

# THE JEWISH FOUNDATION *for the righteous*

"WHOEVER SAVES A SINGLE LIFE IS AS IF ONE SAVES THE ENTIRE WORLD."—TALMUD

## HAGGADAH SUPPLEMENT

*The following should be read after singing Dayenu.*

**READER:** Throughout the year, we remember how despots have sought the exile and annihilation of the Jewish people. At *Pesach*, we tell of Pharaoh. At *Hanukkah*, of Antiochus. At *Purim*, of Haman. At *Yom HaShoah*, of Hitler. We speak of past oppressors, hoping that through awareness we may prevent future tyrants from attaining power.

But we also give thanks for those in every generation who came forward to lead our people out of the darkness. We recognize heroic rescuers from every generation, hoping that the memory of their strength will fortify us if confronted with similar evil.

**READER:** We remember Moses, who, with both vision and courage, led his people from slavery to freedom. We remember the Maccabees, whose strength and determination saved the Temple and Jewish life in the Land of Israel. We remember Esther, who interceded to save fellow Jews from destruction.

While we commemorate the heroes of the past, we also remember modern heroes who saved Jews from the Holocaust.



Nina Marchuk

**TOGETHER:** During this dark time, there were those who had the courage to care – non-Jews who risked their lives, and often the lives of their families, to save Jews from death.

**READER:** Just as we tell of Moses leading our people to freedom, at our *Seder* we also tell of contemporary heroes and how they led Jews to their freedom more than sixty years ago.

**READER:** At this Passover *Seder* we recount the story of Nina Marchuk and her rescue of Rima Shipitsina in Ukraine. In 1941 Rima and her sister were taken by the Germans to the Karlovsky labor camp. They had lost their entire family, who were killed by one of the mobile killing squads, known as *Einsatzgruppen*. The sisters remained in the camp from 1942 until 1944, when they managed to escape, each going in a different direction.

**READER:** Rima returned to her home and sought shelter with Nina Marchuk and her family; she had nowhere else to go. Rima had gone to school with Nina's sister. The Marchuk family lived in a school located on the outskirts of the village.

**READER:** Nina and her family agreed to shelter Rima. She became a member of their family and was introduced as their niece. Shortly thereafter, the Germans forced the villagers to leave their homes. Rima remained with the Marchuk family during this difficult time. They were starving and slept in the fields.

**READER:** At this time, the Germans were retreating and were killing all remaining Jews. It was very dangerous. Rima stayed with Nina and her family until liberation.

**TOGETHER:** Let the story of Nina Marchuk inspire us to do right when faced with evil.

**READER:** How can we pass this spirit on to future generations?

**READER:** First, let us honor these rescuers by learning from their deeds and dedicating ourselves anew to fulfilling the traditional Jewish commandment to be responsible for the safety and well-being of our neighbors.

**READER:** Second, let us also honor these rescuers by dedicating ourselves to assisting those among them who need our help. As Jews, we must ensure that these heroes live out their remaining years in dignity – with adequate food, medicine and housing. We have the ability to make an enormous difference in their lives.

**READER:** Tonight, let us commit to learning the stories of these righteous men and women who saved thousands of our people from death. Let us also commit to making these stories a part of our *Seder*. As we recall those who rose up against us in every generation, let us also remember those who stood apart from the evil. On this night of Passover, we recall Shifra and Puah, the two Egyptian midwives who defied Pharaoh's edict to drown the male children of Israel in the Nile. We recall the daughter of Pharaoh who violated her father's decree to drown the infants and who reached out to save Moses. Just as we remember and praise these first rescuers of Jewish children, let us ensure that the stories of those non-Jews who rescued Jewish children and adults during the Holocaust are remembered and passed down to our children and our children's children.

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