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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 warm

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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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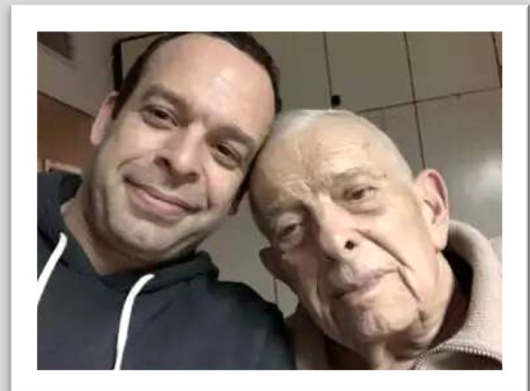
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19. Block ice for the ice box
20. Telephone party lines
21. Army surplus stores
22. 19 cent hamburgers
23. Penny candy and nickel candy bars

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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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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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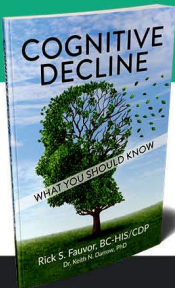
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We ate macaroni or spaghetti, not pasta.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Sugar was a good thing; considered "white gold."

Pineapple came in a can.

Jello was a favorite dessert.

Coffee came in a can, not an insulated plastic cup.

Tea was made in a teapot, not from a bag.

Take-out was for garbage, not dinner.

Water came from the tap, not in a bottle that costs more per ounce than gasoline.

One thing we never had on the table were elbows, hats and phones!



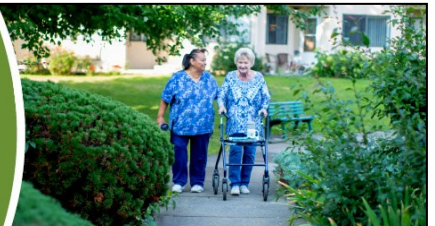
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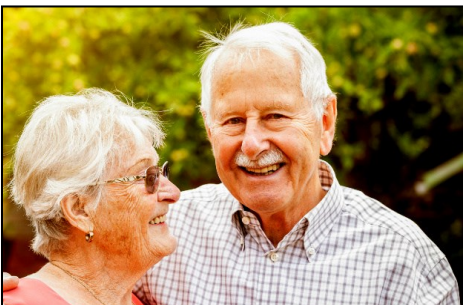
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Roman Holiday

A man was at his barber's getting his hair cut for a trip to Rome with his wife. He mentioned the trip to the barber, who responded, "Rome? Why would anyone want to go there? It's crowded and dirty. You're crazy to go to Rome. So, how are you getting there?"



"We're taking United," was the reply. "We got a great rate!"
 "United?" exclaimed the barber. "That's a terrible airline. Their planes are old, their flight attendants are rude, and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?"
 "We'll be at this exclusive hotel called the Via Veneto."
 "Don't go any further. I know that place. Everybody thinks it's gonna be something special and exclusive, but it's really a dump, the worst hotel in the city! The rooms are small, the service is surly, and they're overpriced. So, whatcha doing when you get there?"
 "We're going to go to see the Vatican and we hope to see the Pope."
 "That's rich," laughed the barber. "You and a million other people trying to see him. Boy, good luck on this lousy trip of yours. You're going to need it."

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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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A month later, the man returned for a haircut. The barber asked him about his trip to Rome.

“It was wonderful,” explained the man. “Not only were we on one of United’s brand-new planes, but it was over-booked and they bumped us up to first class. The food was wonderful, and I had a lovely flight attendant who waited on me hand and foot.

“And the hotel was great! They’d just finished a \$5-million remodeling job, and now it’s a jewel, the finest hotel in the city. They, too, were overbooked, so they apologized and gave us their penthouse suite at no extra charge!”

“Well,” muttered the barber, “That’s all well and good, but I know you didn’t get to see the Pope.”

“Actually, we were quite lucky, because, as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on the shoulder and explained that the Pope likes to meet some of the visitors, and



if I’d be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, the Pope would personally greet me. Sure enough, five minutes later, the Pope walked through the door and shook my hand! Then he spoke a few words to me.”

“Oh, really! What’d he say?”

He said, “Where’d you get that lousy haircut?”

**Subtracted Prefixes:
in—im—un—dis—non**

I have eptly cleaned my house, and it is not maculate anymore; it’s kempt and the beds are sheveled.

I am very grunted about this and even though it’s s wiely issue to break to the world, the house has array in a gainly way.

I would say it is even peccable, even though I am feeling flappable and a little plussed.

I started with a jointed plan, advertently bunking the fact that it could be done!



They are cute and seem harmless. But they can be mean, incredibly expensive to keep, and absolutely untrainable.

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



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"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."

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 she 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.

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Dress Code

A man went to a fancy restaurant, but was refused entry on the grounds that he wasn't wearing a tie.

"Hang on a minute" he said to the doorman, "I think I've got one in my car, I'll just go back and get it.

So the man went back to his car but after many minutes of searching failed to find a tie. All he could find was a set of jumper cables. So he wrapped them around his neck, tied them in a knot and returned to the restaurant.

"I couldn't find a tie, will this do?" he asked.

The doorman looked him up and down and said, "Well, I guess you can come in, but you'd better not start anything."

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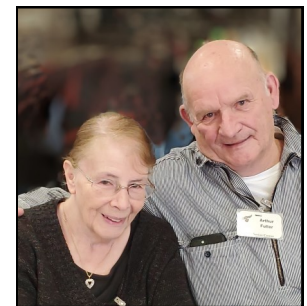
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