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Chai Elul is a Yom Tov to celebrate,
The birthdays of two luminaries so great.
The Ba'al Shem Tov and the Alter Rebbe who were the pair,
To reveal Chassidus in this world down here.

Before the Ba'al Shem Tov came around, the Jewish nation did compare,
To a fetus in its mother's womb who is protected and has nothing to fear.
It's mother's food it does share,
But its life force comes from its mother, it is clear.

When the Ba'al Shem Tov came around the Jewish nation compared to a newborn baby,
Who becomes independent of its mother and has its own vitality.
The baby's life no longer comes from a separate outside source,
At birth the baby's body unites with its soul and gets its own life force.

Before the Ba'al Shem Tov, there were Yidden who learned Torah and did many Mitzvos too,
But they determined a Yid's value by the Torah and the Mitzvos that they did do.
The Ba'al Shem Tov revealed that it's who I am, not what I do, that makes me a Jew,
We don't need to plug into a life force but rather we are one with Hakadosh Baruch Hu.

The Alter Rebbe introduced Chassidus Chabad and said it's not enough for Jews to be alive,
To serve Hashem with every fiber of our being we must strive.
Just like in the womb, as the fetus develops it has all the limbs of a human,
But only after birth does every specific limb start to carry out its unique function.

The Alter Rebbe taught us to find the Creator in every creation,
 There is a tailor made life force that empowers every detail and action.
 It is not enough to be inspired and desire to connect to Hashem in a general way,
 We must use our unique talents and powers to serve Hashem every day.

All this becomes crystal clear,
 When we learn a Torah of the Ba'al Shem Tov that the Rebbe Rashab did hear,
 When on Chai Elul his soul visited the Ba'al Shem Tov in heaven,
 The Torah is based on the Passuk that speaks about the Bikkurim.

"You will come to the Eretz-Land," Eretz also means desire,
 When to Hashem you feel desire and your heart is on fire,
 "You shall place it in the basket," to the inspiration hold on tight,
 With your individual talents, harness your desire with all your might.

"You shall go to the place that Hashem has chosen,"
 Wherever you go, "To dwell His name there," is your mission.
 Hashem leads you to every place where you may roam,
 It is for the purpose of publicizing G-dliness and making this world into Hashem's home.

Just like a baby that impacts the world from its first cry,
 To every destination the Rebbe's Chassidim fly,
 It's not enough to work on ourselves but our goal,
 Is to reveal the essence of every Jewish soul.
