

# WAS SCHINDLER A HERO ?

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FROM MY POINT OF VIEW I THINK THAT SCHINDLER WAS A HERO, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS PART OF THE NAZIS, HE HAD A GOOD HEART AWAY FROM THE IDEOLOGIES OF THE NAZIS BECAUSE HE TRIED TO PROVIDE WORK FOR THE MAXIMUM JEWS THAT HE COULD, IT'S TRUE THAT HE ALSO DID IT FOR HIS OWN BENEFIT AND TO EARN MONEY AT THE EXPENSE OF THESE JEWS, BUT SINCE HE COULDN'T GET THEM OUT OF THERE, AT LEAST HE SAVED THEIR LIVES.

AROA

IN THE ONE HAND, HE WAS NOT A HERO BECAUSE AT THE REALLY START HE IS OR WAS A NAZI AND HE KILLED A LOT OF PEOPLE AND EXPLOITED THEM WORKING A LOT AND RECEIVING NOTHING BECAUSE JEWS WERE LIKE RATS THEY DIDN'T HAVE VALUE AS A HUMAN BEING, IN THE OTHER HAND, HE WAS A HERO BECAUSE HE REALIZED THAT MANY PEOPLE WERE DYING AND WHEN THE OTHER NAZI START KILLING MORE JEWS HE KNEW THAT HE HAD TO DO SOMETHING, HE FELT SORRY AND GUILTY SO HE DECIDED TO HELP THEM HIRING IN HIS FACTORY SO THEN THEY COULD SURVIVE.

CRISTINA

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, AND YES, OSKAR SCHINDLER WAS A MEMBER OF THE NAZI PARTY AND FIRST OF ALL HE WANTED JEWS TO WORK IN HIS FACTORY BECAUSE THEY WERE MUCH CHEAPER THAN OTHER PEOPLE. AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, SCHINDLER GREW AS A PERSON BECAUSE HE REFLECTED ON WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN FRONT OF HIS EYES. HE WAS EMPATHETIC AND WANTED TO CURB THE NAZI MOVEMENT OF THAT TIME BY SAVING 1,100 JEWS WHO WOULD BE EXTERMINATED IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS. HE DID EVERYTHING HE COULD TO FIGHT FOR THE LIVES OF THOSE PEOPLE AND HE GOT IT. TO ME, HE WAS A HERO BECAUSE IF HE HADN'T DONE THAT, NO ONE WOULD HAVE DARED TO DO IT AND THAT'S A TRAIT OF COURAGE. HE WAS ABLE TO GIVE THE VICTIMS OF WORLD WAR II A CHANCE TO LIVE A BETTER LIFE.

ELODIA

FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, I BELIEVE THAT OSKAR SCHINDLER WAS A REAL HERO SINCE HE WAS A NAZI AT THE BEGINNING, HE GAVE JOBS TO JEWISH PEOPLE FOR HIS OWN BENEFIT AND TO BECOME RICHER THAN HE WAS, BUT HE CHANGED HIS WAY FROM SEEING THINGS AND REALIZED THAT WHAT WAS HAPPENING WITH THE JEWS WAS WRONG. HE BEGAN TO HELP THE JEWS SO THAT THEY WERE NOT MURDERED, AND HE MANAGED TO SAVE THE LIVES OF MORE THAN 1,200 JEWS, KNOWING THAT THIS COULD HARM HIS LIFE, AND HE WAS RISKING THE NAZIS ASSASSINATING HIM. THIS IS WHY I THINK SCHINDLER WAS A REAL HERO.

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MIREIA

FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, OSKAR SCHINDLER WAS A HERO BECAUSE A PERSON WHO SAVES MORE THAN A THOUSAND PEOPLE IS A PERSON TO ADMIRE. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FILM, HE DIDN'T SEE HIM AS A HERO, MUCH LESS BECAUSE HE WAS A NAZI, OBSESSED WITH WOMEN AND ONLY LOOKED AT HIMSELF, THAT IS, HE DIDN'T CARE AT ALL ABOUT THE PEOPLE AROUND HIM. BUT I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH HOPE WITH HIM, BUT IN THE END WHAT I JUST WANTED WAS TO SAVE MORE LIVES THAN I HAD ALREADY SAVED AND FOR ME THAT SAYS A LOT ABOUT A PERSON.

HELENA

I BELIEVE THAT THIS MAN WAS A REAL HERO BECAUSE HE WAS ABLE TO SAVE MANY LIVES THAT IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR HIM, THESE LIVES WOULD HAVE DIED IN ANY CONCENTRATION CAMP. FURTHERMORE, BESIDES SAVING LIVES, HE WAS ABLE TO CHEER THESE PEOPLE UP BY GIVING THEM FOOD, DRINK AND A STEADY JOB. HE WAS ALSO ABLE TO LEAVE HIS COMFORT ZONE AND SEE THE SITUATION HE WAS GOING THROUGH FROM ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE, AND NOT FROM THE EYES OF ALL HIS CO-WORKERS.

SARA

I CONSIDER OSKAR SCHINDLER A HERO, WHY?, BECAUSE I SEE A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT THAT A MAN WITH NAZI IDEOLOGIES WHO AT THE BEGINNING GAVE WORK TO THE JEWS ONLY TO BENEFIT HIMSELF AND HAVE MORE FORTUNE CHANGED HIS POINT OF VIEW AND SAVED THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AND ALSO DO NOT FEEL SATISFIED THAT HE HAD NOT SAVED MORE LIVES WITH THE MONEY FROM HIS CARS, WATCHES... AT THE SAME TIME, HE WAS BRAVE TO SAVE THEIR LIVES KNOWING THAT HIS LIFE WAS IN DANGER, AND FOR ME, HE WAS MORE THAN A HERO, WAS A SUPERHERO!