

***LIST OF QUESTIONS FOR INTERVIEWS ON UKRAINIANS WHO HELPED RESCUE JEWS  
DURING THE HOLOCAUST (UCRDC)***

**1. PERSONAL, FAMILY INFORMATION (for rescuers or witnesses)**

- a) first name, last name (maiden name)
- b) current contact information
- c) date and place of birth
- d) place(s) of residence during the war
- e) family status during the war (single, married, children)
- f) occupation during the war
- g) name and address of a living family relative (if rescuer or witness is deceased)

**2. BEFORE THE WAR**

- a) Approximately how many Jews resided in your city (town, village) before WWII?
- b) What were their occupations?
- c) Describe the relations between the Ukrainian and Jewish populations in your town before the War.
- d) Was the Ukrainian nationalist underground active in your town before the War? Did you take part in it?
- e) Describe the relations between the authorities and the population before the War.

**3. FIRST SOVIET OCCUPATION 1939-41 (if interviewee is from Western Ukraine)**

- a) Describe how you remember the arrival of the Red Army in the fall of 1939.
- b) How did life in your city change during the Soviet occupation?
- c) Were any of your friends/family the victims of repressions during the Soviet occupation?
- d) Did relations between the Ukrainian and the Jewish residents of your town change during the Soviet occupation? If so, how?
- e) Was the perception that the Jewish population was cooperating or supporting the Soviet regime widespread amongst the Ukrainian population?
- f) Are you aware of any concrete examples (names, specific actions) of Jews cooperating with the Soviet regime?

**4. WORLD WAR II – GERMAN OCCUPATION**

- a) Describe how you remember the first days of the War, the retreat of the Red Army and the arrival of the Germans.
- b) Did mass executions of prisoners by the retreating Soviets take place in your town?
- c) Before the arrival of the Germans, were units of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists active in your town?
- d) What was the attitude of the population towards the retreat of the Red Army and the advance of the Germans?
- e) Did pogroms or attacks on the Jewish population of your town take place in the first weeks of the War? If so, who organized them and who took part in these actions? Were you personally a witness to these actions?
- f) Describe how the relationship between the Ukrainian and Jewish population changed in your town in the first months of the War. Why, in your opinion, did this relationship change?
- g) Do you remember the German propaganda regarding the Jewish population?
- h) Were the *Einsatzgruppen* active in your town or surrounding areas?
- i) Did the Germans establish a Jewish ghetto in your town? If so, when and how?

**5. ASSISTANCE TO JEWS** (if interviewee is of Christian Ukrainian descent)

- a) When did the mass killing of the Jewish population begin in your town?
- b) Who organized and took part in these killings? Describe everything you remember about these killings.
- c) Are you aware of instances where Ukrainians cooperated with the Germans or the police?
- d) What actions did you take to hide or otherwise assist Jews?  
How did you decide to assist or hide Jews? What were your motivations?  
What were the risks to you in taking these actions?
- e) How many Jews did you help?  
For how long did you do this?
- f) Describe everything you remember about these efforts.
- g) Did someone with whom you cooperated suffer at the hands of the Germans for helping Jews? What was their fate?
- h) Do you know the further fate of the Jews whom you assisted? Do you know where they lived after the War? Have you had any contact with them?
- i) Do you know how many Jews were murdered in your town during the Holocaust, and how many survived?
- j) Are you aware of other people who helped Jews? Describe everything you know about their efforts.
- k) How do you remember the end of the War?
- l) Prior to this interview, have you written about, recorded, or otherwise shared the story of your assistance to Jews with others. If so, please elaborate.

**5a. ASSISTANCE TO JEWS** (if interviewee is of Jewish Ukrainian descent)

- a) When did the mass killing of the Jewish population begin in your town?
- b) Who organized and took part in these killings? Describe everything you remember about these killings.
- c) Are you aware of instances where Ukrainians cooperated with the Germans or the police?
- d) Are you aware of instances where Christian Ukrainians tried to help save the lives of Jewish Ukrainians?
- e) Who helped you survive?
- e) What were the circumstances under which you met your rescuer(s)? Who initiated the rescue?
- f) Describe the nature of the help you received – including when, where, and over what length of time.
- g) Were there any financial arrangements?
- h) Were there others in the rescuer's household who helped you? If so, describe the specific aid given by each.
- i) If this involved a hiding place, describe the conditions of hiding, and any particular incidents. Did your rescuer create a cover story for his rescue actions?
- j) Describe your relations with the rescuer(s) during this time, including when you parted.
- k) How do you explain the motivations of the person(s) who assisted you? What risks were they taking in assisting you?
- l) Describe any information you know about the person(s) who assisted you.
- m) Do you know of others who were helped by this person. (Obtain names and addresses if available.)
- n) Do you know the further fate of the person(s) who helped you? Did you have any further contact with them? If the person is deceased, do you know if they have any living relatives?
- o) How many of your family and friends were murdered, and how many survived, the German occupation?
- p) How do you remember the end of the War?
- q) Prior to this interview, have you written about, recorded, or otherwise shared the story of your rescue with others. If so, please elaborate.

## **6. POSTWAR LIFE**

- a) Describe the course your life took after the War.
- b) When and -under what circumstances did you come to the West?
- c) Is there anything you'd like to add?

## **7. DOCUMENTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS**

Please provide any relevant documents/photographs for us to scan or copy.