



Abba Hillel Silver Collection Digitization Project

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Succoth, 1952.

1) 5 days ago -

עשרה ימים

הוא ימים אלו - altogether

5-524

No conflict

3 ימים

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2) אלו - a joyous holiday - as are all Harvest festivals

In fact - happiest festival of year - in ancient times

3 Times - to rejoice - everybody - including stranger. Widow

4. On 2nd Eve ערב אלו - Celebration of Water-Drawing

in Temple + Jerusalem - During Rainy Season the

ceremony of drawing water - מכל - golden vessel -

symbolized the prayer for rain -

5) Jer. was crowded - Pilgrimage

to remember אלו

at night - a sea of flame

Mr. Shuman "He who has

seen the rejoicing at the flow, the drawing"

3). A joyous holiday, indeed - and yet אלו - "to cast a

shadow" - Rabbi's loshon - shadow exceed -

6) And frail - open to cold winds - אלו -

7) To symbolize - impermanence + insecurity of life

in midst of harvest abundance + joy

One should take to heart - "our days as light & shadow..."

8) אלו (Josh).

- אלו and אלו - to point up in midst of harvest

- to correct man's behavior with sober reflection

- maintain balance - not to yield to utter orgiastic
Bacchic revelry - unbridled + bounties

nature festivals -

4/ Moderation in all things - Moderate + help, honest - not to be
spurred only excess - which corrupts + destroys.

possibility of true enjoyment

- Our religion desires that men Way of life
Not self-denial, self-discipline - but forgo, enlivened

5/ emph of not possib - 'as if'

Rejoice, O young man in thy youth
And let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth -
And walk in the ways of thy heart, and in the sight, thine eye
But know, that for all these things
God will bring thee into judgment

6/ In the midst of celebration - responsibility - humility.
Similarly in midst gloom - faith - confidence - hope.

7/ 4 plants are symbolic.
2nd and 3rd - stately palm - 'Victory' - + the fruit, the
Goodly trees - life triumphant, successful, prosperant
with happiness

~~they are~~
humble trees & Willows, the brook - servant
devotion

they are to be held together -

When in joy - remember transient joy - is seem
when in gloom - is any anyway, heartless

When in sorrow - is any anyway - and forgo repair
happiness - Master your father - and see all

I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards; I made me gardens and parks, and I planted trees in them of all kinds of fruit; I made me pools of water, to water therefrom the wood springing up with trees; I acquired men-servants and maid-servants, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of herds and flocks, above all that were before me in Jerusalem; I gathered me also silver and gold, and treasure such as kings and the provinces have as their own; I got me men-singers and women-singers, and the delights of the sons of men, women very many. So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem; also my wisdom stood me in stead. And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them; I withheld not my heart from any joy, for my heart had joy of all my labour; and this was my portion from all my labour. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do; and, behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was no profit under the sun.