

*Preservation for Justice*

Impact is certain, but recognition is not. There are far more heroes than the ones that are widely known or those who live within our imagination. Thousands of heroes remain unknown, their existence only visible through what's left or those they've saved. Irena Sendler serves as an example of this, someone whom I've never seen or heard anything about, yet a heroic individual whose courageous decisions and sacrifices rewrote the fate of thousands during the Holocaust.

The story of Irena Sendler serves as a reminder that anyone can make a difference if they choose to. Irena Sendler was a Polish social worker and nurse who did everything within her power to help others from brutality and prejudice. Using her occupation to gain access to the Warsaw Ghetto, Irena Sendler smuggled over 2,500 Jewish children to safety and provided them with new identities to prevent capture, while preserving their original identities in buried jars to keep who they truly were alive.

Irena Sendler embodies the definition of a hero—someone who shows courage and selflessness in the face of adversity. Personally, I consider her a hero not only because she's saved thousands of lives, but also because she put herself in the face of death so others could experience the light of life. To those who choose to learn her story, she teaches and inspires us that fear should not determine action.

Ultimately, Irena Sendler serves as an example that heroes are not always recognized, but the influence they've made lingers.

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