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PURIM

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What's in a **NAME**

The word Purim comes from the Hebrew word “pur” meaning “lot,” since Haman cast “lots” to determine which day he planned to kill the Jews. Haman’s attempts, and in fact the entire Purim story, appear to be random - the result of chance happenings. Yet the lessons of Purim teach us that in reality G-d was behind everything that happened, guiding us the entire time. He was simply concealed.

This concept of G-d’s concealment is alluded to in Esther’s name, which means “hidden.” Her name articulates her very essence: her ability to find G-d in the time of greatest darkness and concealment. It was this ability that helped save

the Jewish people and turn Purim from a day of mourning into a day of celebration and joy.

We too can learn from Esther. When we are able to see behind the seemingly random events in our lives and find the guiding hand of G-d that is directing each moment with care, we will find that part of ourselves that - like Esther - can pierce through the armor of concealment, see depth in all the details of life, and bring joy and meaning to the daily events that form the tapestry of our lives.

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