



G-d Has Many Messengers

Parshas Beshalach

Leilui Neshmas Meira Chaya Nechama Bracha A"H

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The man sitting in front of me was weeping bitterly, he was known as a generous man who was constantly involved in acts of kindness. Now he was devastated, his voice quivering. The Ministry of Agriculture was about to shut down his business of fruits and vegetable distribution, stating that it was illegal. What was he to do now? His livelihood depended on it. He had no idea that there were any legal or technical licensing issues with his business.

I tried to calm him, telling him that his charitable acts would not go unrewarded, and I was sure that the situation would be resolved. I asked him to provide me with the names of the officials who were involved in his case.

As we were speaking my assistant told me that "Halperin" in Bene Braq wished to meet with me. I was excited for I assumed he was speaking of the famed Rabbi Rephael Halperin OB"M. a generous and holy man, I was hoping that he would help in the financing of the building of a new Mikvah in Migdal Ha'Emek. The message was that he wished to meet me. I was glad to meet him and set a time.

When I came to the appointment I found someone else waiting for me, a different man with the name "Halperin" wanting to discuss another issue of public importance. At first I was disappointed, because I was really keen on building the Mikvah, but accepted the change in schedule, and hid my disappointment.

As I was sitting with him he told me of his vast experience working with Ministry of Agriculture. It turns out that one of the senior officials in the ministry wished to meet with me on a regarding a personal family matter. When I heard his name I was startled. It was the second time that day that I heard the name. A few hours ago I was searching for him, now I learned that he was trying to meet me!

This week on Tuesday we read the Parshas Ha'Man¹ about the Manna, a portion of our weekly parsha. Our sages tell us that reading the episode of the manna is very conducive for one's good income the entire year.

This custom is deeply rooted. Halacha dictates that one read this segment every day. One commentator explains that the episode teaches us to believe that our livelihood is decreed by Divine providence. In the Talmud Yerushalmi² we are taught that he who recites these verses is guaranteed that his livelihood will not be diminished.

The book Maor Einayim explains that there was a jar of Manna placed by the Holy Ark, which served as a reminder that G-d sustained the Jewish Nation after their exodus from Egypt. The Israelites did not know what the Manna was, as it was a high form of spirituality descending from the Heavens. Today, we too receive our sustenance from the Heavens, each one receiving his

portion in a different form. The Manna in the jar teaches us that although its form is physical, like livelihood which is achieved through work, it is all a spiritual gift from above.

This is why Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Reminov has instated the custom of the reciting the Parshas Ha'Man to educate us

that each and every one's sustenance is a holy gift descending from the Heavens on a daily basis.

The senior official met with me the next day and told me of his troubles. I wished him all the best and blessed him. He was relieved and glad. On his way out I told him that in order for the blessing to actualize he must do an act of kindness, and then I told him about the troubles of the fruits and vegetables merchant. He immediately said he would take care of it.

I told myself that G-d has many messengers. We merited witnessing G-d's unique providence as he cares for each individual's provisions. We actually saw the Manna in the jar which sustained our forefathers and from which we are sustained today.

¹ Shmot 16.

² Tractate Brachot

