

Ordinary Danish people...



## THE DANISH RESCUE

Ordinary Danish people actively conspired against their Nazi invaders. In 1943, large numbers, acting as a unified group, did what they could to save the lives of their Jewish citizens.

Georg Duckwitz, a German diplomat, secretly informed the Danish resistance of the Nazi plans to deport Denmark's 8,000 Jews. The Danes reacted immediately, organising a nationwide effort to ferry the Jews across the North Sea to safe havens in Sweden, which was a neutral country. Risking Nazi retaliation, people from all walks of life warned the Jews that they would be deported and organised hiding places in hospitals, homes, factories and churches.

Within a two-week period, working at night, fishermen helped ferry 7,220 Danish Jews and 680 non-Jewish family members to safety in Sweden. A uniform price was established for the boat ride and Danes contributed their own money to pay for poor Jews.

Hiding, feeding, and transporting a large group of people, under the noses of the Nazis, required the full cooperation of the population. The Danish people, who risked their own lives to save their fellow citizens, certainly had the courage to care!

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