On January 27, 2015, Jona Laks spoke before the United Nations General Assembly as part of the annual events at the UN to mark the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust. In her speech, Jona recounted the desperate conditions her family endured in the Lodz Ghetto. She spoke of losing her parents and brothers at Chelmno extermination camp. And she recalled the horror and suffering she and her twin sister, Miriam, experienced as human guinea pigs in Josef Mengele’s deadly medical experiments. In her address she urges the world to remember and to keep human life sacred.

*Jona Laks addresses the UN General Assembly’s annual International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust. (courtesy of UN Photo/Loey Felipe)*