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This film presents events concerning the efforts of Polish diplomacy in rescuing Jews during World War II and forgotten Polish-Jewish cooperation against German Nazis.

In years 1942—1943, an informal group of Polish diplomats and activists of Jewish organizations worked together to obtain passports of South American states for Jewish people imprisoned in ghettos by the Nazi German occupants of Poland and other European countries. Thanks to these papers, many Jews avoided deportation to German death camps. Holders of these passports were sent to internment camps in Germany (e.g. Bölsenberg) and to occupied France (Vittel) instead. Some of them survived. The families of the survivors only today find out to whom they actually owe their lives. The secret group working at the Polish legation in Bern included: Aleksander Ładoś, Konstanty Rokicki, Stefan Jan Ryniewicz, Juliusz Kühl and on the part of Jewish organizations—Adolf H. Silberschein and Chaim Eiss.



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