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The actions and the history of our Avos empower,
Their children, to overcome similar challenges in the future.
This certainly applies to the command that Yitzchok was given,
To not go down to Egypt when in Eretz Yisrael there was a famine.

After the Akeidah, a perfect sacrifice, Yitzchok was considered to be,
Therefore he couldn't leave Eretz Yisrael, a land which is holy.
The lesson for us is that although we have been in Galus for so long,
We must realize that Eretz Yisrael is our land where we belong.

When Moshiach comes we will say to Yitzchok specifically,
"You are our father" because like him, we will be.
From Yitzchok we inherit the potential for inner perfection,
It will be fulfilled at the time of our redemption.

Avos we have three,
From Yitzchok we get the potential to be holy.
The inheritance that we get from Avraham Avinu,
Is the ability to go out into the world to make a difference there too!

Into two categories the Jewish people are divided,
Like Yissachar, to Torah study the first category is devoted.
Like Zevulun, the second category is involved in business,
Into mundane activities they bring holiness.

Both of these types of service in every Jew should be found,
Avraham taught the world that there is one G-d by traveling around.
Even Jews who focus on Torah study, at times must leave their own sphere,
To draw Jews closer to Hashem and Torah with love and care.

Yitzchok taught that inwards we must focus our attention,
Torah must be our only occupation.
Even those who in their business all day are busy,
Must set aside time each day to study Torah without worry.

So much potential Hashem does shower,
Now that we know our power,
Let's see what we can accomplish with what we do,
We can be spiritual parents and have spiritual children too!

The name of a Parsha reflects its theme,
Physical children and spiritual children is what Toldos does mean.
Rashi hints to this in his explanation:
"Offspring" refers to "Yaakov and Esav who the Parsha does mention."

"Yitzchok's offspring" do not only include those who toe the line,
Who are on the level of Yaakov and do what is Divine,
But it also includes those who are similar to Esav a bit,
We need to bring them close until to be "mentioned in the Parsha" they are fit.

The Parsha focuses entirely on Yitzchok's Divine service,
Who didn't involve himself with people outside of the realm of holiness,
Yet since this Parsha is called "offspring" it means that to a higher degree,
To acquire spiritual children, Yitzchok holds the key.

In order to see how this is true,
We must understand that the Rambam's view,
Is that even after Moshiach comes we will still have the obligation,
To teach the seven Noachide laws to every nation.

But instead of the Jews going out to inspire humanity,
We will be living in Eretz Yisrael and focusing on our own Torah study.
The nations will be attracted to Hashem's light which will shine forth openly,
On their own they will come to the Beis Hamikdash Hashlishi!

Yitzchok's Divine service is a microcosm of Moshiach, the future state,
Unlike Avraham who traveled to make Hashem's name great,
When there was a famine, to stay in Eretz Yisrael was Hashem's command,
His mission was to cause the Divine Presence to dwell in the holy land.

An example with Avimelech we see,
He and his comrades saw that Hashem was with Yitzchok clearly.
To leave his home and travel to Yitzchok to make a pact with him was his move,
He and his comrades were inspired to act in a way that Yitzchok would approve.

When producing spiritual children there are models two,
The first is to be like Avraham and go out to run after another Jew.
A great influence you will have it is true,
But the Jew won't look similar to you.

Like Avraham, we can inspire a person in their place,
But they are still stuck in the challenges of the world that they face,
Like Yitzchak, we can inspire a person to enter a holy Torah space,
The warmth and beauty of Yidishkeit they can fully embrace.

When a Jew sees the passion we have for the Torah and Mitzvos that we do,
And they say, "Hey, I want to be just like you!"
We are like a father who is a role model for his son,
A spiritual child, the Jew does become.

The Yitzchok model doesn't just influence a person,
But he transforms people into spiritual children,
By inspiring people to reach his level,
Until spiritually, their father they resemble.

This is why Parshas Toldos was chosen specifically,
To be the name for a Parsha that speaks about Yitzchok entirely,
Because Yitzchok truly holds the key,
For creating spiritual children for eternity.

The lesson is that you must invest in Torah study,
So that you will be filled with light, vitality and energy,
So that you will attract others like a bonfire,
This is when true spiritual children you acquire.

If you are in the world of business,
Fill yourself with Torah and Chayus,
So that when you encounter a Yid not only will you wake up their soul,
But to be like you, will be their goal.

If Torah is your occupation you must know that the purpose is to teach,
Until a Torah life every Jew does reach.
This is what gives Hashem the most pleasure,
And will lead to our redemption, a time of Yitzchok which means laughter.
