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The Holocaust is known as a mass slaughter or reckless destruction of life, and some used this time to prove that every human life is the same. We know that every human being has value, and the rescuers from the Holocaust are the ones we shall thank for this realization. Many people during the Holocaust risked their lives to save the Jewish people who were being sentenced to death by a cruel act of hatred. Those brave souls, poor or rich, used their abilities to save the lives of Jewish people, who were being wrongly condemned to death. For example, Suzanne Spaak is a great illustration of a brave hearted Holocaust rescuer.

Suzanne Spaak was born into a wealthy banking family in 1905. She married a wealthy statesman, moved to Paris, and had two children. When Spaak first received word of the cruel acts committed against Jewish people she joined the National Movement Against Racism. When she first became a member of the underground organization most of the men doubted she would make a big contribution, but they soon proved mistaken when she stated, "Tell me what to do. . . so I'll know that I am serving in the struggle against Nazism."

After serving for the National Movement Against Racism, Spaak was recruited by the Red Orchestra, a communist funded intelligence network. While working for the Red Orchestra, Suzanne was so much driven by her passion for her family that her main contribution was helping Jewish children out of deportation by hiding them in her home. In October of 1943, Suzanne was arrested by Gestapo, along with 600

other Red Orchestra members, because of her contribution to the Red Orchestra and Jewish children. She was then taken to Fresnes prison and sentenced to death, but before her death she gave out a list of Jewish children's names and addresses to a comrade, thus saving their lives. On August 14, 1944 the Germans murdered Spaak, a brave and kind hearted soul that was one of the many remembered Holocaust rescuers.

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