

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.



Olga Rajsek Croatia

Olga took in a nine-year-old Jewish boy whose parents had been arrested and deported. She passed him off as her cousin. When neighbors became suspicious, Olga placed the boy in an orphanage and continued to provide care for him.



Hasmik and Tigran TashtshiyanUkraine

Hasmik, Tigran, and their parents sheltered the two children of their Jewish neighbors. The Tashtshiyan family, Armenians who had escaped genocide decades earlier, willingly came to the aid of their friends.