



## ***YANKEES and NAZIS:***

### **How Americans Responded to Tragedy, 1933-1945**

by

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This multi-media presentation about American responses to Hitler's dictatorship and its subsequent Holocaust illustrates how both individuals and communities relieved suffering and destruction in Nazi-occupied Europe, as well as in the United States, from 1933 to 1948. In a time of economic hardship and global warfare, "ordinary people" changed the world and saved the lives of thousands. This largely unknown legacy remains a viable template for today.

### **Headlines from the 1930s? Sounds Like Today**

- Global war; hundreds of thousands displaced, killed or wounded
  - Economic tumult on *Wall Street* and *Main Street*
- Desperation among the populace to pay the bills and preserve its home
  - Growing Anti-Semitism in America

As the Great Depression firmly gripped the United States, on the horizon clouds of international armed struggle were forming, in plain view of anyone willing to see them. Times were hard, yet many Americans found the convictions, courage and resources to respond to others in need.

As the world once again finds itself awash with international armed conflict and economic hardship, it's easy to sink into paralyzing isolation, to forget larger crises and feel powerless to make a difference other than in one's own immediate circle of family and friends. This multi-media presentation informs and excites audiences of all ages.

### **FORMAT:**

The program may be formatted for 45 minutes to 1½ hours and focuses on the Scattergood Hostel for European refugees and other details of America's response.

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