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## Chaye Sara 5 - Shabbos Mevorchim Kislev

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Parshas Chayei Sarah is read most of the time,  
On Shabbos Mevorchim Kislev, the month in which the Menorah does shine.  
In the Parsha we learn that Sarah and Rivkah's candles remained lit all week,  
So what makes the lights of Chanukah so much more unique?

What was the miracle on Chanukah's first day?  
If there was enough oil to last for one day then why do we say,  
That the Chanukah miracle lasted for eight days?  
To explain what actually happened there are 3 ways.

1. The quantity of the oil increased miraculously,  
Either because after the Menorah was filled each night the jug stayed as full as can be.  
Or because after the first night although the jug was empty and the situation looked grim,  
Each morning the cups were replenished and were still full with oil to the brim.

The problem with this explanation,  
Is that in order to fulfill the Mitzvah obligation,  
The oil had to be squeezed from an olive naturally,  
New oil from heaven it couldn't be.

2. The quality of the oil changed miraculously,  
The oil lasted for eight times longer than it could usually.  
Either the oil was divided into 8 parts and only one part was used each night to light,  
Or the Menorah was filled but only  $\frac{1}{8}$  of the oil was consumed each night.

The problem with this explanation,  
Is that in order to fulfill the Mitzvah obligation,  
With the amount of  $\frac{1}{2}$  a לוג, the cups had to be filled each night completely,  
This measurement was set because for the longest winter nights it was necessary.

3. Hashem didn't just do something impossible that we could only imagine,  
Like the splitting of the sea or the miracle of Purim.  
But Hashem did the impossible of the impossible, two opposite things He did combine,  
The fire consumed the oil and didn't consume the oil at the same time.

It's something that we can't understand,  
Like writing and not writing at the same time with your hand,  
Or like the impossibility of comprehending how at the same time,  
A person could stand still and climb.

An example of this we find in the Torah with the Aron that had to be,  
 $1 \frac{1}{2}$  by  $2 \frac{1}{2}$  Amos exactly,  
Yet, it didn't take up any space,  
In the Kodesh Hakodashim which was the holiest place.

According to the first possibility,  
That the oil increased miraculously,  
Only in the beginning would the miracle be visible,  
Throughout the night the oil would burn in a way that is natural.

According to the second possibility,  
The fact that the oil would burn at a slower rate you could see,  
But the miracle would happen only in the hour,  
That Hashem would change the oil's power.

According to the third possibility,  
Of two opposites happening simultaneously,  
The miracle was seen clearly,  
And it happened constantly!

With regards to serving Hashem there are possibilities three,  
1. We start the day by saying Shema to acknowledge that Hashem is in control only,  
But throughout the day we serve Hashem according to what makes sense to you and me,  
Like the miracle of replenishing oil that can burn naturally.

2. The Shema that we say in the morning hour,  
Is visible throughout our day like the oil with visible long lasting power,  
Mesiras Nefesh is constantly on our mind,  
To go out of our box, the ability we find.

3. The Shema that we say daily,  
Makes us ready to have Mesiras Nefesh actually,  
Everything that throughout the day we do,  
Is driven by Mesiras Nefesh for Hakadosh Baruch Hu.

There are 3 different periods in Jewish history,

1. When the world is aware of Hashem and acknowledges that which is holy.  
An initial push of saying Shema in the morning,  
Is enough to keep us going.

2. When Hashem is hidden in a natural way,  
We need the awareness of Mesiras Nefesh to accompany us all day.  
So that we won't stray,  
And on the right path we will stay.

3. When the world tries to take us into captivity,  
And tries to block G-dliness actively,  
With Mesiras Nefesh, the darkness we must fight,  
To turn darkness into light!

Hashem performed the miracle of the oil to the highest degree,  
The impossible of the impossible came to be,  
The reason that Hashem performed the Chanukah miracle in this way,  
Is to reciprocate the love that the Yidden did display.

The Maccabees fought the Greeks, above and beyond logic every step of the way,  
And we can learn from them today!  
Each and every one of us must display Mesiras Nefesh in Hashem's army,  
Together we will bring Moshiach speedily!

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