

The Chosen

This 104-minute, PG-rated drama follows two Jewish teenagers over a four-year time period; one the son of a modern orthodox Zionist college professor and the other the eldest son of a Rabbi who is the dynastic leader of the Hasidic community. Each have diametrically opposite relationships with their fathers and expectations for their futures. Historical context serves as a vibrant backdrop for the lives of traditional Jews and progressive Jews. The conflict between the two worldviews is marvelously expressed through the friendship of the two boys and through the differences of their fathers. The film also makes a strong point about children following and not following in their parents' footsteps, and how someone's essence is more important than his career. The title, **The Chosen**, evolves into a multitude of themes throughout this thought-provoking movie.

Please Note: When the two boys are in a movie theater, at 54 minutes into this movie, there are 90 seconds of actual newsreel footage showing the horror of the concentration camps.