

A Chassidic Story (#23)

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Listen, if you're paying any sort of attention to what's going on in all the *parshas* (weekly portions) concerning the Avot and Imahot (Patriarchs and Matriarchs), you're certainly aware that every detail of their lives made—and continues to make—a big difference. Every detail of life is an example of Divine providence. Here's another example.

The holy Baal Shem Tov was once a guest at someone's home in Nemirov. He got up to go from a large room to a smaller room, but took a wrong turn and ended up in the cellar. "Check the mezuzahs," he said.

Someone there asked him, "Just because someone made a mistake he has to find a reason? Maybe it was just an accident."

The Baal Shem Tov responded, "By me, there are no accidents."

From here every person should learn to believe that everything happens due to Divine providence. He shouldn't attribute it to happenstance, God forbid.

May the merit of the tzaddikim protect us and all Yisrael.
Amen.

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