

slight movement on Hashem's part, a wink, so to speak, to show Yosef that Hashem was at his side. That small notion from Hashem gave Yosef the strength and the optimism to continue, knowing that he was not alone, but that he had Hashem with him.

Similarly, after the Greeks defiled the mikdash, Hashem performed a miracle to literally "enlighten" the people, to indicate God's affection for their standing up in His honor!

Imagine that a family lost a valuable diamond that it had in their possession. After several hours one of the children was able to find the valuable gem. Of course everyone in the family is relieved and perhaps ecstatic. Yet, the father's kiss on the child's forehead is an extra bonus of affection that provides the child with an added sense of pride and satisfaction.

When Klal Yisrael go through difficult times, there's often a wink from Hashem, or a kiss on our forehead to remind us that He is with us. Perhaps He is hidden, but He is definitely present. We have to look for and find the little notion from Hashem hidden within the challenge. Within every difficult challenge, Hashem threads a glimmer of hope, a silver lining around the cloud. It is up to us to recognize this communication from Hashem and to comprehend that He is with us throughout our challenges and triumphs. ■

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