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1. Most people have never heard of the cantonists, young Jewish boys taken to the army for 25 years, tortured into converting. Community leaders had to supply a certain number of boys so they hired catchers..



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2. Tzemach Tzedek made organization to decrease numbers of boys taken and get boys back, mainly by taking them and having the official report that they had died on the way. They were then sent to far away Jewish communities.

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3. Golda Meir was very proud that her grandfather was a cantonist.



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4. A delegation came to S Petersburg and spent Yom Kippur in the Cantoninists shul and asked a cantoninst to be chazzan because of their self sacrifice they have a much closer connection to Hashem.



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5. Here the Torah talks about a prophet who seems real but wants to lead the Jews astray, not to listen to him. Why would G-d give him such powers? To test the Jews' dedication to G-d. Because a Jew who sticks to G-d when things are hard is closer to G-d.



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6. Nowadays we have tests, too, like going to synagogue on Saturday in stead of the golf course. Passing these test proves to G-d that we love Him with all our hearts and beings.

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