

Rescue: Ordinary Individuals Making Extraordinary Decisions

PHOTO: RABBI MARCUS MELCHIOR



"The situation is very serious. We must take action immediately. You must leave the synagogue now and contact all relatives, friends and neighbors you know who are Jewish and tell them what I have told you.

You must also speak to your Christian friends and ask them to warn any Jews they know. You must do this immediately, within the next few minutes, so that two or three hours from now everyone will know what is happening. By nightfall we must all be in hiding."

~ Chief Rabbi Marcus Melchior

Photo of Rabbi Melchior is from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, courtesy of *Museet for Danmarks Frihedskamp*

Rabbi Marcus Melchior, Danish chief rabbi, who warned his congregants that the Germans intended to round up Denmark's Jews. Melchior himself went into hiding and escaped to Sweden. Copenhagen, Denmark, before 1943.