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## Rosh Hashana

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The pasuk says “Atem nitzavim hayom kulchem”  
You are all standing on this day “before Hashem”  
“This day” is the day of Rosh Hashanah when we  
Stand before Hashem and he judges us favorably

“You are standing” implies that it is not something we did  
Hashem Himself raises and stands upright every single Yid  
But we must add our own effort too which serves to maximize  
And multiply Hashem’s kindness, as we find favor in His eyes

When we, Yidden, are “mekadesh” time, sanctifying the day  
We express our human effort and contribution in this way  
And this is magnified when we gather together in a Hakhel year  
Celebrating with food and drink which “draws people together” in good cheer

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The Tzemach Tzedek’s birthday is on erev Rosh Hashanah  
When he was born, the Alter Rebbe recited a maamar on the  
Oath a person is made to take as we read in the Gemara  
That he promises to be tzaddik and to not be a Rasha

Rosh Hashanah which is the birth of Adam too  
Is really the birth of every soul, because “Adam is the name of every Jew.”  
So Erev Rosh Hashanah therefore is a time when  
Every Jew must swear to be a tzadik, before we are “born” again

This is intensified and seen in a clearer way  
 In a year when Rosh Hashanah falls on a Thursday and Friday  
 Since the first Rosh Hashanah was on a Friday but nowadays that cannot be  
 When the second day is Friday that's the closest we can achieve

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In the book of Nechemia, he and Ezra tell the Jews they should  
 Become reacquainted with Rosh Hashanah, and celebrate it with drink and food  
 On the second day, the people gathered with Ezra the Torah to read  
 And they discovered the mitzvah of Sukkos which had been forgotten indeed

The Yidden then committed to observing properly  
 The holiday of Sukkos in the coming days and to do it joyfully  
 "There was great rejoicing" as sukkahs were built by the men  
 At their homes and courtyards and "in the courtyards of Hashem"

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It was the second day of Rosh Hashanah when this farbrengen was held  
 And the Rebbe said that "already today" all Jews should feel propelled  
 By this story to ensure that every Jew is ready in every way  
 All their needs are met, materially and spiritually, for the upcoming Sukkos holiday.

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