

yom tov
days of divine goodness

THE JEWISH YEAR IS PUNCTUATED BY DAYS OF HOLINESS AND CELEBRATION. THESE ARE THE FESTIVALS KNOWN AS YOMIM TOVIM – “DAYS OF DIVINE GOODNESS”.

WHILE THE FESTIVALS COMMEMORATE PAST EVENTS, THEY ARE INTENDED TO BE EXPERIENCED IN THE HERE-AND-NOW. THE SPIRITUAL ENERGY OF HISTORICAL OCCURRENCES REPEATS ITSELF IN OUR PERSONAL LIVES. EVERY YOM TOV HAS A UNIQUE GIFT OF ITS OWN, AN ENERGY THAT IT ADDS TO OUR LIVES EACH YEAR: A SPIRIT OF RENEWAL ON ROSH HASHANAH, THE POWER OF PURITY ON YOM KIPPUR, THE WIND OF FREEDOM ON PESACH AND THE BEAT OF JOY ON SUKKOT.

WHEN THESE DAYS OF INTENSE HOLINESS COME AROUND, IT IS NOT JUST A REPEAT OF LAST YEAR. NEW INSPIRATION COMES. THE FREEDOM WE EXPERIENCED LAST PESACH IS NOT ENOUGH FOR THIS YEAR. WE NEED TO FIND THE PLACE THAT KEEPS US IN EXILE BOTH PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY TODAY, AT THIS MOMENT. THE JOY OF LAST SUKKOT WILL NOT SUFFICE FOR THIS SUKKOT. WE HAVE TO TAKE IT TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL. WE ARE CONSTANTLY MOVING FURTHER AND DEEPER ALONG THE JOURNEY OF TIME INFUSING EACH MOMENT WITH OUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL.

THE DIVINE GOODNESS THAT DESCENDS ON A YOM TOV MUST BE ABSORBED. WE ARE PHYSICAL BEINGS AND OUR WAY OF EXPERIENCING GOODNESS IS THROUGH PHYSICAL MEANS: PRAYER, CELEBRATION AND SONG, FINE FOODS, WINE AND BEAUTIFULLY ADORNED FESTIVE TABLES.

ODEM INVITES YOU TO DRINK IN THE GOODNESS OF HOLY DAYS AND LET YOUR LIFE SPIRAL UPWARDS TO THE EVER INCREASING HEIGHTS OF YOUR TRUE POTENTIAL.