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**JEWISH FOUNDATION FOR THE RIGHTEOUS LAUNCHES MONDAY NIGHT
MOVIE SERIES ABOUT HEROISM OF RESCUERS**

**ONLINE EVENT ON FACEBOOK DESIGNED TO COMBAT RISE IN ANTI-
SEMITISM GLOBALLY**

As antisemitism is on the rise globally, The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR) is launching a Monday night movie event online where each week it will air one of its award-winning documentaries highlighting the Righteous Gentiles who saved Jews during the Holocaust. The series is specifically designed to air on the group's Facebook page, in an effort to educate Facebook followers on the dangers of antisemitism –or hateful speech toward any ethnic or religious group-- since the social media platform has recently become a hotbed of such negative content.

The films will premiere Facebook "Watch Parties" on the JFR's page, Monday evenings at 8pm ET starting July 27 and running through August 4. There is no fee to participate. Please visit the page at: <https://www.facebook.com/JewishFoundationForTheRighteous/>.

The films focus on the heroism of rescuers Melpomeni Gianopoulou (Greece), airing July 27; Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds (Knoxville, TN), airing August 3; Krystyna Jakubowska (Poland), airing August 10; and Helena Weglowska (Poland), airing August 17. The page will also screen the documentary celebrating the life of Roman Kent, the Holocaust survivor and president of the JFR on August 24.

The JFR's production team has travelled throughout Europe, Israel and North America to meet with and interview the rescued, the rescuers and their families, upholding the responsibility to help in sharing the stories of heroism in an effort to educate so that the atrocities of the Holocaust are never repeated. The films have previously been screened in classrooms, as well as at film festivals. This is the first time that they will be available to the general public.

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“Social media platforms, such as Facebook, have become a hotbed for antisemitic rants, so we believe what better place to bring education and powerful stories of men and women from all walks of life who rose above hate –and at great peril to themselves and their families—to save Jews,” said JFR Executive Vice President Stanlee Stahl.

The JFR continues its work of providing monthly financial assistance to more than 200 aged and needy Righteous Gentiles, living in 18 countries. Since its founding, the JFR has provided more than \$40 million to aged and needy rescuers – helping to repay a debt of gratitude on behalf of the Jewish people to these noble men and women. Its Holocaust teacher education program has become a standard for teaching the history of the Holocaust and educating teachers and students about the significance of the Righteous as moral and ethical exemplars. For more information, visit <https://jfr.org/>.