



DAILY BOOST

14 TEVES

CELEBRATING MIRACLES

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LIFTING OUR EYES

*During its forty years in the desert, the Jewish Nation faced a plague of poisonous snakes. In response, G-d told Moses, "Make yourself a serpent and put it on a pole (in Hebrew, "neis"), and let whoever is bitten look at it and live."
(Bamidbar 21:8)*

*About this, our sages taught: Does a snake cause death or life? However, when Israel looked heavenward and subjected their hearts to their Father in Heaven, they would be healed...
(Rashi, ibid. from Talmud, Rosh Hashanah 29a)*

In Hebrew, a miracle is referred to as a neis, which means a pole or banner, similar to the one that Moshe erected in the desert. The purpose of the original neis was to enable us to raise our eyes to G-d and thereby elevate our perception of reality. When we see the world from a higher vantage point, what we used to consider impossible now becomes possible, even natural.

Whenever you find a seemingly insurmountable challenge, realize that it is an opportunity to rise to a higher plane where the unthinkable becomes commonplace.

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