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1. Zaide;  
Every Jew knows the Yiddish word for grandfather, Zaide.



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

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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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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.



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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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11. It is safe to say that Judaism survives only because of the Zaides and Bubbies.



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12. Moshe Yess' "My Zaide":  
 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.