

Title: Rabbi in the Red Cross

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Long Description:	Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman took a six-month leave of absence from his St. Louis congregation to serve as a volunteer in the American Red Cross and get close to the front lines in North Africa. Isserman had visited Germany soon after Adolf Hitler had come to power and reported on the treatment of Germany's Jews. Ten years later in North Africa, he found American soldiers did not seem to understand why they were fighting Germany. Isserman founded the Red Cross Town Hall lecture series so servicemen would better understand world affairs and what was at stake in the war.
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