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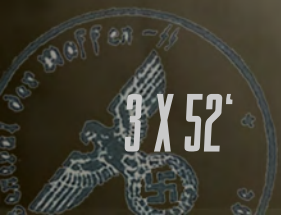
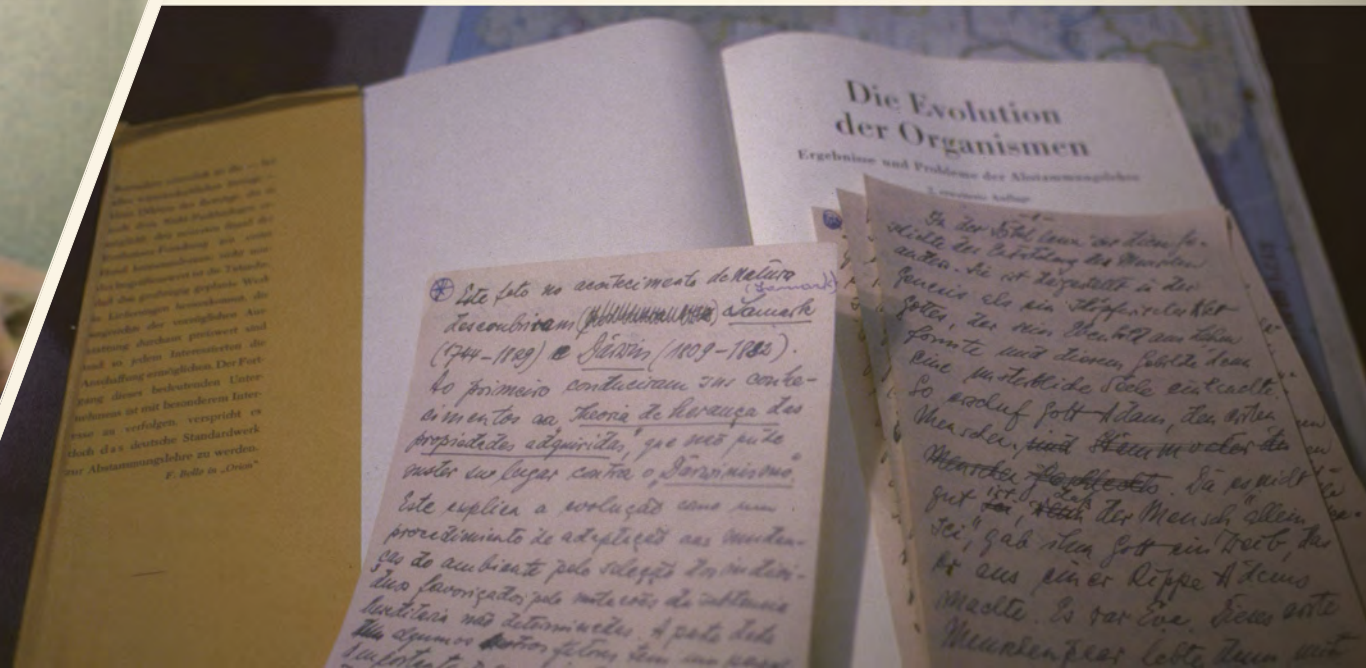
Mengele, a symbol of the Holocaust and the glaring injustice of escaping accountability, is meticulously examined in this documentary series. Through exhaustive research and fresh insights, it unveils the intricate layers of his life: from his academic pursuits yielding two PhDs to his chilling wartime role at Auschwitz, where his "selections" led to countless deaths. The narrative further delves into his postwar flight to South America, painting a portrait of science without boundaries, escape without true freedom, and a haunting absence of justice.



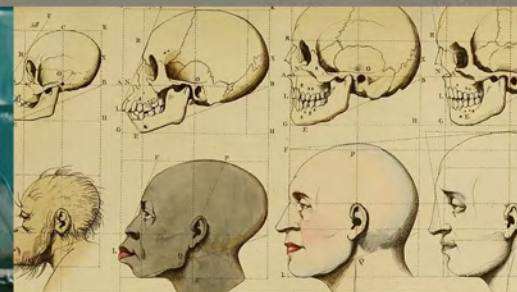
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A SHOCKING AND REVEALING DOCUMENTARY SERIES

NEW ELEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS NEVER BEFORE SHOWN TO THE PUBLIC

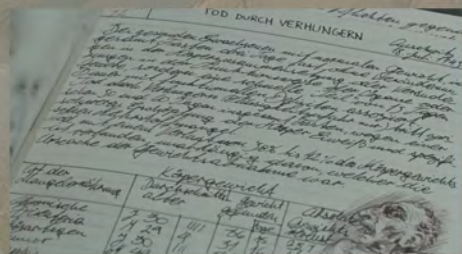


SERIES OVERVIEW



SUMMARY

The passion for eugenics, the race selection in the Auschwitz laboratory. He committed unspeakable and heinous crimes and was obsessed with children, especially twins. The escape, the hunt, and the mysterious death. The essence of evil.



OVERVIEW

Don't be fooled by the courtesy and the smile because Evil lurks everywhere. Josef Mengele is known as the Angel of Death; he committed unspeakable and heinous crimes. Injections of deadly diseases, amputation of limbs without anesthesia, sterilization, vivisection...horrific practices that led to painful deaths. Josef Mengele was a doctor, but the Hippocratic oath meant nothing to him. Mengele's favorite patients were children, mostly twins. For Mengele, they were not human beings but only guinea pigs to be used for his own experiments.

WHY THIS MADNESS?

Mengele was not the only bloodthirsty madman; he was the cog in the wheel of an insane ideology that had sprung up at least a century earlier in the western world and had become radicalized in Germany, contributing significantly to the cult of the Aryan race and the birth of Nazism. We are talking about eugenics, i.e., a set of theories and practical acts aimed at improving race, mainly through the suppression and sterilization of the weaker members of society, such as the mentally ill, the crippled, and the socially marginalized. In the Auschwitz concentration camp, Mengele conducted his genetic studies amidst the atrocious suffering of the prisoners...and none survived. This man's hands are soaked in horror, but incredibly justice missed him. At the end of World War II, Mengele took refuge in South America. Protected by complicity and ideological affinity, he was never caught and died a free man in 1979, never regretting his crimes.



WHAT'S NEW? WHY NOW?

1. AN ANNIVERSARY



2025 will mark the anniversary of the eighty years since the liberation of Auschwitz by Soviet troops. Our project wants to pay tribute to this anniversary, helping to preserve the memory of the millions of victims and prevent such a horror from happening again. Our documentary series investigates and brings to light new elements that have never been shown to the public, thanks to which we can fuel a historical debate and search for the truth of the facts.

2. THE MOSSAD ARCHIVES



In 2017, Mossad opened its archives relating to the hunt for Nazis conducted in South America. We will be the first to investigate the hunt for Mengele. We will finally understand how Mengele escaped the world's most efficient secret service. We will find out who helped this Nazi criminal during his absconding, what cover he enjoyed, and why Mossad, despite coming very close, never managed to capture him.

3. EYEWITNESSES



Many years have passed since those atrocious days, but eyewitnesses are still willing to recount what happened at Auschwitz. They are vital because they are the last direct witnesses of Mengele's crimes. They are older men and women who have never forgotten this horror and perhaps have the last chance to speak out because they were children at the time of the events. They were children Mengele's favorite victims.

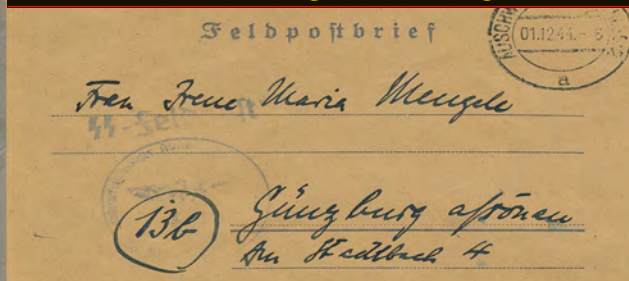
WHAT'S NEW? WHY NOW?

4. THE AUSCHWITZ ARCHIVES



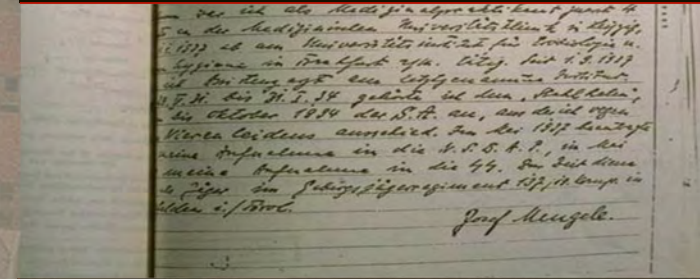
The Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum hold an immense photographic and video archive. Much of this material has never been shown on camera, and our documentary series will be the first to do so. Heart-rending videos and images show the terrible and distressing everyday life in Auschwitz. Thanks to these contributions, the public will be able to identify with and be more aware of this tragedy.

5. THE MENGELE LETTERS



Although partially public, the Mengele Letters have never been included in a documentary. We will be the first to do so. Our experts will explain them to the public, allowing us to see another face of this monster. We will discover precisely what Mengele was thinking, his affections, his motivations, and the goals that drove him to commit these atrocities.

6. MENGELE DIARIES



Mengele wrote his diaries almost daily during his absconding. We will show them for the first time. Through them, we will reconstruct the mentality of this monster. We will investigate his absconding, the unsuspected accomplices who covered it up, and, finally, discover the delusions of a man hunted by the authorities who have never repented to his crimes.

NARRATIVE STYLE

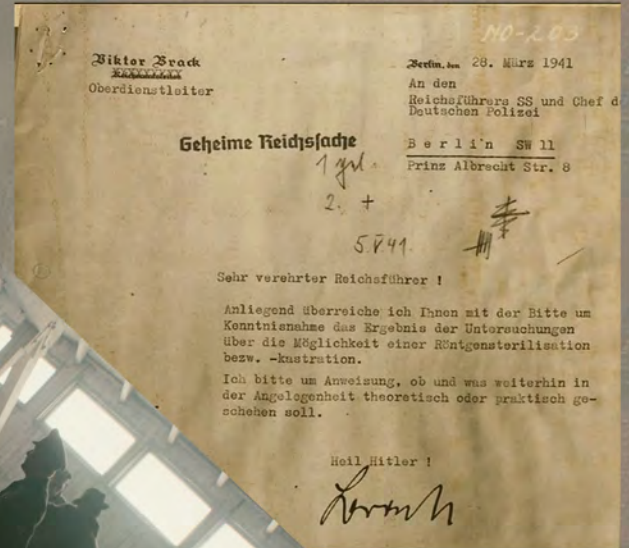
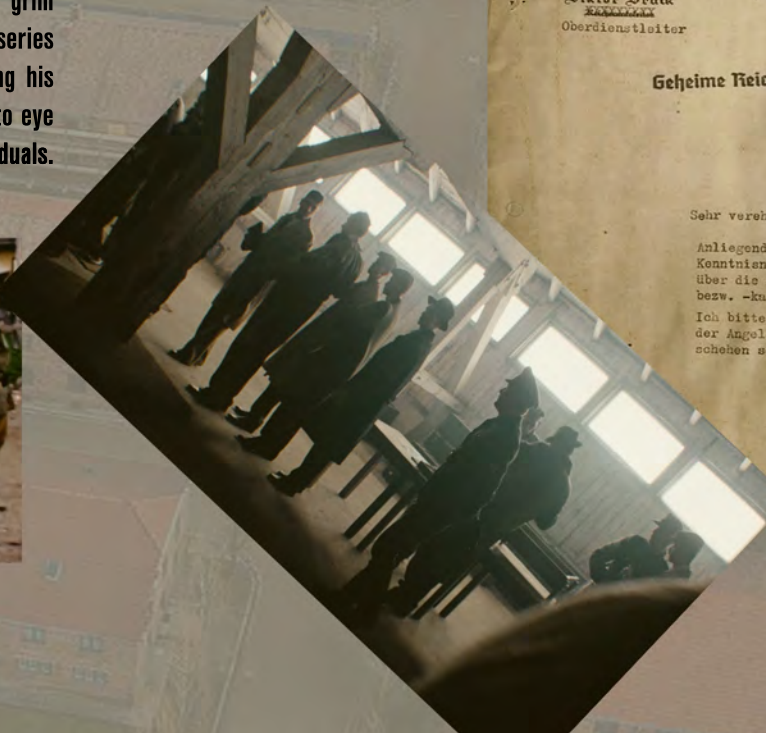
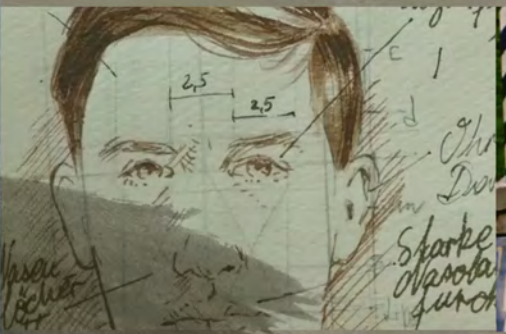


The documentary series embarks on a thorough examination of Mengele's enigmatic persona, which has become emblematic of the Holocaust and the systemic failure of justice. Through painstaking research and the unveiling of fresh sources, the series delves deep into Mengele's life journey.

Commencing with his academic pursuits, which yielded dual doctorates and promised a flourishing career in science, the series intricately unravels Mengele's trajectory. It meticulously explores his wartime exploits, notably his chilling tenure at Auschwitz, where his grim "selections" sealed the fate of countless victims. Additionally, the series scrutinizes Mengele's purportedly "scientific" endeavors, including his harrowing experiments on twins and his macabre investigations into eye color, which inflicted untold anguish upon scores of individuals.

Yet, the narrative extends beyond Mengele's wartime atrocities. It delves into his postwar escape from Europe and subsequent sanctuary in South America, shedding light on the complex web of circumstances that facilitated his evasion of justice.

In essence, this documentary series offers a poignant portrayal of a man driven by unbridled scientific curiosity, ensnared in a web of escape without true freedom, and a quest for justice that remains perpetually elusive.



PICASSO Film

The Director



I am a television and film producer, director, and co-founder of www.picassofilm.net. My work as executive producer, director, and creator includes popular series on Netflix, National Geographic, Curiosity Stream, ZDF, Discovery Channel, History Channel, RAI, FRANCE TELEVISION, RTL Germany, RMC, ITV, BBC, A&E, History channel. In collaboration with www.bigmedia.tv, I have been an associate producer of **over 250 hours of documentary** series distributed and broadcast worldwide over the past 13 years. My credits include psychological thrillers such as Cult of Personality, Inside the Criminal Mind, Serial Psyche, and historical series such as The Secret of the Templar's Knights, The Untold Celts, Footprints of Civilization, and Warrior's Way.

My most recent productions include:

'The Pope and the Devil': This four-episode series, made possible by exclusive access to previously unpublished Vatican documents, delves into the controversial narrative of Pope Pius XII during the Second World War. It explores his intricate relationship with Hitler and the Nazis.

'Hitler's Secret Mission: The Architect of Evil in Covert Operations': This six-episode docu-series is dedicated to shedding light on the clandestine operations that transpired during World War II.

Max Serio

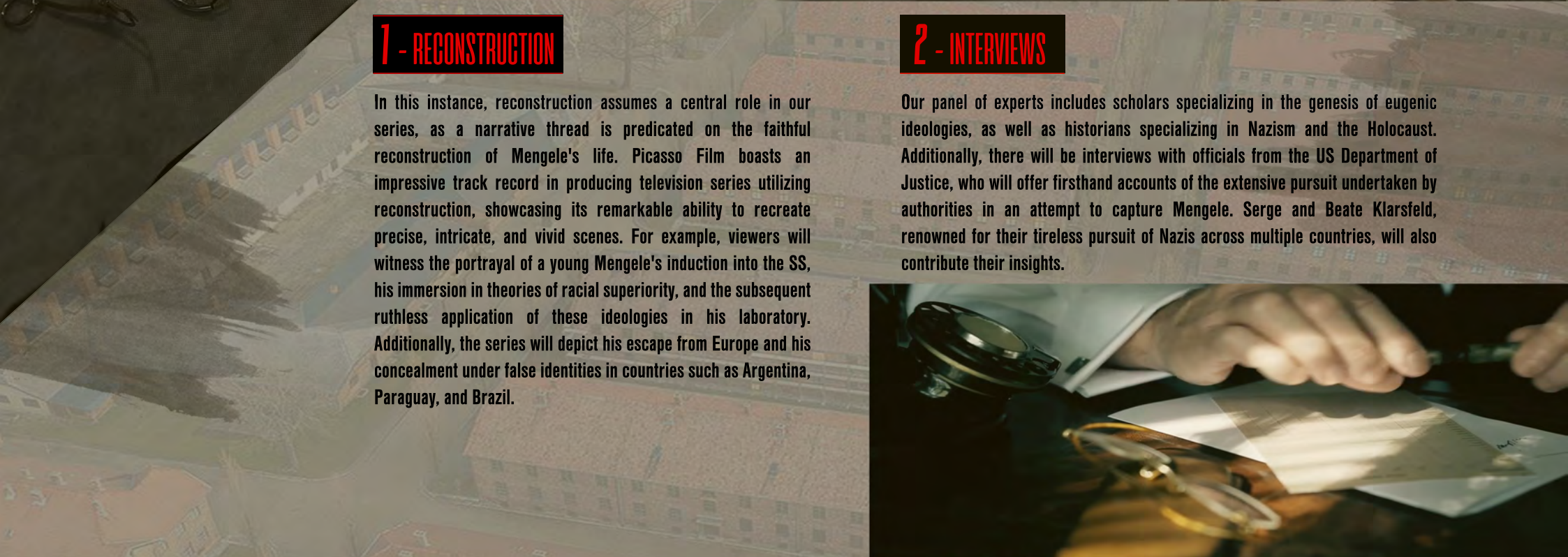
DIRECTOR'S VIEW

1 - RECONSTRUCTION

In this instance, reconstruction assumes a central role in our series, as a narrative thread is predicated on the faithful reconstruction of Mengele's life. Picasso Film boasts an impressive track record in producing television series utilizing reconstruction, showcasing its remarkable ability to recreate precise, intricate, and vivid scenes. For example, viewers will witness the portrayal of a young Mengele's induction into the SS, his immersion in theories of racial superiority, and the subsequent ruthless application of these ideologies in his laboratory. Additionally, the series will depict his escape from Europe and his concealment under false identities in countries such as Argentina, Paraguay, and Brazil.

2 - INTERVIEWS

Our panel of experts includes scholars specializing in the genesis of eugenic ideologies, as well as historians specializing in Nazism and the Holocaust. Additionally, there will be interviews with officials from the US Department of Justice, who will offer firsthand accounts of the extensive pursuit undertaken by authorities in an attempt to capture Mengele. Serge and Beate Klarfeld, renowned for their tireless pursuit of Nazis across multiple countries, will also contribute their insights.



DIRECTOR'S VIEW



3 - PLACES

In this series, we will journey to several places significant to Josef Mengele's life. Our exploration begins in Bavaria, his birthplace and childhood home. We'll traverse through Gunzburg, and the cities of Frankfurt and Berlin, where he pursued his studies and worked at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute. Additionally, we'll venture to Mangolding, the farm where he sought refuge after the war.

In Poland, we'll pay a visit to Auschwitz, where Mengele conducted his notorious doctoring and carried out cruel selections and experiments. We'll then trace Mengele's escape route through the Alps south of Innsbruck, Austria, and onwards to Genoa, Italy, where he sought refuge in Argentina.

In Buenos Aires, we'll delve into Mengele's life as a fugitive, living under the pseudonym 'Helmut Gregor'. Our journey continues to Hohenau, Paraguay, where he resided briefly, and then to San Paulo, Brazil, where he ultimately settled and passed away. Along the way, we'll also visit the farm where he stayed and the beach at Bertioaga, where he was swimming when he suffered a stroke.

4 - EDITING

We will provide rapid transitions, consisting of modern images of the places where the events took place, to anchor our story in the Present. We will use different filming techniques, drone shots, day and night shots, time-lapse, and b-roll. The original black and white photography will be treated with color and brought to life with parallax effect.



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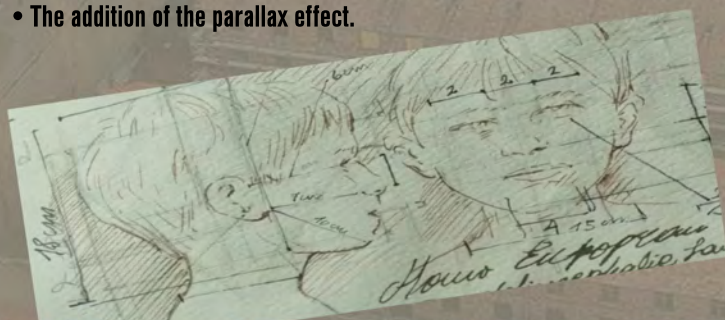


5 - CGI

CGI will support the series. Maps and 3D reconstructions of the places where Mengele operated, we will see his movements on maps of the various countries that saw the 'Angel of Death' during his 34 years of absconding.

We have included the following:

- Sketches of Mengele's experiments.
- The coloring of black and white photographs.
- The addition of the parallax effect.



6 - SOURCES

In Germany, the state archives of the former East Germany have now become accessible, housing numerous documents pertaining to Mengele's activities. Similarly, in the United Kingdom, the National Archives house a wealth of documents concerning the Angel of Death. Additionally, the US Holocaust Museum boasts a collection of hundreds of oral testimonies detailing the atrocities committed by Mengele and his fellow Auschwitz doctors. Notably, in 2017, the Mossad declassified previously unreleased documents about Mengele, never before seen on camera. Our cameras will capture these revealing pages, shedding light on previously undisclosed aspects of Mengele's life and actions.

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 Misc. : of twins and dwarfs.
 Career : Physician in chief at
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 War criminal.

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OUR GUESTS



GUY WALTERS (UK)

Historian and journalist specializing in World War II and Nazism. Expert on Mengele and author of a biography on the Angel of Death. He will be our host, interact with the other experts, and lead us through Mengele's story.



DAVID MARWELL (USA)

American historian David Marwell, former director of the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York, led investigations for the US Department of Justice, contributing to the prosecution of Nazi war criminals like Klaus Barbie and Josef Mengele. He authored "Unmasking the 'Angel of Death' on Josef Mengele" following extensive historical and forensic research.



AGNIEZKA KITA (PL)

Agnieszka Kita, Ph.D, is a renowned historian and archivist working directly in the archives of the Memorial and Museum of Auschwitz - Birkenau.

SERGE AND BEATE KLARSFELD (FR)



Beate and Serge Klarsfeld, wife-and-husband team resident in Paris, internationally noted for their anti-Nazi and pro-Israel activities. They began pressing for prosecution of former Nazi criminals, most notably, Klaus Barbie. In the course of their campaigns and demonstrations, Beate was arrested repeatedly and briefly jailed.

OLIVIER GUEZ (FR)



A French journalist, essayist and writer. He won the 2017 Prix Renaudot for his novel The Disappearance of Josef Mengele. In this rigorously researched factual novel—drawn almost entirely from historical documents—Olivier Guez traces Mengele's footsteps through these years of flight.

MARCOS GUTERMAN (BR)



An expert on Nazism and anti-Semitism, . His acclaimed works include "Nazis Among Us," recipient of the 2017 Jabuti Prize in Reporting and Documentary, and "Holocaust and Memory.

ELSA DE OLIVEIRA GULPIAN (BR)



Elza Gulpian de Oliveira, who worked as a maid in a house where German Nazi & war criminal Josef Mengele lived while in hiding in Brazil, July 1985.

PIOTR SETKIEWICZ (PL)



Director of the Research Centre of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum. He is editor-in-chief of the scientific publication The Auschwitz Journals. Setkiewicz's scholarly work focuses on the history of prisoner labor in Nazi Germany's war industries during World War II and the sub-camps of the Auschwitz concentration camp.

MAGDALENA GAVIN (PL)



Magdalena Gavin is a historian recognized for her research on eugenics in Polish historiography. She challenged prevailing misconceptions perpetuated by communist propaganda, shedding light on the phenomenon's pervasive influence across Europe during the 20th century.

MAREK ZAJAC (PL)



Secretary of the International Auschwitz Council and Chairman of the Board of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation. These invaluable collaborations have granted us exclusive access to documentary materials and areas within Auschwitz typically off-limits to visitors.

PIOTR CYWIŃSKI (PL)



Director of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum. Co-founder and the president of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation.

TESTIMONIES



EVA MOZES

January 31, 1934 - July 4, 2019

At the age of ten, twins Eva and Miriam Mozes, were taken to Auschwitz where Dr Josef Mengele used them for medical experiments



ARTUR RADVANSKY (CZ)

November 24, 1921- November 1, 2009

Artur Radvanský lived with his family in Radvanice and had two brothers. After his imprisonment he became the personal masseur of Joseph Mengele. According to his words, Mengele was not rude to him, did not beat him and behaved very politely.



OLEG MANDIĆ

Oleg Mandić spent time in the Auschwitz medical unit run by sadistic Nazi physician Josef Mengele but managed to evade death, and he and his family



THOMAS AND PETER SOMOGYI

The Somogyi twins felt fortunate because they did not endure as many experiments as others, perhaps because they arrived so late at Auschwitz. Most of the time, the doctors took blood from the boys; they were not injected with any substances. Beyond that, they were measured.



MARIAN TURSKI

Marian Turski, who was deported to Auschwitz at the age of 18 ... We were a group of 11 children, chosen by Dr Josef Mengele ...



JONA LAKS

Jona Laks is an Israeli Holocaust survivor who was subject to human experimentation by Josef Mengele at the Auschwitz concentration camp. After the war, she founded and served as chairwoman of the Organization of the Mengele Twins. In January 2015, she addressed the United Nations General Assembly at its International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust Memorial Ceremony. She has been featured in several documentary films.

EPISODE 1

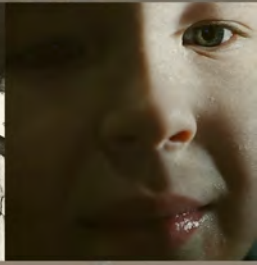
ANGEL'S DAWN AND EUGENICS

INTRO - BRAZIL 1979

A man on the run hides under a false name in Brazil; very few know his true identity. He is a man corroded by fear and suspicion. He spends his time neurotically gnawing at his mustache and justifying the actions that have made him one of the most heinous and wanted criminals of the 20th century.

WHO IS THIS MAN, AND WHY IS HE IN HIDING?

Mengele was born in 1911 into a wealthy family in Bavaria and grew up dreaming of being a doctor. In the early 1930s, he joined the Nazis and graduated in medicine and anthropology. Mengele is obsessed with the concept of race, a medical-philosophical thought that has many fanatics in Germany. We are talking about eugenics, a well-known doctrine in France, the USA, and the UK. This thought, born in the second half of the 19th century, aimed at the search for racial and societal purity; theorists such as Galton, De Lapouge, and Jost spoke openly of castration and physical elimination of the mentally ill, the handicapped, homosexuals and inferior races...such as Jews. It seems incredible, but this theory, which was so abominable, had real scientific value at the time.



HOW WAS IT POSSIBLE? AND WHAT DID CHARLES DARWIN'S THEORIES HAVE TO DO WITH EUGENICS? WHERE HAD HUMAN PIETY GONE?

In the 1920s, eugenics was strongly radicalized in German society and played an essential role in the rise of Nazism. When Hitler took power, eugenics became part of the Third Reich's political program. Operation Aktion T4 was born, i.e., a plan to eliminate people unworthy of living because they are diseased for Aryan society...we are talking about cripples, homosexuals, gypsies, and especially Jews. This program, to which even a young Mengele adhered, was the prelude to the Holocaust.

WHAT DID THIS EXTERMINATION PLAN CONSIST OF? WHY DID WESTERN GOVERNMENTS NOT OPPOSE THIS MASSACRE? WAS IT POSSIBLE TO STOP IT?

In this horror story, there is also an incredible paradox...Mengele, race-obsessed and a member of the SS, marries Irene Schoenbein, a woman who cannot prove her racial purity as the Nuremberg Laws demanded. At the Second World War outbreak, Mengele left for the front as a medical officer and was awarded two Iron Crosses for his bravery. Still, in 1942 he was wounded and repatriated to Germany, where he found work at the prestigious Kaiser Wilhelm Institute, run by his mentor, Professor Otmar Freiherr von Verschuer, who told him of a place called Auschwitz, where research on race could continue and where human guinea pigs would never be lacking. Mengele will not let the opportunity pass him by...

EPISODE 2

AUSCHWITZ, "UNVEILING THE ANGEL OF DEATH"

At Auschwitz, Mengele has the power of life and death over the prisoners. With a wave of his hand, he watches these desperate people as they get off the trains and decides whether to send them to the labor camps or directly to the gas chambers. His eyes constantly search for something invaluable for his genetic research: twins, especially children.



WHERE DOES THIS OBSESSION OF MENGELE'S COME FROM, AND WHY?

Mengele's experiments at Auschwitz chill the blood, and there is no semblance of humanity. Our testimonies are atrocious, and throughout the episode, we will recount several of them to make viewers aware of the horror. For example, one day, Mengele discusses a child suspected of having tuberculosis with other doctors. At one point, Mengele disappears, and when he re-enters the room, he has something bleeding in his hand...it is the child's lungs, and he triumphantly announces to his colleagues that he is right...the child is not ill with tuberculosis. Sometimes he injects blue dye into children's eyes because he wants to make them 'more Aryan'; in fact, he makes them blind and then sends them to the gas chambers.

WHAT WERE THE AIMS OF MENGELE'S STUDIES? WHO WERE HIS SUPERIORS? WERE HIMMLER AND HITLER AWARE OF HIS EXPERIMENTS?

Some studies have shown that Mengele's research also had a practical purpose, such as the studies on Hepatitis B, a disease raging among the troops at the front. Mengele did fundamental research on this disease.

ARE THERE ANY SCIENTIFIC WORKS OF MENGELE'S THAT HAVE FOUND ACTUAL USE IN THE MEDICAL FIELD? As a medical officer at Auschwitz, Mengele is in charge of safeguarding the health of the prisoners. Mengele's method is terribly effective...all the sick are suppressed. Yet Mengele is not the only doctor at Auschwitz; WHO ARE THE OTHER DOCTORS CONDUCTING OTHER HORRIFIC EXPERIMENTS? AND WHO ARE MENGELE'S COLLABORATORS? For example, we know the story of Irma Grese, nicknamed the Blonde Beast of Belsen, a sadistic woman, a camp overseer who likes to torture and rape the camp's female prisoners and who has a sexual relationship with Mengele and who, at the end of the war will be captured and hanged as a war criminal.

AND THE OTHERS? WERE THEY ALL BROUGHT TO JUSTICE, OR DID SOME MANAGE TO ESCAPE? If you think Evil was only in Auschwitz, you are wrong. Evil is everywhere in the German death camps, and not only...the same methods as Mengele are also used by the Japanese, such as the case of Unit 731, led by General Shiro Ishii, carrying out bacteriological and genetic experiments on prisoners of war in Manchuria. In 1945, the Red Army was at the gates of Auschwitz, and Mengele abruptly escaped. He is captured by American troops but manages to escape under a false name. Yet, Mengele risks his life to return to Auschwitz to retrieve some of his notes.

WHY? AND WHO WAS THE WOMAN TO WHOM MENGELE ENTRUSTED SOME DOCUMENTS? WHAT DID THEY CONTAIN?



EPISODE 3

34 YEARS IN A RAT'S LIFE

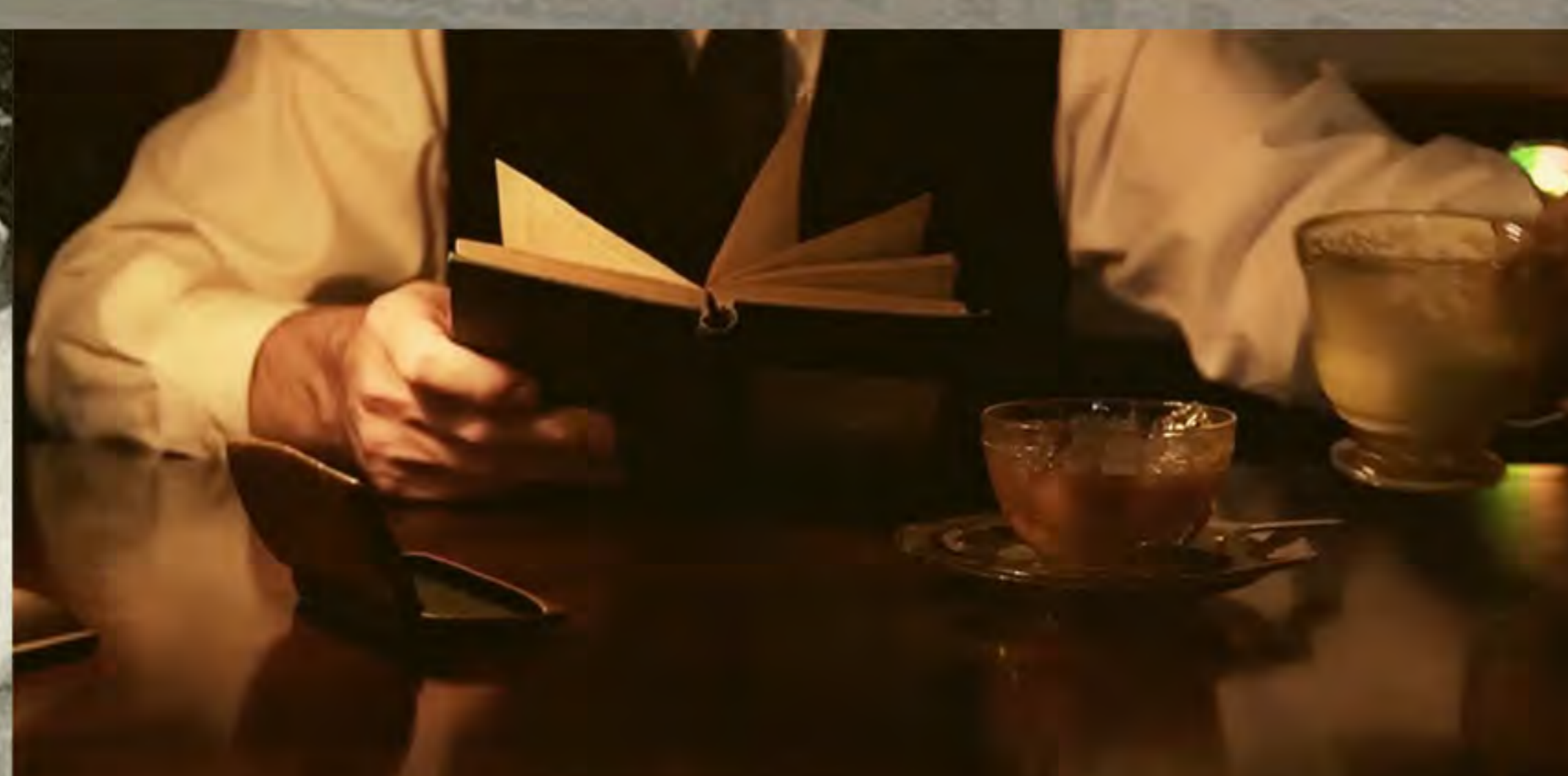
At the war's end, Mengele is in Bavaria, has a false name, and works as a farm laborer. Soon reports of his atrocities spread, and it became dangerous to remain in Europe. Mengele obtains a false Italian passport through the Ratlines system and embarks for South America.



WHO HELPED HIM ESCAPE?

For Mengele, the first years as a fugitive in Buenos Aires are quiet; no one is looking for him, and he freely uses his real name. His family helps him financially; he engages in commerce and continues practicing medicine clandestinely, particularly clandestine abortions. The Argentinean authorities know this but do not stop him...why? Mengele is so sure of his impunity that in 1956 he returns to Germany, goes on holiday to the Swiss Alps, and applies for a new passport. Officially Mengele is dead...

HOW CAN HE APPLY FOR A VISA WITHOUT ANYONE NOTICING? WHO IS PROTECTING MENGELE? WHY IS THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT DOING NOTHING?



In the late 1950s, Nazi hunters, including Simon Wiesenthal, publish evidence that Mengele is still alive, and only now does Germany demand his extradition, but too late, because the Angel of Death has fled to Paraguay. In 1960 the Mossad captures Adolf Eichmann. Mengele realizes he will be next on the list and escapes again, this time to Brazil. The Mossad is on his trail and, in 1962, is one step away from capturing him, but at the last moment from Tel Aviv comes the order to let it go...Why? For almost twenty years, Mengele hides under a false name, often changes location, avoids being photographed, and his behavior becomes increasingly paranoid. Yet, according to some scholars, Mengele continued his genetic experiments. For example, in the Brazilian town of Candido Godoi, there is a very high incidence of twin births, well above average, and babies are often born with blond hair and blue eyes... Some locals remember that a German doctor often came to administer medication to pregnant women.

ARE WE FACING ANOTHER TERRIBLE CRIME BY MENGELE, OR IS THERE A NATURAL EXPLANATION FOR CANDIDO GODOI'S TWINS?

Some locals testified that pregnant women were attended by a German doctor. In the mid-1970s, the son Rolf visits his father and discovers an old man intent on gnawing off his mustache out of tension and having surgery to remove a hairball from his stomach. Yet, Mengele never regrets his past, and Rolf decides never to see him again. Numerous reports have occurred during these years, but no one has managed to catch Mengele.

HOW COULD ONE MAN ALONE FOOL THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL SECRET SERVICES, SUCH AS MOSSAD AND THE CIA? ARE WE SURE THERE

WAS THE POLITICAL WILL TO CAPTURE HIM?

Mengele died in 1979 while swimming along the Brazilian coast, but investigators continued to search for him for another six years before learning of his death. Today, Mengele's skeleton is kept at the Institute of Forensic Medicine in São Paulo. It is analyzed by medical students... his bones in a laboratory seem almost a mockery of fate.

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