



THE STORY OF

DR. JOSEF MENGELE AND
HIS MEDICAL EXPERIMENTS
ON JEWISH TWINS AS SEEN
THROUGH THE EYES OF
THREE SURVIVORS.

“...[a] remarkable new documentary”

JIM BAWDEN, TORONTO STAR


LEO'S JOURNEY

THE STORY OF THE MENGELE TWINS

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Leo's Journey: The Story of the Mengele Twins documents first-hand the story of Nazi Doctor Josef Mengele and his "medical experiments" on Jewish twins at Auschwitz during the Second World War. Today, of the approximately 3,000 Jewish twins who were brutally experimented on in Auschwitz, less than one hundred are still alive. Less than one hundred voices left to recount one of the most horrific chapters of the Holocaust.

One voice is that of a retired businessman Leo Lowy. In the spring of 2000, Lowy returned to Auschwitz for the first time since the war. He was accompanied by his three sons and his wife on this pilgrimage of remembrance and hope. Lowy opens his memory of his mother, father and sisters lost in the war of a family parted by the wave of a hand, of an innocence he would never regain. He begins to deal with memories of twisted medical experiments performed on innocent boys and girls who by genetic accident suffered the Nazis' hideous twins program.

This film explores the true horror of Nazi medicine; that these twin children were used as laboratory animals, sometimes murdered simply so that their organs could be compared in the same manner as their physical features. It gives historical context and critique to Josef Mengele and other so-called scientists who satisfied their curiosity and used this opportunity to further their academic careers.

Leo's Journey: The Story of the Mengele Twins also examines the dichotomy that Leo, and two other outspoken survivors, Eva Kor and Jona Laks, live with: Mengele, the man that many twins believed ultimately saved their lives by including them in his gruesome program, on the other hand could have instantly killed them. It is a part of their torture; hating a man you believed saved your life.

The film follows Lowy's present day travels through Hungary, Ukraine and Poland combined with historical footage and interviews with international historians and experts in the field of Nazi "medicine." In Auschwitz, survivors Lowy and Laks, along with 6000 high school students from around the world, gather for a special anniversary service on the celebration of Yom Hashoah.

They remind the world that this must never happen again — because when medical science forgets the face of a single human being, it allows for the possibility of horror.

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