

## Lesson 7 Rescuers and Non-Jewish Resistance

### STUDENT HANDOUT – Yad Vashem Criteria

The criteria for awarding the honor “Righteous Among the Nations,” determined by the public committee of Yad Vashem, are as follows:

- An attempt that included the active involvement of the rescuer to save a Jew regardless of whether these attempt(s) ended in success or failure
- Acknowledged mortal risk to the rescuer during the endeavor — during the Nazi regime, the warnings clearly stated that whoever extended a hand to assist Jews placed not only their own life at risk, but also the lives of their loved ones
- Humanitarian motives as the primary incentive — the rescuer must not have received material compensation as a condition of their actions
- There must be testimonial support by the rescued person or archival material concerning the deed

#### “Righteous Among the Nations” – Per Country and Ethnic Origin – January 1, 2011\*

Poland	6,266	Bosnia	40
Netherlands***	5,108	Denmark**	22
France	3,331	Bulgaria	19
Ukraine	2,363	Armenia	19
Belgium	1,584	Great Britain (inc. Scotland)	14
Lithuania	800	Sweden	10
Hungary	764	Macedonia	10
Belarus	555	Slovenia	6
Slovakia	522	Spain	4
Italy	498	Estonia	3
Germany	495	USA	3
Greece	307	China	2
Russia	173	Brazil	2
Serbia	131	Portugal	2
Latvia	129	Chile	1
Czech Republic	108	Japan	1
Croatia	102	Luxembourg	1
Austria	88	Turkey	1
Moldova	79	Georgia	1
Albania	69	Montenegro	1
Romania	60	Vietnam	1
Norway	47	El Salvador	1
Switzerland	45	Total Persons	23,788

\*These figures are not an indication of the actual number of Jews saved in each country, but reflect material on rescue operations made available to Yad Vashem.

\*\*The Danish Underground requested that all its members who participated in the rescue of the Jewish community not be listed individually, but as one group.

\*\*\* Includes two persons originally from Indoneisa, but residing in the Netherlands.