Assembly Notes

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Assembly Theme: Many "small' experiences add up to a miracle

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It normally takes about 45 minutes (give or take!) to read the Megillah on Purim. The actual story of Purim took place over a period of more than a decade!

We become aware of the hand of G-d (the miracle) in the Megillah through a string of episodes that may have seemed disconnected at the time. Then, suddenly, all the pieces of the puzzle were there and the greatness of the miracle was clear!

The other type of miracle is more famous: when the laws of nature are totally suspended. For example, the splitting of the Sea on Pesach. Which type of miracle is greater?

On the one hand, the supernatural miracles reveal G-dliness in an open, visible way. On the other hand, Chassidic teachings explain that the miracles clothed in nature have a great advantage. Supernatural miracles **overpower** the laws of nature and eliminate them. The miracles that appear to be coincidences actually get the natural world **as it is** to conform to G-d's Will and His Plan!

Purim teaches us to be aware of the presence of Hashem in all aspects of our life, even though it may take time to discern the details of the inner plan. But be sure: there is indeed a plan, and it will lead to a miracle.

Life is full of moments: challenges and opportunities. Purim teaches us that when we look back at the accumulated effects of our day by day dedication we will see miracles.

STORY OF THE REBBE

On Purim it is a Mitzvah to send Mishloach Manos gifts to each other. Countless people would send "Shlach Monos" to the Rebbe and the Rebbetzin. A lot of attention and creativity went into these food gifts for the Rebbe and the Rebbetzin, reflecting the people's love and admiration.

All of the gifts were laid out by an attendant on a long table or two so that the Rebbe would see them. Then, all the food and drinks were sent to the dormitories of the Baal Teshuvah Yeshivos and girls schools (such as Machon Chana for girls).

When our oldest daughter was in Bais Rivka Seminary in Crown Heights, she kept contact with the Rebbetzin and visited her occasionally. She went on Purim to deliver her Shlach Monos to the Rebbetzin. She saw these arrangements. For example, one family (Bistritsky) would send a large cake shaped according to a current theme of the Rebbe's talks. For example, when the Rebbe promoted creating Chabad Houses, the cake was shaped like a house with a sign. During the court trial over the seforim (Didan Notzach), the cake was shaped like a judge's gavel!

One year, a bochur from Hadar HaTorah (Yeshivah for Baalei Teshuvah) gave Shlach Monos in a plain brown paper bag. In it, was an orange and a large cookie. He couldn't afford more, but he was determined to let the Rebbe know of his love and respect. Naturally, it was placed on the long table with all the others.

When the Rebbetzin saw it, she told the attendant to send everything to the Yeshivos, but not that paper bag. This one you can see was given with the boy's heart and soul; I want it to grace the Purim table of the Rebbe.

You may sometimes feel that what you are doing is not of the best; but if it is your best and done with sincerity, it has a disproportionate effect.

Purim Sameach!

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