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Hoshaana Rabba

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There is a Midrash that is well known,
That the four species which are grown,
Compare to four types of Yidden,
We unite them together so that we can fulfill our Mitzvah obligation.

The Etrog which has a good smell and a good taste too,
Represents Jews who learn Torah and good deeds they also do.
The Lulav which comes from a date tree which has a good taste but no smell,
Represents Jews who lack good deeds but in Torah learning they excel.

The Hadassim which smell great but aren't tasty,
Represents Jews who lack Torah but do Mitzvos beautifully.
The Aravos who don't have a taste or smell fragrantly,
Are like Jews who don't have Torah or good deeds unfortunately.

The Frierdiker Rebbe gives an explanation that is deeper,
It can't be that the Aravos have neither.
Every Jew does more and more,
They learn Torah and do good deeds galore.

Besides, those who excel in Torah study,
Also fulfill Mitzvos certainly,
And those who perform good deeds actually,
Must possess knowledge of Torah to know how to fulfill the Mitzvos properly.

The difference lies in the manner and quality,
Of their Mitzvah observance and Torah study.
Torah is connected with intellect that is excellent,
And good deeds are connected with emotional refinement.

Between the four types, the distinction,
Is what motivates the Torah and Mitzvah action.
Some Jews are motivated to serve Hashem with intellect,
And others are motivated by emotional refinement.

The Aravah represents the simple person,
His observance lacks intellect and emotion.
But in truth the willows represent the Jews that are even greater,
Their service is motivated solely by simple faith and self sacrifice for our Creator!

Hoshaana Rabbah is the day of the willow,
It's time to highlight the Aravah, the true hero!
To use extra Aravos on this day is a Minhag that is as important as can be,
Therefore it will never fall out on Shabbos so that every year we can do it in actuality!

(Today all of our living hostages returned miraculously,
Every Jew's Emunah and Bitachon is shining super brightly!
We see Hashem's hand so clearly,
For the coming of Moshiach we are ready!)
