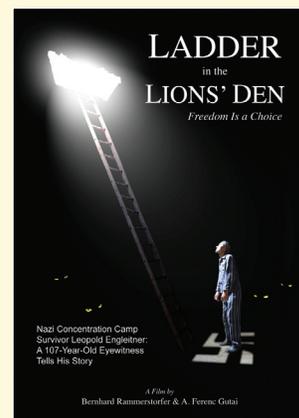


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*You are cordially invited to the U.S. premiere of the new documentary*

## LADDER in the LIONS' DEN

*By Bernhard Rammerstorfer & A. Ferenc Gutai*



### Meet 107-Year-Old Concentration Camp Survivor Leopold Engleitner

**Location:** *Laemmle Theatre Town Center 5*

17200 Ventura Blvd., Encino, Los Angeles County, California

**Dates:** November 9–15, 2012

**Screening Times:** 12:30 PM (Noon)

**Online Ticketing:** [www.laemmle.com](http://www.laemmle.com)

**Phone:** 310-478-3836

#### About the film

**Why would a man faced with death in three Nazi concentration camps not sign a document granting him his freedom?**

This is the true story of Leopold Engleitner—now 107 years old. Given the choice between life and death, he found the courage to stand by his conscience. His refusal to join Hitler's army and to give the "Heil Hitler" salute put him and thousands of other Jehovah's Witnesses in the crosshairs of the Third Reich. As if receiving a "Ladder in the Lions' Den," he was given a way out. In exchange for his freedom, he was handed a document renouncing his faith and swearing allegiance to Hitler. He refused. After surviving Buchenwald, Niederhagen, and Ravensbrück concentration camps, he weighed less than sixty-two pounds, but his will remained unbroken. Intertwined with the perspective of others, such as Renée Firestone, a Jewish Auschwitz survivor, and Gottlieb Bernhardt (former SS bodyguard of Hitler), who himself faced a pivotal crisis of conscience, Leopold's story resonates with the power of conviction and hope. If not for a chance meeting with Bernhard Rammerstorfer, Leopold would have disappeared into the shadowed subtext of history. Together, they have traveled around the world promoting peace and tolerance.

- After the film presentation there will be a book signing and a unique opportunity to meet and speak with Leopold Engleitner and the producers.
- Since this event will be a limited screening engagement, we suggest that ticket reservations be made in advance at: [www.laemmle.com](http://www.laemmle.com)
- Special presentations for students and academics can be arranged throughout the week. Please contact us for more information and scheduling.

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