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Part 1

A Miracle for Those Who Fear Hashem

Tonight is Rosh Chodesh Kislev, so we begin to think of the big event that transpired this month. As we consider the daily siddur, we see that there is a family that got into the siddur. That family is found in all the siddurim in the world. With the exception of the machzor of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and the machzor of Pesach, Shavuot, and Sukkos, all siddurim in the world mention the name of one family, the Chashmona'im. It's a remarkable *zechiah* that they were *zocheh* to.

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Now, the Chashmona'im were *zocheh* because of more than one thing. Their accomplishments are manifold, and we don't have time to study all of them. But we shall choose one accomplishment now, and that is that a *neis* was done for their sake.

Now when a *neis* is done for somebody, it's a rare distinction. Like the *pasuk* says, נְתַתָּה לִירְאֵיךָ נֵס לְהִתְנוֹסֵס — “You gave to those who fear You a נֵס, a miracle, by which לְהִתְנוֹסֵס, to elevate themselves, to become prominent in the world” (*Tehillim* 60:6). A *neis* is a gift. And this gift, נְתַתָּה לִירְאֵיךָ, was given to those who fear You: the Chashmona'im. They received a נֵס, a miracle, לְהִתְנוֹסֵס, and thereby they become elevated.