

RABBI DR BRASCH

Revenge is Not The Motive

RABBI DR BRASCH, of Temple Emanuel:

"Eichmann's trial is making headlines in every newspaper throughout the world and we have to be prepared for all eventualities.

"First of all, whatever happens, we must not panic and exaggerate events. I am still convinced that had the Press, Jewish and general alike, ignored the swastika daubings last year, or, at least, given them as little publicity as possible, the 'rash' would soon have died down.

"Because of the sensation-

"Because of the sensationalism of their appearance, psychopaths everywhere felt an urge to outdo each other in besmearing synagogues and Jewish centres.

"We must fight any idea that the Eichmann trial seeks to revenge the death of six million Jews. Vengeance is inhuman and irreligious, negative and contradictory to all our teachings. It can achieve nothing.

"The Eichmann trial aims at the establishment of justice. People everywhere, and their governments, must be made to realise that law rules and that evil can no longer go unpunished, no matter where it is found, and that no one can shelter his misdeeds behind the feeble excuse that he merely 'obeyed orders.'

"In our discussions with others, we must be neither vindictive nor apologetic, but rather stress the need for justice, which is the only guarantor for a peaceful future."

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