

Nuggets of Fun and Nostalgia for Treasure Valley Golden-Agers

Surviving the Cold

In Brooklyn’s Crown Heights, there was a Jew, Yankel, who owned a bakery. He survived the death camps.

He once said, “You know why it is that I’m alive today? I was a kid, just a teenager at the time. We were on the train, in a boxcar, being taken to Auschwitz. Night came and it was freezing, deathly cold, in that boxcar.



“The Germans would leave the cars on the side of the tracks overnight, sometimes for days on end without any food, and of course, no blankets to keep us warm,” he said.

“Sitting next to me was an older Jew – this beloved elderly Jew - from my hometown I recognized, but I had never seen him like this. He was shivering from head to toe and looked terrible.

“So I wrapped my arms around him and began rubbing him, to warm him up. I rubbed his arms, his legs, his face, his neck. I begged him to hang on. All night long I kept the man

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Wise Words



An old Cherokee chief told his grandson:

“My son, there is a battle inside us all between two wolves.

“One is Evil. It is anger, greed, resentment, inferiority, lies and ego.

“The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, empathy and truth.”

The young boy thought about it for a moment, then asked, “Grandfather, which wolf wins the battle?”

The old chief quietly replied, “The one you feed.”



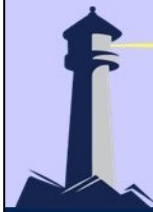
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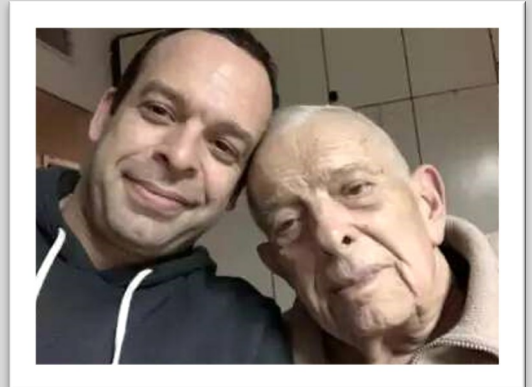
1. Cap guns
2. Home milk deliveries
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12. Doctors making house calls
13. School safety patrol
14. Camera flash cubes
15. Lincoln logs
16. Playing cards in your bike spokes
17. Woolworth's lunch counter
18. Candy striper hospital volunteers
19. Block ice for the ice box
20. Telephone party lines
21. Army surplus stores
22. 19 cent hamburgers
23. Penny candy and nickel candy bars

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warm this way. I was tired, I was freezing cold myself, my fingers were numb, but I didn't stop rubbing the heat on to this man's body.

"Hours and hours went by this way. Finally, night passed, morning came, and the sun began to shine. There was some warmth in the cabin, and then I looked around the car to see some of the other Jews in the car. To my horror, all I could see were frozen bodies, and all I could hear was a deathly silence.

"Nobody else in that cabin made it through the night – they died from the frost. Only two people survived: the old man and me. The old man survived because somebody kept him warm; I survived because I was warming somebody else."



Let me tell you the secret of Judaism. When you warm other people's hearts, you remain warm yourself. When you seek to support, encourage and inspire others; then you discover support, encouragement and inspiration in your own life as well.

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Paint Job

A teenager, wanting to earn some extra money for the summer, decided to hire himself out as a handyman.

He started canvassing a nearby well-to-do neighborhood. He went to the front door of the first house, and asked the owner if he had any odd jobs for him to do.

"Well, I guess I could use somebody to paint my porch," he said, "How much will you charge me?"

Delighted, the young man quickly responded, "How about \$50?"

The man agreed and told him that the paint brushes and everything he would need was in the garage.



The man's wife, hearing the conversation said to her husband, "Does he realize that our porch goes ALL the way around the house?"

He responded, "It'll be a good lesson for him."

An hour later, the teenager came to the door to collect his money.

"You're finished already?" the startled husband asked.

"Yes, he replied, and I even had paint left over, so I gave it two coats."

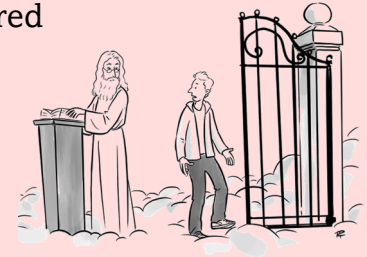
Impressed, the man reached into his pocket for the \$50.00 and handed it to him along with a \$10.00 tip.

"And, by the way," the young man added, "it's not a Porch, it's a Lexus."

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Who made me sputter and gasp -
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The cheaters and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade
Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
Who never said anything nice.

Old Bob, the drunk, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged St. Peter, "Say, what's the deal?
I'd love to hear your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here?
There must be some mistake!"

"And why is everyone so quiet,
So somber, give me a clue."
"Hush child," he said, "they're all in shock,
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Charged with Battery

A couple lived near the ocean and used to walk the beach a lot.

One summer, they noticed a girl who was at the beach almost every day. She wasn't unusual, nor was the travel bag she carried, except for one thing: she would



approach people who were sitting on the beach, glance around and then speak to them. Generally, the people would respond negatively, and she would wander off. Occasionally someone would nod, and there would be a quick exchange of money and something that carried in her bag.

The couple assumed that she was selling drugs and debated calling the cops, but since they didn't know for sure, they decided to just continue watching her. After a couple of weeks the wife said, "Honey, have you ever noticed that she only goes up to people with boom boxes and other electronic devices? Tomorrow I want you to get a towel and our big radio, and go lie out on the beach. Then we can find out what she's really doing."

Well, the plan went off without a hitch, and the wife was excited when she saw the girl talk to her husband and then leave. The man then walked up the beach and met his wife at the road.

"Well, is she selling drugs?" she asked excitedly.

"No, she's not," he said.

"Well, what is it then? What does she do?" his wife exclaimed.

The man grinned and said, "She's a battery saleswoman."

"Batteries?" cried the wife.

"Yes!" he replied. "She Sells C-Cells on the Seashore!"

TIDBITS

"I bought a cheap hairpiece for five bucks. It was a small price toupee."

"Cows kill more people than sharks." "Well, I'm surprised cows kill any sharks at all."

"Nothing refreshes my memory of what I need at the grocery store like coming home from the grocery store."

"I wonder what the inventor of the drawing board said when his first attempt didn't work?"

"Nostalgia sure isn't what it used to be!"

"I'm writing a book about tornadoes and hurricanes. It's only a draft at the moment.

I hope it sells a lot of copies. It will be a windfall."

"The first rule of 'How to Be Condescending' is...well, it's pretty complex and I don't think you'd understand it even if I explained it to you."

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The other is a kangaroo. I really don't know much about kangaroos.



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