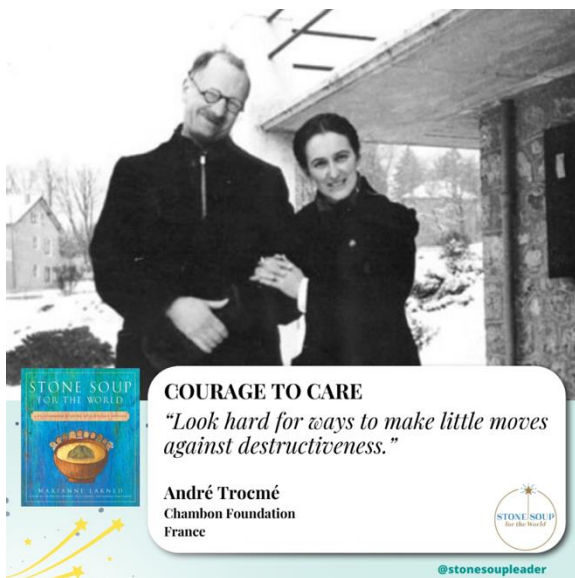




Stone Soup Leadership Institute's  
Story of the Week: French Huguenots Andre & Magda Trocme  
Chambon Foundation  
Courage To Care  
Week of August 4 - 10, 2024



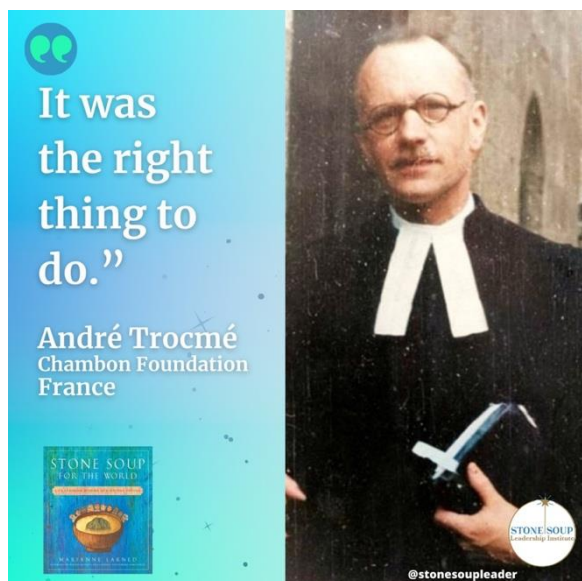
Sunday August 4: Story: Andre Trocme

READ how André Trocme, a Protestant minister, and his wife, Magda, led his rural village of French Huguenots to hide Jewish refugees from the Nazis during World War II.

"Will you hide the Jews?" André had been asked. "Is your village prepared to do that?"

Their story is featured in Stone Soup for the World and in the Stone Soup Educational Curriculum.

<https://stonesoupleadership.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/story-courage-to-care.pdf>



Monday: August 5: Andre Trocme

Bravely facing Nazi threats and interrogation, the French community of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon made a collective decision to hide and protect Jewish people. They refused to identify their Jewish neighbors and instead created a haven for Jewish children and families to live safely in their village.

Led by André Trocme—not one refugee was turned in or turned away.

Over five thousand Jews found shelter in this little village – which doubled the size of their little village.

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Tuesday: August 6: Andre Trocme : Hero Report

WATCH this short video of how André and Magda Trocmé inspired their French village to bravely provide a safe harbor for the Jewish people fleeing the Holocaust.

The French village Le Chambon-sur-Lignon is now hailed as a place of refuge that saved 5,000 Jewish lives.

Link: <https://youtu.be/Uhfi5e4a0Q4>

#AndreTrocme #ChambonFoundation #ChambonFrance #MagdaTrocme #StoneSoupLeadershipInstitute #StoneSoupLeadershipInstitute #StoneSoupEducationCurriculum #LeChambonSurLignon #WWII #WorldWarII #GermanOccupation #Courageous #Compassion #Heroism #Humility #Integrity #Ethical SocialEmotionalLearning #Pacifist



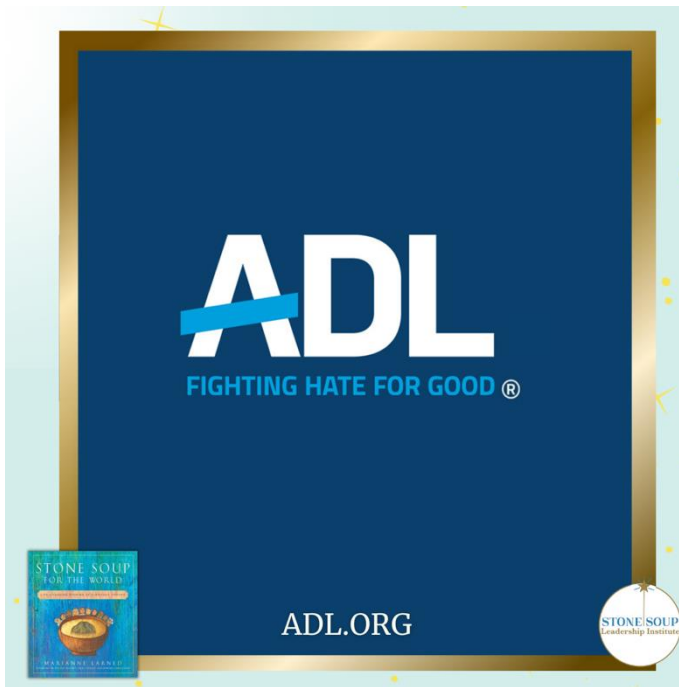
Wednesday: August 7: Honor Roll: Andre Trocme: Chambon Foundation

During World War II, the Huguenot mountain village of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, France, sheltered 5,000 Jews—many of them children—from the Nazis by 5,000 Christians.

Founded in 1982, the Chambon Foundation, named in honor of the village, seeks to explore and communicate the challenging lessons of hope intertwined with the Holocaust's unavoidable lessons of despair.

Emmy Award-winning documentary filmmaker Pierre Sauvage was born in 1944 to parents who found refuge in Le Chambon. He produced a film based on the town and founded the Chambon Foundation to share story of this unique conspiracy of goodness in Sauvage's award-winning feature documentary Weapons of the Spirit.

Learn more about the Foundation: [https://www.chambon.org/index\\_en.htm](https://www.chambon.org/index_en.htm)



Wednesday: August 7: 2<sup>nd</sup> Post: ADL

ADL fights all forms of antisemitism and bias, using innovation and partnerships to drive impact. A global leader in combating antisemitism, countering extremism and battling bigotry wherever and whenever it happens, ADL works to protect democracy and ensure a just and inclusive society for all.

<https://www.adl.org/about/mission-and-history>

ADL works in partnership with schools, organizations and communities to design and deliver anti-bias education, both online and in person. The organization believes that when we learn, as individuals, how to challenge bias, discrimination and hate – together, we have the capacity to foster equity and inclusion.

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Directed by Roberto Benigni (1997)



Thursday: August 8: Life Is Beautiful: 1<sup>st</sup> Post

Life is Beautiful is a film about overcoming adversity in a light-hearted but dark setting during WWII in a Nazi concentration camp. An Italian comedy-drama film directed by and starring Roberto Benigni whose father spent two years in concentration camps.

The film explores themes of protecting a child's innocence against backdrops of conflict, hopelessness and despair. It received widespread acclaim, with critics praising its story, performances and direction, and the union of drama and comedy. It received three Academy Awards, including Best Foreign Language Film and Best Actor for Benigni. The film hit U.S. theaters 26 years ago but it raises issues that are still relevant today.

**Fridays for Educators**

THE STONE SOUP LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE'S  
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Social Emotional  
& Service Learning Curriculum

**STONE SOUP FOR THE WORLD**  
A STORY OF COURAGE AND HEROISM  
MARIANNE KARNED

**Lesson Plan for the Story of the Week!**

**André Trocme**  
Chambon Foundation  
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Friday: August 9: Lesson Plan: Andre Trocme

EDUCATORS use this FREE Lesson plan to teach your students learn about how they can resist violence and become advocates for peace.

Help your students learn about the values of courageous compassion, heroism, humility, integrity, ethical social emotional learning.

How can your students take a courageous stand to help others?

Link: <https://stonesoupleadership.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/lesson-plan-courage-to-care.pdf>

**Press**

**President Barack Obama speaks about Le Chambon Yom Hashoah/Holocaust Remembrance Day**

COMMEMORATING THE HOLOCAUST  
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum  
Washington, DC

CSPAN2

“We also remember the number 5,000 -- the number of Jews rescued by the villagers of Le Chambon, France -- one life saved for each of its 5,000 residents. Not a single Jew who came there was turned away, or turned in.”

(April 23, 2009 - United States Capitol)

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Saturday: August 10: Press: Andre Trocme

President Barack Obama speech highlights the strength and courage to stand up against injustices in his speech about the villagers of Le Chambon, France:

“They teach us that no one can make us into bystanders without our consent, and that we are never truly alone – that if we have the courage to heed that "still, small voice" within us, we can form a minyan for righteousness that can span a village, even a nation.

Their legacy is our inheritance. And the question is, how do we honor and preserve it? How do we ensure that "never again" isn't an empty slogan, or merely an aspiration, but also a call to action? I believe we start by doing what we are doing today – by bearing witness, by fighting the silence that is evil's greatest co-conspirator.”

<https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/remarks-president-holocaust-days-remembrance-ceremony>

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?305597-1/presidential-remarks-holocaust-commemoration>