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Before Moshe's passing, he asked Hashem to appoint a leader for the Jews to be led,
He hoped that his son would be chosen but Hashem chose Yehoshua instead.
Hashem said "Take Yehoshua son of Nun, and lay your hand upon him,"
Moshe laid his hands upon him before his court of seventy Zekeinim.

From Yehoshua's appointment the Rambam proves that a rule for royalty,
Is that a Jewish king can take the throne only,
If he is appointed by a court of seventy, and a Navi,
From here we see that a king Yehoshua was considered to be.

Rambam later rules that when a king is appointed,
With oil he must be anointed,
So why did Moshe just place his hands on Yeshoshua's head,
Why wasn't he anointed with oil like the rest of the kings instead?

A Jewish leader's role,
Is to provide for both body and soul,
To teach Torah to every Jew,
And to lead them in battle too.

Moshe thought that the job could be divided easily,
He wanted his son to inherit his kingship and fight the wars to victory,
While the Torah should be taught by a Nasi with care,
But Hashem said that one crown two leaders can't share.

However, we find that later on in history,
 The jobs were divided seemingly,
 The Nasi with the Sanhedrin taught Torah and transmitted it from many to many,
 And Jewish kings fought against our enemies with bravery.

Although the Nasi held the highest position in Torah it is clear,
 To the power of the king it didn't compare,
 The crown only the king did wear,
 Only Hashem was above him to fear.

But in truth, body and soul are intertwined for the Jewish nation,
 The king also had to enforce the laws of the Sanhedrin.
 He promoted faith in Hashem so that every Neshama could shine bright,
 And the wars of Hashem he did fight.

A regular king gets anointed with oil,
 But Moshe and Yehoshua were kings that were more special,
 Since Moshe received the Torah as an individual from Hashem directly,
 And gave the power to transmit Torah to Yehoshua only.

They were kings in Torah, and Torah was their priority,
 Through being kings of Torah, in battle they also had victory.
 Since Torah was their greatest quality, it was passed down in a different way,
 Through Moshe placing his hands on Yehoshua before he passed away.

Semicha is the term for this special way of passing on Torah,
 It was used in every generation and in every Yeshiva,
 Until this very day,
 When students become Rabbis today.

With oil, anointed Moshiach will be,
 He will be a king that will destroy every enemy,
 But then a second stage will come,
 Moshiach's priority will be to teach Torah to everyone!

(To connect every Jew to the essence of Hashem is Moshiach's role,
 Therefore his goal is to reveal the essence of every Jewish soul,
 Through teaching Chassidus which is the essence of Torah it is clear,
 And to pure oil Chassidus does compare.)
