

The Minister's War: Educators' 25-minute Version

The Film-story of American Rescue during the Holocaust

Thursday, June 14th at 6 pm

at

The Institute for Holocaust, Genocide, and Memory Studies
UMass Amherst, 758 North Pleasant Street, Amherst

Followed by Q&A with film-maker Artemis Joukowsky and reception!



The Minister's War tells the story of Waitstill Sharp, a Unitarian minister, and his wife Martha, a social worker, who just days prior to the Nazi invasion of Czechoslovakia, left their young children and home in Wellesley, MA to begin what would become a perilous, heroic journey. At a time when most Americans were turning a blind eye to the gathering clouds in Europe, this pair rushed headlong into the storm, where they faced arrest, torture, and perhaps worse from the Gestapo had they been captured while aiding Jews and anti-Nazi dissidents escape Czechoslovakia and later France. Who were these "American Schindlers"? What lay behind their willingness to put the well-being of their fellow human beings ahead of their own comfort and family? What is their legacy for us today?"

"We realized that we were living at the front lines against Nazism. We had never felt such an urge to act before it was too late — to serve these brave people, to help them save their world and our own." -- Martha Sharp

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