

Honours

Simon Wiesenthal

1908-2005

“You’re An Angel Now”

Simon Wiesenthal was born 31 December 1908 in Buczacz Galicia (currently part of Ukraine). He died 20 September 2005 in Vienna, Austria.

As a survivor of several Nazi death camps of World War II, after liberation he did not return to his pre-War profession as an architect, but instead choice to bring the evil Nazi leaders to justice. He chased them down. He did this not only for the Holocaust’s 6,000,000 Jewish victims, but also for the millions of others who were murdered by the Nazis.



Simon Wiesenthal at the opening of the *Museum of Tolerance*, Los Angeles, California, 1993, which is part of the *Simon Wiesenthal Center* —opened November 1977.

Simon Wiesenthal acted as an angel for the murdered because he didn’t want history to record that the Nazis killed millions of people and got away with it.

In 1961, he opened the *Jewish Documentation Center* in Vienna and concentrated on hunting the war criminals. Evidence he and his staff supplied was utilized in the American zone war crime trials.

Wiesenthal said in the New York Times Magazine (February 2, 1964),
“You’re a religious man. You believe in God and life after death. I also believe. When we come to the other world and meet the millions of Jews who died in the camps and they ask us, ‘What have you done?’, there will be many answers. You will say, ‘I became a jeweler’, Another will say, ‘I have smuggled coffee and American cigarettes’, Another will say, ‘I built houses’, But I will say, ‘I didn’t forget you’.”

Heavenly peace, which, in respect to the hells, is that evils and falsities shall not rise up from them and break forth, may be compared in many respects with natural peace; as with peace after war, when everyone is secure from enemies and is safe in his own city and home and living in his own fields and garden.

A judge who punishes a wrong-doer according to the law and justice, is loving his neighbour.

Simon Wiesenthal, because of your determined, caring conscience many Nazi war criminals were captured and brought to justice, demonstrating that what it takes to be an angel is a hard journey, but always worth it. Thank you!



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