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Dvar Torah for Purim Based on Likutey Moharan II, Lesson #74

At first, all beginnings were from Pesach (Passover), which is why all the mitzvot are a "memorial to the exodus from Egypt." But, now....

Back then, when we and the rest of the world were all so much younger, when we left Egypt and slavery behind, God made all the noise. Ten big, devastating plagues, the splitting of the Red Sea. In a way that was loud and clear to all (except Pharaoh and his friends), incontrovertible, God let us and the whole world know that He exists, that He's all-powerful, and that He gets involved in Life, in a way that can be very "in your face."

But, now....

It's much harder to hear Him. His "footprint," as they say in computer slang, is very small: the programs are all running, but you aren't aware of what's behind them.

On Purim, we make the noise. We read the Megillah loud and clear, being careful not to miss a word as it's read. We joke and laugh, sing and dance, shout and stomp our feet. Because God has now, as it were, stepped into the background, we have to trumpet His miracles. Because God has stepped into the background, we have to step forward and make more of a positive impact on the world.

Rebbe Nachman writes that Purim is a path to Pesach. As we celebrate, we remove that which masks God, and apprise ourselves and all the world know that He is still very much involved. The first time we had to be freed, God did all the heavy lifting. Now it's our turn to what needs to be done, never forgetting Who's backstage directing the show.

afreilekhen Peerim!
Purim sameach!

If you drink, don't drive. Don't let the Purim joy be dissipated in any way, God forbid.