Extra Credit study guide for “Dreams in the Golden Country”

1. What grade was Zipporah (Zippy) placed in when she first came to America? Why?
2. What did Papa do that was a violation of Jewish law?
3. What is the apparent reason why the Feldmans left Russia?
4. Why did the old lady tell Tovah “Only fools believe in miracles”? What was she there to do?
5. Why did Mama declare Tovah to be dead?
6. What did Zippy do that would not have been allowed back in Russia?
7. What was Tovah trying to do that got her fired from the shirtwaist factory?
8. How did that save her life?
9. Who had the hardest time adjusting to life in America? Give two examples.

For additional extra credit, do research on the actual shirtwaist fire tragedy and write a paragraph or two about the incident. (See Triangle Shirtwaist Factory.)