Finding Nice Things to Say

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In this week's Parsha, Parshat Noach, the Torah says "Ayleh Toldot Noach" (these are the generations of Noach). The Torah then says "Noach Eesh Tzadik" (Noach was a righteous man). Why does the Torah tell us about Noach, when it seems like it should be talking about Noach's generations? Rashi gives an answer. He says "Zecher Tzaddik Livracha" (may the memory of the righteous be a blessing). This means that we should speak about the great deeds and attributes of upright people. We monitor our speech for Lashon Hara, but is it enough? Why stop there? We should strive to find nice things to say especially about nice people!

Parsha Questions

- 1) What does the Torah call Noach? (Eesh Tzadik)
- 2) Who were Noach's 3 sons? (Shaim, Cham and Yefet)
- 3)Not including Noach and his family did the people who were alive before the flood steal? (Yes)
- 4) What measurement did Hashem use when giving instructions to Noach? (Amot)
- 5) Why did it take Noach so long to build the Teiva? (Hashem wanted people to do Teshuvah)
- 6) Noach was told to bring his wife, his family and 2 of each what? (Animal)
- 7)How many floors did the Teiva have? (3)
- 8) What was the bottom floor for? (Garbage)

- 9)How many times was the Yona sent out? (2 times)
- 10) What did the Yona return with the second time? (An olive branch)