

"Hashem has made me a master over all of Egypt." (45:9)

Yosef's statement regarding his influential position in Egypt hardly seems the proper news to relate to Yaakov. Would Yaakov be impressed and overjoyed with *"nachas"* that his son has become the Viceroy of Egypt? We must therefore say that it is not the actual position which Yosef has assumed that is being emphasized, but rather it is Yosef's description of this position. When one is elevated to a position, or receives a promotion of any kind, it is natural to say that it was either the result of the influence of an individual or a response to a specific action. Not so Yosef; he does not say that this position is due him because of a specific accomplishment, or as an award from a particular benefactor. Although there is an opportunity to mention these reasons, Yosef credits Hashem with his sudden transformation from lowly slave to Viceroy. The expression of *"Hashem has placed me"* demonstrates to Yaakov, that Yosef has not deviated from his father's teachings. His faith in Hashem is as firm as when he first left home. This then is truly a great source of joy and happiness for Yaakov.