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How come Parashat Toledot is called "Toledot (generations)"? It should rightfully be called "Yitzchak (Isaac)".

The Parasha begins, "*Eleh toledot Yitzchak* - These are the generations of Yitzchak". Parashat Noach begins the same way, "*Eleh toledot Noach* - These are the generations of Noach" and the Parasha is entitled "Noach".

Either both should be Toledot or one should be Noach and the other should be Yitzchak. Why then is one Noach and the other one Toledot?

Was Yitzchak not as great as Noach that he didn't merit to be the title of the Parasha?

I think there is a very valuable insight to be learned from the naming of the two Parashiyot.

Noach was a great historical personality, but his focus was on *his* circumstances alone. Noach was indeed great, the Torah calls him a 'Tzaddik', a righteous person, 'perfect' in his time. He was a man, *the* man, of that generation. Noach is the focus of that Parasha and it is therefore appropriate to name it after him, Noach!

When it comes to our forefathers, Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov (Jacob), the story is different. They are also fascinating personalities and

it is tremendously interesting to learn about them and from them, but it's not about them. They didn't live for themselves. They were walking in wet cement and paving the way for us, for all future generations. For our forefathers, it wasn't about them - it was about Toledot, future generations! Good parents don't just live for themselves. They live for Toledot.

There is so much to be learnt from our ancestors, but I think one key message to take away is that we don't just live for ourselves, we live for each other. We do things for other people, we care for others, and through that our own lives are enriched, and those of future generations.

Parasha Wordsearch

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