

Notes

Oskar Schindler

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“Unlikely savior”

“heavy drinker and a womanizer”

“opportunist and a crook”

“profiteer and an egotist”

a Nazi

saved 1100 Jews

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was given great apartment that was taken from Jewish people

this made him uncomfortable

friends say he later found those people and paid for them to get out

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3,250,000 were living in Poland when Schindler arrived

5 years later, almost 90% of them were dead.

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“By the time the war ended, Schindler was nearly penniless, having spent the majority of his wealth in trying to save as many Jewish lives as possible”

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Born 1908

In Zwittau (Czechoslovakia)

Fun-loving boy

Not great student

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Kicked out of school at 16 for minor offense

Married Emilie Pelze – when he was 20

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Joined Nazi party as good business practice

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In 1938 became a Nazi spy to avoid being drafted into military service

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Became friends with Itzhak Stern, a Jewish Accountant

Developed a deep friendship

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Businesses confiscated from Jewish owners were looked upon as good business opportunities for Germans.

Schindler asked Stern for advice about the pot and pan factory

Schindler got the money from Jewish investors

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Was able to schmooze Nazis

Got gov't contract

Many of the people Schindler employed were referred to him by Stern

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Most Jews were expelled from Krakow

Those who remained lived in a ghetto

On their way to work, workers were often stopped and made to shovel snow

He complained

Workers were important to war effort

Life bad for Jews

Families lost homes

Businesses taken

Children no school

Forbidden to ride trains

No access to bank accounts or safe deposit box

Thought they'd be taken to forced labor camps

Much worse to come

During a birthday party for himself in his factory he placed a kiss on the cheek of a young Jewish girl (53)

He was arrested and put in prison 5 days (54)

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Schindler witnessed a terrible herding of Jews onto cattle cars – many tortured and killed along the way

He realized that the Nazis planned total extermination

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“I was now resolved to do everything in my power to defeat the system”

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Schindler built dorms at his factory so the people wouldn't have to march miles

He used charm and big bribes to insist that the workers would be more productive if they didn't have to walk.

Became a subcamp