Among the Nations" (Hassid Umot ha Olam) by Yad Vashem (The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority) at Jerusalem and with stamps that were issued on this occasion.



AZL (AZS) tarafından verilen "Çevre ve Cami" ödülü için ÜLKÜMEN ödüllü bir fotoğraf. ÜLKÜMEN received AZL's "Çevre ve Cami" award, presented by Abraham Pissman.

**BEHİÇ ERKİN**  
Viçny Büyükelçisi Ambassador to Vichy



Gestapo tarafından yakalanmak istenen yüzlerce Yahudiyi kararlılık ve cesaretle muhakkak bir ölümden kurtardı. Türk kimliği ibraz edemeyen veya Türkçe bilmeyen, ancak "Türkiye Vatanımız, Akrabalarımız Her Yerde" cümlesini tekrarlayabilen her Yahudiyeye de kimlik verdi, kaplarına yapıştırılan sarı yıldızların üstüne Türk Elçiliğinin verdiği kimlik belgelerini yapıştırarak onları yok olmaktan kurtardı.

With decisiveness and courage, he saved from death hundreds of Jews wanted by the Gestapo. He issued an identity card to every Jew, who could just repeat the sentence "Turkey is our homeland and our relatives are all here" in Turkish, even if they could not produce a Turkish identity or did not speak any Turkish. He had Turkish identity cards pasted over the yellow stars.



İsrail Cumhurbaşkanı Haim HERTZEL ile Selahattin ÜLKÜMEN hosted by Haim HERTZEL, President of Israel.

**NECDET KENT**  
Marsilya Konsolosu Marseilles Vice Consul at Marseilles

Marsilya Konsolosu Necdet KENT Türk uyruklu Yahudileri işgalci Almanlardan kurtarmak için örnek bir çaba harcadı. Bu arada, Saint Charles istasyonundan Almanya'ya sevk edilmek istenen 80 kadar Yahudiyeye, bizzat trenle binerek Arles istasyonuna kadar refakat etti ve burada Gestapo komutanını tehditlerine taviz vermeyerek hepsini trenin indirilip kurtarmayı başardı.



Turkish Consul at Marseilles, Necdet KENT, deployed exemplary efforts to save Turkish Jews from the occupying Germans. He got on the train transporting about 80 Jews from Saint Charles to Germany and accompanied them up to Arles where he challenged



Numan MENEMENÇİOĞLU Dışişleri Bakanı Minister of Foreign Affairs 1942-1944			
<b>Behiç ERKİN</b> Viçny Büyükelçisi Ambassador to Vichy 1940-1943	<b>Saffet ARKAN</b> Berlin Büyükelçisi Ambassador to Berlin 1942-1944	<b>İsmetullah Cemal ÖZGÜR</b> Atina Büyükelçisi Consul General in Athens 1940-1943	<b>Fruzan SELÇUK</b> Belgrad Konsolosu Consul in Belgrade 1939-1941
<b>Perviz Sevil KANTEMİR</b> Budapeşte Konsolosu Consul in Budapest 1939-1942	<b>Abdülhalil BİRDEN</b> Bulgaristan Konsolosu Consul in Bulgaria 1942-1944	<b>Kudret ERBEY</b> Hamburg Büyükelçisi Consul General in Hamburg 1938-1942	<b>Gaile EYVEN</b> Hamburg Konsolosu Consul in Hamburg 1942-1944
<b>Fuat AKTAN</b> Konstantinopol Büyükelçisi Consul General in Constantinople 1937-1942	<b>Rıdvan Rauf ARMAN</b> Konstantinopol Büyükelçisi Consul General in Constantinople 1942-1943	<b>Necdet KENT</b> Marsilya Konsolosu Consul in Marseilles 1942-1943	<b>Bedi ARBEL</b> Marsilya Büyükelçisi Consul General in Marseilles 1940-1943
<b>Mehmet Fuat ÇARIM</b> Marsilya Büyükelçisi Consul General in Marseilles 1943-1945	<b>Cevdet DÜLGER</b> Paris Büyükelçisi Consul General in Paris 1939-1942	<b>Fahret Şahin ÖZDOĞAN</b> Paris Konsolosu Vice Consul in Paris 1942-1943	<b>Namiik Kemal YOLGA</b> Paris Konsolosu Vice Consul in Paris 1942-1943
<b>İsmail Sabit ARICA</b> Paris Konsolosu Vice Consul in Paris 1939-1942	<b>Selahattin ÜLKÜMEN</b> Rodos Konsolosu Consul at Rhodes 1943-1944	<b>Murhan İSİN</b> Marsilya Konsolosu Consul in Marseilles 1942-1943	

**NAMIK KEMAL YOLGA**  
Paris Konsolosu Marseilles Vice Consul at Paris



Çalıştığı 176 adet boy pasaporta Türk öğrenci ve vatandaşlarının kimliklerini kullanarak Yahudilerin resmî olarak yapılmaması için muhakkak bir ölümden kurtardı ve Paris-Berlin yolu üzerinden konsolyatlara ulaştırma sağladı.

He had dozens of Jews get on 176 Jewish passports with the identities of Turkish students and citizens. That he saved their lives and helped them reach Turkey is another



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Museum of the Jews of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The image shows the exterior of a stone building, identified as the Museum of the Jews of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The building is constructed from light-colored, irregularly shaped stones. It features several arched windows with green frames. A prominent feature is a large, dark arched doorway on the right side, set into a wall of lighter stone. A red-tiled roof is visible above the doorway. A tall, dark lamppost stands in the foreground on the left. A large, leafy tree is on the right side of the frame. The sky is overcast.

Museum of the Jews  
of Bosnia and Herzegovina

DVANAEST  
HILJADA  
NASTRADALIH



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JAD VAHEM I PRAVEDNICI MEĐU NARODIMA

... (text in Hebrew) ...

... (text in Hebrew) ...

JAD VAHEM KANU KRIGHTIOUS AMONG THE NATIONS

... (text in English) ...



PRAVEDNICI MEĐU NARODIMA - BOSNA I HERCEGOVINA

חסידי אומות העולם

RIGHTEOUS AMONG THE NATIONS - BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

JAD VAHEM JE PREPOZNAO KAKO PRAVEDNIKE MEĐU NARODIMA - YAD VASHEM RECOGNIZES AS RIGHTEOUS AMONG THE NATIONS



PRAVEDNICI MEĐU NARODIMA - BOSNA I HERCEGOVINA

RIGHTEOUS AMONG THE NATIONS - BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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Fifty years after the Holocaust, when in 1994 Sarajevo was under the attack of Serb forces, Zejneba and her family were in great distress. . . .

**Zejneba Hardaga**



It was now the State of Israel that paid back the debt and helped the Hardagas in their time of distress.

**NVO GARIWO SARAJEVO**

Gabrijele Moreno Locatelli 11/II



**FONDACIJA IMAM PETLJU**

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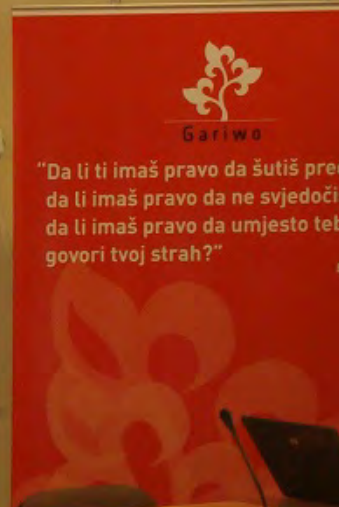




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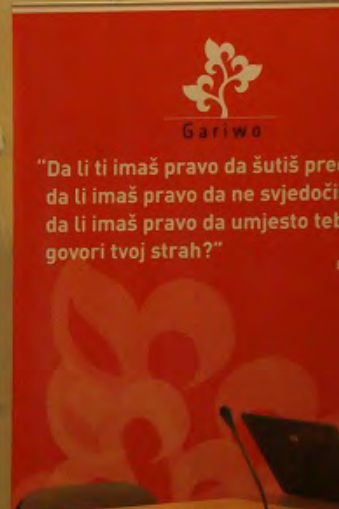


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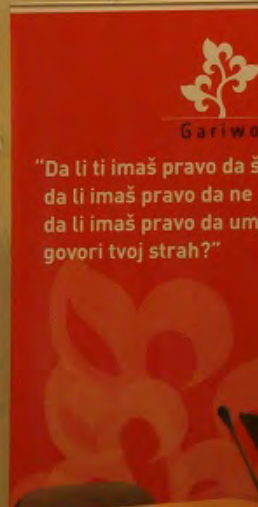
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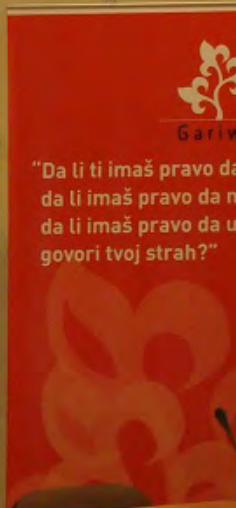
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When art transmits memory



the portraits of the Righteous by Francine Mayran

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and talking with his relatives,



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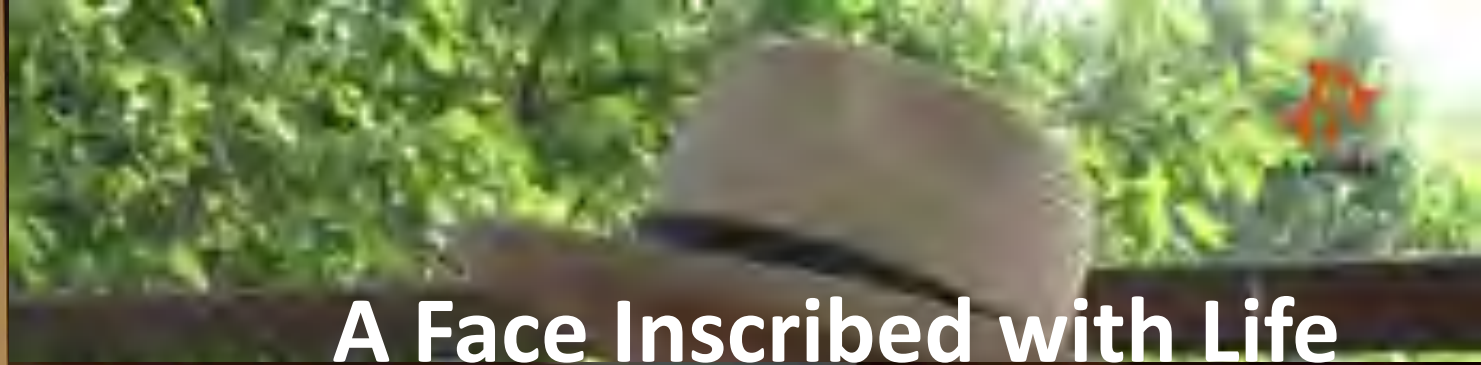


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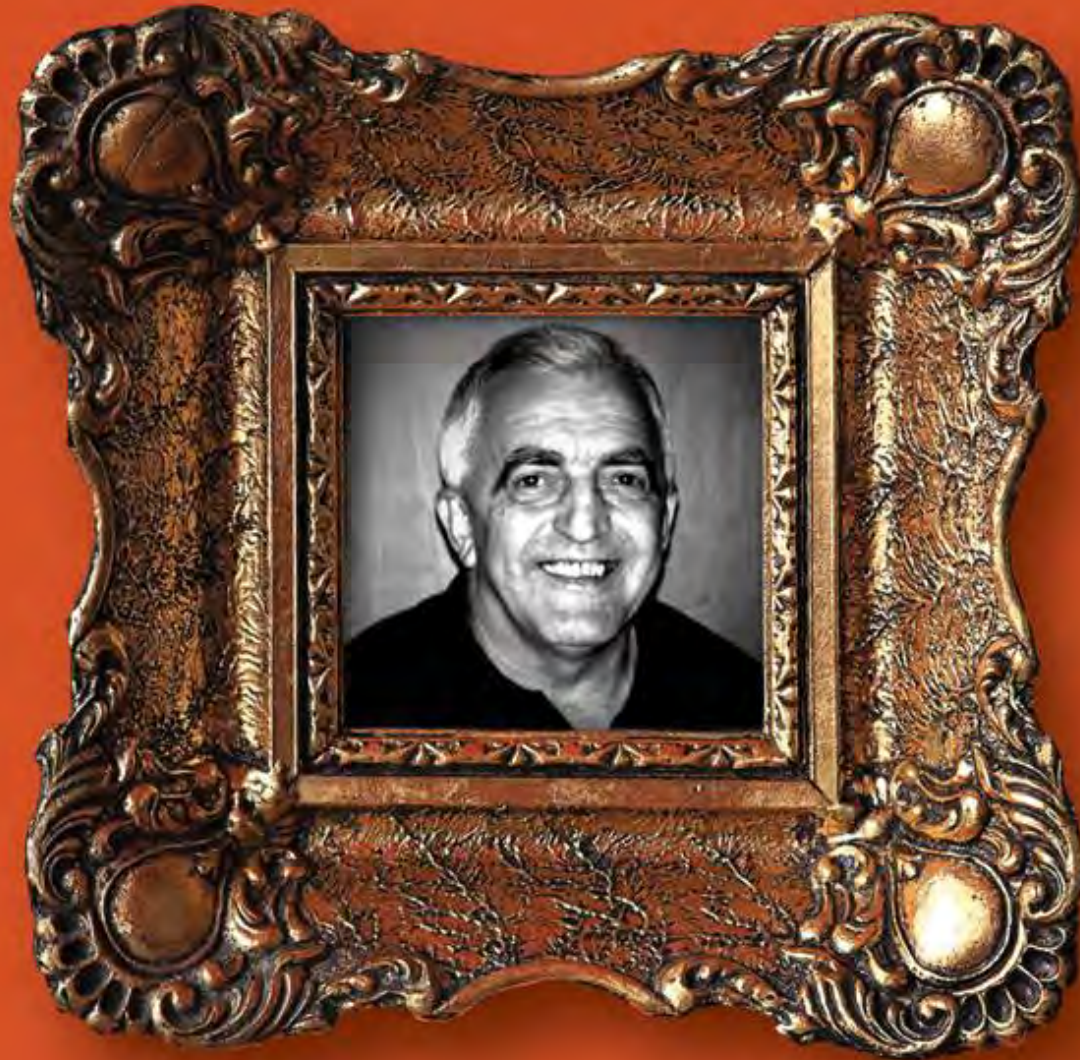
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“Stumble Stones”



HIER WOHNTE  
FEIBUSCH KLAG  
JG. 1883  
DEPORTIERT 14.12.1942  
ERMORDET IN  
AUSCHWITZ

HIER WOHNTE  
KAROLINE KLAG  
GEB. ROSAMENT  
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JACOBY'SCHE ANSTALT  
BENDORF-SAYN  
TOT 22.6.1941

HIER WOHNTE  
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GEB. FRÄNKEL  
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TOT 25.2.1943

HIER WOHNTE  
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GEB. SCHAFRANEK  
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DEPORTIERT 4.3.1943  
ERMORDET IN  
AUSCHWITZ

HIER WOHNTE  
ARTHUR ARON  
CONITZER  
JG. 1874  
DEPORTIERT 12.1.1943  
ERMORDET IN  
AUSCHWITZ

HIER WOHNTE  
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GEB. JAKOB  
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AUSCHWITZ

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JG. 1907  
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AUSCHWITZ

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# Silent Heroes

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widerstand  
gegen die judenverfolgung  
1933 bis 1945



// 3. bis 29. Juni 2014  
Ein experimentelles Stadt-Kunst-Projekt  
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zwischen Tempelhofer Feld  
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„Wenn wir  
einfach keinen  
Beck mehr haben, könnte  
man vielleicht als Riesensaktion  
aus Berlin verschwinden.  
Dann sieht man mal, wie Berlin  
ohne Jugendliche aussieht.“  
Schülerin, 17

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25. 7. 1910 - 30. 7. 1982

Der Agnostische Richard Kuhn 1922 nach Berlin.  
Er promovierte 1925 als Fachlehrer für Innere Medizin.  
1933 und 1938 wurde er von der Gestapo verhaftet.  
Von 1932 bis zur Befreiung 1945 verarbeitete er zusammen  
mit Paula Kohnemann in seiner Wohnung sowie  
in einer Garbenschule mehrere Tausend  
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# The Role of Righteous Muslims

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*"Whoever saves one life saves all of mankind" The Holy*  
*"If you save one life, it is as if you have saved the world"*

*"If people of goodwill can connect together, by using these examples of those honoured as righteous when the world was in its darkest moment, we may find ways of cherishing life and fighting for the rights of others"*

# The Righteous Muslims

In every country and among members of every religion, there were heroes of humanity who made great sacrifices, and undertook immeasurable risk, to save Jews and others from the clutches of the Nazis. Many of these have been honoured by Yad Vashem as 'Righteous Among the Nations'.

Today, over 20,000 people have been awarded this title; these are some of the little-known stories of the Muslims who risked life and liberty during the Holocaust to save the lives of Jews.

## The Names of the 71 Muslims Honoured as Righteous Among the Nations

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**Jews and Muslims Saving Each Other**  
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## Names and Numbers of Righteous Among the Nations - per Country & Ethnic Origin, as of January 1, 2016

The numbers of Righteous are not necessarily an indication of the actual number of rescuers in each country, but reflect the cases that were made available to Yad Vashem.

For more information >>>

Albania	75	Italy	671
Armenia	24	Japan	1
Austria	107	Latvia	135
Belarus	618	Lithuania	889
Belgium	1,707	Luxembourg	1
Bosnia	42	Macedonia	10
Brazil	2	Moldova	79
Bulgaria	20	Montenegro	1
Chile	1	Netherlands	5,516
China	2	Norway	62
Croatia	115	Peru	1
Cuba	1	Poland	6,620
Czech Republic	115	Portugal	3
Denmark*	22	Romania	60
Ecuador	1	Russia	197
Egypt	1	Serbia	135
El Salvador	1	Slovakia	558
Estonia	3	Slovenia	7
France	3,925	Spain	7
Georgia	1	Sweden	10
Germany	587	Switzerland	47
Great Britain (Incl. Scotland)	21	Turkey	1
Greece	328	Ukraine	2,544
Hungary	837	USA	5
Indonesia	2	Vietnam	1
Ireland	1		
Total:	26,120		

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