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AJR members meet Sir Nicholas Winton

Sir Nicholas Winton, the man who saved 669 Czech Jewish children from certain death in the Holocaust, made a surprise guest appearance at a screening of a film about his life on Thursday 17 January at the Hampstead Theatre.

The screening of the film was introduced by Esther Rantzen, who also chaired a question and answer session.

Winton's Children is the remarkable story of Sir Nicholas Winton's efforts to save hundreds of Czech Jewish children from certain death in the Holocaust. Travelling regularly to Czechoslovakia during 1938 and 1939, he arranged for 669 children to escape to England.

Known as the 'British Schindler' – a reference to Oskar Schindler, who saved more than 1,000 Jews – Sir Nicholas kept his brave past a secret for 50 years. Now 97, he was knighted in 2002 in honour of his service to humanity.

AJR member Vera Gissing, one of the children saved by Sir Nicholas, will attend the screening. She said, "The film is a fitting tribute to a great man. I and many others wouldn't be here without Sir Nicholas. His actions can never be understated. We are also very grateful to Esther Rantzen, not only for chairing the event but also for helping to bring Sir Nicholas's bravery to the public's attention."

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