

Role of Righteous Muslims in the Holocaust

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Faith Matters developed the [Role of Righteous Muslims](#) Booklet in order to document the stories of Muslims, driven by their faith and the code of honour (BESA), to protect the lives of persecuted Jews in the Holocaust. The code of honour or BESA was fundamental to Albania and many Albanian Muslims protected fellow Jewish Albanians from persecution because of this code and because of the heightened value of life which was fundamental to Quranic teachings. From Morocco through to Paris and Turkey, many Muslims stood up and protected the lives of the persecuted through the Holocaust. Many of them were persecuted Jews.

The story of Muslims in the Holocaust is deliberately and mischievously being re-written post 9/11 as though Muslims supported the efforts of the Nazis. The vast and overwhelming majority of Muslims supported the war efforts against the Nazis and fought for the liberation of France, for England and King and Country and in the battlefields of Burma, South East Asia and Italy. There were those in the minority who misguidedly supported the Nazis who won their support by manipulating local tensions and issues. The Bosnian brigades are an example of this and these elements cannot be written out, nor should they be. Localised tensions and ethnic divides were used to manipulate groups to join the Nazi effort and 60 years later, many Bosnian Muslims were they themselves persecuted and killed in a genocide by Serbs who created death camps and who used rape as a weapon of war against many Bosnian women.

We also take this opportunity to honour those, regarded as ['Righteous'](#) by Yad Vashem, who were Muslim and who have been honoured for risking their lives and the lives of their families in protecting the lives of persecuted Jews. These are their names. May their names and the names of others live on in history and be a source of pride for Muslims and people who believe in the value of life.

The Righteous Musl

In every country and among members of every religion, there were heroes who made great sacrifices, and undertook immeasurable risk, to save Jews from the clutches of the Nazis. Many of these have been honoured by the title 'Righteous Among the Nations'.

Today, over 20,000 people have been awarded this title; these are some of the known stories of the Muslims who risked life and liberty during the Holocaust to save the lives of Jews.

The Names of the 71 Muslims Honoured as Righteous Among the Nations

Vesel Veseli	Adelina Nosi	Hamdi Kasapi
Fatima Veseli	Nuro Hoxha	Mufail Bicaj
Refik Veseli	Beqir Qoqja	Niazi Bickaj
Shaban Hoxha	Metin Aziz Ruli	Njazi Pilku
Siavet Hoxha	Shpresa Ruli	Liza Pilku
Hilmi Hoxha	Pietro Shkurti	Mikel Kiliç
Paskal Orgocka	Magdalena Shkurti	Bessim Zuri
Lefkothea Orgocka	Atif Toptani	Higmet Zuri
Destan Balla	Ganimet Afif	Hysref Fraja
Lime Balla	Qamil Xhyheri	Ermine Fraja
Besim Kadiu	Hanume Xhyheri	Mehmet Fraja
Aishe Kadiu	Shaqir Borici	Kasem Jakupi
Shyqyri Budo	Qamile Borici	Pashaq Ali
Xhemile Budo	Bahrije Borici	Hamid Vas
Ciftia Agosti	Vasil Kona	Xhemel Va
Margerita Gysepin	Kristina Kona	Mustafa Ize
Mihal Lekatari	Shyqyri Myrto	Zejneba Ize
Suleiman	Stavro Sheko	Bachriya H
Zenepe Mece	Nora Sheko	Ahmed Sa
Dulaj Muasil	Esheref Shpuza	Zekira Beri
Abdulla Myrto	Hasan Hoti	Selahattin
The Myrto	Fife Gjylbegu	
Vasil Nosi	Cele Gjybegu	
Kelkira Nosi	Vehbi Gjybegu	
Nos Nosi	Zyrha Kasapi	

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