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NITZAVIM—VAYEILECH

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A BLESSING EMPOWERING MANY BLESSINGS

Hashem Himself blesses the month of *Tishrei*. With this power the Jewish people bless the eleven months of the coming year.

On the Shabbat prior we read the portion of *Nitzavim*, bringing with it G-d's blessing.

— - *The Baal Shem Tov* — -

Emphasis on entire portion, including both NITZAVIM & VAYEILECH.

FOUNDATION & FLOW

The NITZAVIM-VAYEILECH dynamic

NITZAVIM – Stand firm

Anchored, unchanged, constant

VAYEILECH – Proceed

Progression, growth, expansion, change

Discover this pattern in Judaism's three "pillars":



TORAH



PRAYER



MITZVAHS



TORAH:

Written Torah: FIXED

Reading is paramount

Equal gift to all Jews

Oral Torah: EXPANDING

Comprehension is paramount

Appreciation varies greatly

TORAH'S EVOLUTION:

Remain true to Torah's derivation rules...

It was all given to Moses at Sinai...

...to uncover Torah innovations

...including all a learned scholar will innovate



PRAYER:

Daily obligation on all

service of the heart

General awareness of God

Prayer's ascending ladder

Amida's opening & closing
3 blessing: unchanged

Middle blessings vary: weekday,
Shabbat, Holidays, Days of Awe



MITZVOT:

613 Mitzvot—no more & no less

Basic observance; beyond letter of law;
meticulous; doubly meticulous

BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER

NITZAVIM

GOD'S GIFT:

Torah's eternity & consistency

VAYEILECH

JEW'S RECEPTION:

Fluctuating, developing & growing



God blesses TISHREI

Jews bless remaining 11 months

THE DIVINE DYNAMIC

Within God Himself:

Pleasure (<i>taanug</i>)	Desire (<i>ratzon</i>)
"It brings Me great pleasure..."	"...that I spoke & My Will was fulfilled"
Tranquility—at rest within self	"Running"—drawn outward

Rosh Hashanah Application:

Evoking God's pleasure	Evoking God's desire
"Our Father"	"Our King"



TAKE AWAY

- Same mitzvahs performed by all Jews
- Performed uniquely by YOU

- Trial leaders brought identical gifts & offerings
- It's repeated 12 times in Torah

- Mitzvah on Jewish King to write 2 Torahs:

*"It shall be with him; he should read in it
all the days of his life"*

(Deut. 17:19)

