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## Chag Hasukkos

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In the Beis Hamikdash's time,  
On the Mizbeach the Kohanim would pour wine,  
To accompany sacrifices that were brought by the Yidden,  
Wine represents serving Hashem with pleasure and passion.

But on the Sukkos holiday, we are commanded by Hashem our King,  
To draw water to pour on the Mizbeach, with joy, from a spring.  
Water doesn't have a natural component of joy, we are joyful because of Hashem's command,  
Water represents serving Hashem in a way that is not limited to what we feel and understand.

On Yom Kippur since our Yechida is revealed we reach a level so lofty,  
To have Mesiras Nefesh we are ready,  
But Hashem wants us to draw this inspiration into our lives daily,  
Therefore, on Sukkos we draw water specifically.

On Yom Kippur, a cloud of smoke filled the air,  
From the Ketores that was offered in the holy of holies, once a year.  
Into our lives that cloud we carry,  
By sitting in a Sukkah which represents Hashem's clouds of glory.

Into the Sukkah our entire bodies enter,  
To eat, drink and learn in the Sukkah, we endeavor,  
But the holiness still surrounds us in a Makif way,  
We personalize it through the Mitzvah of Lulav that we shake on this holiday.

We shake the Lulav and Esrog in every direction,  
But then draw them back to our heart is the Torah's instruction.  
The Mitzvah of Lulav and Esrog merges two opposites it's true,  
The level of Bittul and Mesiras Nefesh become one with the intellect and emotion of every Jew.

With which joyful Mitzvah should we begin?  
There is a difference of opinion.  
For ourselves the Lulav and Esrog we must first take is what the first opinion does say,  
But to draw the water first, on the first night, is Halacha's way.

According to both opinions the joy on the second night is greater, it is true,  
Because the drawing of the water was accompanied by musical instruments too.  
The joy that we feel after we personalize the oneness with Hashem can't compare,  
To the joy that surrounds us on the outside, it is clear.

On the other hand, in the time of Galus when the light of Mesiras Nefesh does shine,  
And it is much harder to internalize the Divine,  
We don't have to wait for night number two,  
As soon as Hashem's light surrounds us, it's a time of rejoicing for every Jew!

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