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Succoth, 1948.

1) Last 3 days - (1) S-48 (1)
 Beat a small bunch of willow - (Succa 4.5)
 The day was known as willow branch
 prayer beg. with important -
 times as meaning -
 Part of ancient rite of
 fruitfulness and rain.

(a) In later times - connected this day with the
 judgment period beg. with P. H. & ending on H. Rabbah.
 (written) - (seabed) - on H. R. begins to take effect.
 Still time bet. J. R. & H. R. for ~~the~~ change in laws -
 of ~~law~~ as J. R. - man had not been perfect.
 (b) Remained until all night - Study - - / 17x -
 of sections for Bible - Talmud + Zohar - + spec.
 from for J. R. liturgy were included in H. R.

2/ 8th day - x 28 Nul - concluding day of 100
 Antifading pattern - it - Pray for rain (pl. 7.)
 Raining season in Pal. beg. in at atlat. this time.
 And it is of interest that long after Jews left
 P- & came to countries where the rain
 season came at a diff time, the Jews ^{while praying in the rain} ~~the Jews~~ ^{in the rain}
 still retained this pl. 7. prayer on 23rd, etc -
 as symbol of their unbroken attachment to the
 land, their forefathers -

3/. The 5th day - was actually the 2nd day of rest and -
but it came to have a special significance - & a special
name שבת -

① Cycle of שבת - Reading completed on שבת -
and on the Sabbath following began again with first
chapters / verses.

② Great rejoicing - on שבת - both last section
of D. & first section, rejoicing was read - continuously -

שבת / שבת - And שבת / שבת - refurbishment
שבת / שבת - dancing - rejoicing

③ Procession with bells - dancing - rejoicing
Carnival - Empire cut of material / שבת -
after drum dismantled

4/. Very remarkable - this rejoicing with שבת

Considering how much Jew suffered - marksmen
we would not expect him to be so happily
happy over it. But he has always been!

In fact 2 holidays celebrating שבת - שבת
and שבת - ghettos - שבת / שבת

5/. They loved it - It gave dignity - meaning - flour to
their humble lives -

Never a burden - noble task - a challenge - a ³ fulfillment

(a) Rabbi Chavaya ben Ashaya said - "The Holy One - our
pleased to bestow great merit upon Israel - and great
opportunities for worldly wealth - therefore He gave
them a copy of the law and many commandments;

(b) Our forefathers did not want an easy-going religion
religion - a faith which made no demands and
called for no sacrifices. - No value!

(c) Great, new, commanding religious demand all
their followers - the determination that while
living by the thought of God - Renounce every
pleasure - desires - lusts - Jealousy - pride
of wealth - even love of honour and power and glory and rest
of any kind - restraint - and self-denial for faith

(d) אין אדם יכול לעמוד בלא - The King of the world
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that - which many Jews then put their children

- a unimpaired knowledge - a unimpaired religion

- a unimpaired study of the law - nothing to be in the way

the little children

propagated the idea of the king of the world - and a unimpaired
that was not the idea of the king of the world - and a unimpaired

