

UTILIZING THE MOMENTS OF HEAVENLY COMPASSION

Sometimes, an individual can experience his own, personal *eis ratzon*, a particularly favorable time for prayers to be accepted. This is the case when the Almighty sends miraculous assistance to someone in a time of dire need. During these rare moments, one can feel the Almighty reaching into his life and providing a personal opportunity for him to draw himself closer.

To keep this sense of gratitude alive, it requires that one recite prayers of praise and thanks upon seeing places that recall God's benevolence.

A Jewish book of rabbinic writings, the Shulchan Aruch HaRav says that the *eis ratzon* that exists at certain times on earth emanates from a place in the Heavens that is above any place or time. By bringing this special point in time into the appropriate places and times in different parts of this world, the Almighty enables His children to benefit from these periods of grace.

When we seek out these places and times and use them to their maximum benefit, we throw open the floodgates of blessing from Above. Suddenly, that which was beyond our reach is close at hand. But the most life-altering result of calling upon the Almighty in an *eis ratzon* is the deep spiritual connection one is able to feel at that propitious time. The Almighty is close by, ready to listen, ready to accept all worthy prayers. Who can afford to miss such an opportunity?

POINTS TO PONDER

An eis ratzon can be personal, as when an individual experiences a miraculous rescue from danger.

One is required to recall the Almighty's personal benevolence by reciting a prayer of thanks whenever he sees the place at which the incident occurred.

A person's sincerity and desire for closeness to the Almighty activates the power of an eis ratzon.

Psalm 42:9 By day may the LORD command His faithful care, so that at night a song to Him may be with me, a prayer to the God of my life. (TNK)