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בייה

1. Zaide;

Every Jew knows the Yiddish word for grandfather, Zaide.



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3. Who is the first "Zaide" in Torah? Yaakov Avinu. He is called "Yisroel Sabah" many times in the Midrash.



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2. Zaide" was the Rebbe's code name in the letters to Russian Jews.



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- **4.** Maybe it's because Jacob was the first man to raise Jewish grandchildren.
 - Abraham passed away on the day of his grandsons' bar mitzvah.
 - Isaac's grandchildren grew up in Charan.
- Jacob's children and grandchildren all lived together with him.



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5. Is there a mitzvah to honor your grandparents?

- Ramah: Yes. But one must honor his. father *more* than his grandfather."
- Reason: The Torah often considers grandchildren as children: that makes grandparents like parents.



6. Is there a better reason to honor grandparents?

We honor our parent because they gave us life.

Our grandparents gave our parents life



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7. Why did Jacob cry when he found Rachel?

- [Rashi 1: He cried because he saw that they would not be buried together. But he can't tell her that!]
- Rashi 2: Jacob cried because had nothing to give Rachel, for he gave Elifaz everything in exchange for his life.



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8. Why did Elifaz not kill Jacob? Because he was raised in Isaac's home.

 See the power of a Zaide! Zaide Isaac's influence made Elifaz righteous despite his evil father Esau.





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9. Also, see the power of a Zaide from Amalek, Elifaz's eldest son.

Elifaz tried to train Amalek to be good, but Zaide Esau's influence was stronger.



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10. This is why *Jews* must respect their grandparents.

Judaism survives only by being passed from each generation to the next.

Zaide and Bubbe are the ones who influence young Jews to love Jewish!

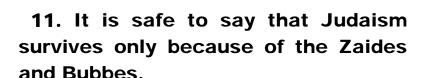


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The song ends, "Who will be the Zaides of our children if not we?"

We must be Zaide and Bubbe to our children and we have to start now, because when we're seventy it'll be too late to learn.