

Hashem was with Yosef, and he became a successful man. (39:2)

Horav Bunim M'Peshischa notes the *Torah's* emphasis on Yosef's "remembering" the source of his success. He realized that the success he had achieved was only because "*Hashem was with Yosef*." All too often we pray to Hashem for various favors. Shortly after Hashem grants us His good will, we seem to forget the source of our beneficence.

Along these same lines, the *Chofetz Chaim* explains that in the *tefillah* that we say on the *Shabbos* prior to *Rosh Chodesh*, we implore Hashem to grant us a life replete with *yiraas Shomayim*, fear of Heaven, and *yiraas cheit*, fear of sin. Once again, at the end of the *tefillah*, we ask for *ahavas Torah u'yiraas Shomayim*, love of *Torah* and fear of Heaven. Why do we ask Hashem to grant us *yiraas Shomayim* twice?

The *Chofetz Chaim* relates that after our first request for *yiraas Shomayim*, we ask for a life of *osher v'kavod*, wealth and honor. Once a person has "tasted" a life of wealth and honor, he seldom retains the *yiraas Shomayim* he once had developed. Consequently, it is necessary to request *yiraas Shomayim* a second time.