



REMEMBERING AND HELPING THE FORGOTTEN AUGUST 2008



Seven years ago, while on hiatus from producing and directing television sitcoms, Zane Buzby (at left in photo) journeyed to Eastern Europe to search for her grandparents' hometown. There, she met Lithuanian professor Dovid Katz, who documents and helps Holocaust survivors—most of whom are ill and isolated without basic necessities. Buzby's subsequent encounter with eight elderly Belarussian Jews changed her life as well as the lives of hundreds like them.

Today, her grass-roots nonprofit, **The Survivor Mitzvah Project**, provides food, shelter, medicine and friendship to 850 East Europeans who lived through that dark period.

The "forgotten survivors" have responded to Buzby's efforts with photos and letters that she is now collecting in a book and online at www.survivormitzvah.org.

"People who have experienced firsthand the horrors of the Holocaust shouldn't have to suffer one more day," she says.

—Sara Trappler Spielman