

PURIM SAMEACH FROM FR

ONE OF THE MAIN IDEAS IN THE STORY OF PURIM IS THAT EVERYTHING IS TURNED SIDE DOWN. HAMAN IS HANGED ON THE SAME GALLOWS THAT HE BUILT TO HANG MORDECHAL ESTHER, A PERSECUTED JEWESS WHOSE REAL NAME IS HADASSAH BECOMES THE QUEEN OF PERSIA. MORDECHAI THE ENEMY OF HAMAN RECEIVES THE KING'S HONOUR BY BEING PARADED AROUND TOWN ON A HORSE LED BY HAMAN! HAMAN PLANS TO DESTROY THE JEWS OF PERSIA, YET THEY ARE SAVED WHILST HAMAN AND HIS HENCHMEN ARE DESTROYED. NOTHING WAS THE WAY IT SEEMED.



the Megilla. Kings. Try it out for yourself when reading secret allusion to Harnem - The King of s si ji ,(sursused and ant of besordo whenever the Keep is mentioned (as In fact, our sages say that in the Meetins,

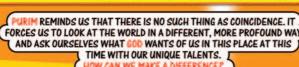
placed her in her unique position. Estiment to think about why God had He was still present. He challenges even though God's face was concealed royal position!" Mordechan knew that such a time as this that you attained the says to her, "Who knows if it was just for save the Jews someone else will. He famously tells Esther that if she doesn't Mordechal alludes to this when he

invisible strings. When someone hides from us they are still there – we just can't see them. conncidences or we can choose to see that God was hiding behind the scenes pulling We can look at the story of Puring and choose to call the unexpected events mere

Esther is one of only two books in the loran that does not mention the name of God. The word Esther comes from the word hester which means hidden and the Book of

> PURIM REMINDS US THAT THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS COINCIDENCE. IT FORCES US TO LOOK AT THE WORLD IN A DIFFERENT, MORE PROFOUND WAY AND ASK OURSELVES WHAT 600 WANTS OF US IN THIS PLACE AT THIS

> > **10W CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**







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