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# *Simkhat Torah*

THE POWER OF THE WORD

**I GOT A PUN BUT IT'S PRETTY BAD**



**BEAR WITH ME**

The guy who fell onto an  
upholstery machine

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.

**Police were summoned to a  
daycare center**

Police were summoned to a daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.





**So, why are we here today?**

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*mikra kodesh* מִקְרָא-קֹדֶשׁ

Vayikra/Lev 23.33-36

*mikra kodesh* מִקְרָא-קֹדֶשׁ

a holy convocation from

*kara* קָרָא

to read; to call out to, to summon

A holy calling out

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Vayikra/Lev 23.33-36 a solemn assembly

*atseret* עֲצֵרֶת

assembly, rally; (talmudic) Shavuot,  
Feast of Weeks; (mathematics) factorial

*atsar* עֲצַר

**to stop**, to halt; to imprison, to  
detain; to prevent



**On a bus in Israel.**

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עצור

היום תשעה ימים שהם  
שבוע אחד ושני ימים לעומד

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1 <sup>st</sup> Day	Sukkot	holy convocation מִקְרָא-קֹדֶשׁ <i>mikra kodesh</i>	
7 <sup>th</sup> Day			
8 <sup>th</sup> Day	Shemini Atseret	Mikra kodesh PLUS a solemn assembly <i>atseret</i> עֲצֵרֶת The stop day	
9 <sup>th</sup> Day			

# The seventh day:

Yn 7.33-39 Now on the last day of the festival, Hoshana Rabbah, Yeshua stood and cried out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him keep coming to me and drinking! Whoever puts his trust in me, as the Scripture says,

**The seventh day:**

**Yn 7.33-39 rivers of living water will flow from his inmost being!” (Now he said this about the Spirit, whom those who trusted in him were to receive later — the Spirit had not yet been given, because Yeshua had not yet been glorified.)**

So, the eighth day is the

*atseret* עֲצֵרֶת

The stop day

The seventh day is Hoshanna  
Rabbah

Then a ninth day, Simkhat Torah,  
was added.

In Orthodox and Conservative communities outside Israel, Shemini Atzeret is a two-day holiday and the Simkhat Torah festivities are observed on the second day. The first day is referred to as "Shemini Atzeret" and the second day as "Simchat Torah"

In Israel, Shemini Atzeret and Simkhat Torah are celebrated on the same day.



<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Day</b></p>	<p><b>Sukkot</b></p>	<p>holy convo- cation מִקְרָא-קֹדֶשׁ <i>mikra kodesh 4 species</i></p>	
<p><b>7<sup>th</sup> Day</b></p>	<p><b>Hoshannah Rabba</b> Water drawing</p>		
<p><b>8<sup>th</sup> Day</b></p>	<p><b>Shemini Atseret</b></p>	<p>Mikra kodesh PLUS a solemn assembly= <i>atseret</i> עֲצֵרֶת The stop day</p>	<p><b>Combined in Israel, and by others in the diaspora, us.</b></p>
<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> Day</b></p>	<p><b>Simkhat Torah = Rejoicing in the Torah</b></p>	<p><b>Rewinding the scroll, dancing</b></p>	

There is some evidence that dancing with the Torah scrolls goes back to the first century, the century of Yeshua.

Why such a fervent and additional festivity?

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T'hillim/Ps 1.1-2 How blessed are those who reject the advice of the wicked, don't stand on the way of sinners or sit where scoffers sit! Their delight is in ADONI's Torah; on his Torah they meditate day and night.

T'hillim/Ps 1.3,6 They are like trees  
planted by streams — they bear  
their fruit in season, **their leaves  
never wither, everything they do  
succeeds.** For ADONI watches  
over the way of the righteous, but  
the way of the wicked is doomed.

T'hilim/Ps 19.8-12 The Torah of ADONI is perfect, **restoring the inner person**. The instruction of ADONI is sure, making wise the thoughtless. The precepts of ADONI are right, rejoicing the heart. The mitzvah of ADONI is pure, enlightening the eyes.

T'hillim/Ps 19.8-12 The fear of ADONI is clean, enduring forever. The rulings of ADONI are true, they are righteous altogether, more desirable than gold, than much fine gold, also sweeter than honey or drippings from the honeycomb. Through them your servant is warned; in obeying them there is great reward.

T'hillim/Ps 119.1-3 **How happy** are those whose way of life is blameless, who live by the Torah of ADONI! **How happy** are those who observe his instruction, who seek him wholeheartedly! They do nothing wrong but live by his ways.



T'hilim/Ps 119.9 How can a young man  
keep his way pure? By guarding it  
according to your word.

**T'hillim/Ps 119.11-16 I will meditate on  
your precepts and keep my eyes  
on your ways. I will find my  
delight in your regulations. I will  
not forget your word.**

T'hillim/Ps 119.11-16 I treasure your word in my heart, so that I won't sin against you. Blessed are you, ADONI! Teach me your laws. I proclaim with my mouth all the rulings you have spoken. I rejoice in the way of your instruction more than in any kind of wealth.

T'hillim/Ps 119.18,38-40 **Open my eyes, so that I will see wonders from your Torah. Fulfill your promise, which you made to your servant, which you made to those who fear you. Avert the disgrace which I dread, for your rulings are good. See how I long for your precepts; in your righteousness, give me life!**

T'hillim/Ps 119.65-37 You have treated your servant well, ADONI, in keeping with your word. Teach me good judgment and knowledge, because I trust in your mitzvot. Before I was humbled, I used to go astray; but now I observe your word.

For wayward children, many  
scriptures. One of the  
strongest...

Yeshayahu / Is 60.4-5 **Lift up your eyes  
and look all around: they all  
gather—they come to you— your  
sons will come from far away,  
your daughters carried on the hip.  
Then you will see and be radiant,  
and your heart will throb and  
swell with joy.**

**A cosmic dimension of the Word.  
Far out!**



T'hillim/Ps 33.6 By the word of ADONI  
the heavens were made, and their  
whole host צבָאָ *tsava* [the  
military; army; multitude] by a  
breath from his mouth.

Yn 1.1-3 In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were made through Him, and apart from Him nothing was made that has come into being.

The Word = Logos = Davar דבר

Ber/Gen 1.1-2 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was chaos and waste, darkness was on the surface of the deep, and the Ruach Elohim was hovering upon the surface of the water. Then God said, “Let there be light!” and there was light.

G-d existed before space-time.  
Then He caused the pulse of  
space time and light **by the Word**  
= Logos = Davar.

The Logos = the logic

But the logic is the math!

So G-d paused to get the  
equations of creation formulated.

# General relativity

$$E = mc^2$$

Gravitational field equation,  
bending of space time.

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}R g_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}.$$

# The Essence of Quantum Mechanics Part 2

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^4}{24} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} - \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{120} - \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

Mishlei/ Prov 8.30-32 I was the craftsman  
beside Him, I was His daily  
delight, always rejoicing before  
Him, rejoicing in His whole world,  
and delighting in mankind. “So  
now, children, listen to me!  
Blessed are those who keep my  
ways.

# Applying the Word



Yn 15.3-4 You are already clean  
because of the word I have  
spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I  
will abide in you. The branch  
cannot itself produce fruit, unless  
it abides on the vine. Likewise,  
you cannot produce fruit unless  
you abide in Me.

Yn 15.7-8 “If you abide in Me **and My words abide in you**, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you. In this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.”

Yn 15.10-12 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and your joy may be full. "This is My commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you.

Yn 14.13-14 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **If you ask Me** anything in My name, I will do it.

Dvarim 6.4-6 “Sh’ma, Yisra’el! ADONI Eloheinu, ADONI ekhad [Hear, Isra’el! ADONI our God, ADONI is one]; and you are to love ADONI your God with all your heart, all your being and all your resources. These words, which I am ordering you today, are to be on your heart

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**A success story**





**The historic photo above shows 52,121 Bible believers from the marketplace who gathered in downtown Kansas City in 1923 to honor Messiah.**

**Napoleon W Dible,  
1842–1916, was well  
known in Kansas City  
as an architect, and  
his Tudor style houses  
still fill Ward Parkway  
and the Brookside and  
Waldo areas.**



**He had four basic floor plans, and his goal was to build affordable, well-built homes.**



His company made their profit by selling homes at a low price but selling lots of them. Dible kept a tight rein on his business: “He called his salesmen after dinner each night for a daily report, asking each one, ‘What’s it going to be, steak or hot dogs?’” writes historian Susan Jezak Ford.

**When the president of William Jewell College, Dr. David Jones Evans, stepped down from his presidency to pastor First Baptist Church of Kansas City, he recruited Dible to lead the Business Men's Bible Class. Starting at just 35 members, Dible brought the class membership into the thousands.**







**Dible carried this same dedication and ambition from his housing business into his service at his congregation.**

**Dible organized the study into a military model, with captains and lieutenants over groups of 50 and 100. He rallied men together to become the largest Bible study. One Sunday morning in 1923, over 52,000 men in suits**



flooded the streets of Kansas City with a banner over their heads that read, “Business Men’s Bible Class.” On the day of the event, seventy-five buglers rode through the city, sounding the call. The mayor of Independence came, as well as Missouri Governor Arthur Hyde.



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# The power of the Word in Hebrew

**William Bradford, Governor of the Plymouth Colony, was fanatical about the Hebrew language. He taught himself Hebrew because he wanted to read the Scriptures in their original language. He believed that after his death, he would speak Hebrew with God and the angels. Bradford was also in favor of Hebrew being the language of their new country.**

This would be another way to separate from all things “English.” They would speak the language of the Bible. A vote was taken on the *Mayflower* to determine which language the settlers would speak in the New World.

According to an article by Tsivya Fox in *Breaking Israel News*,  
“How Hebrew Almost Became  
the Official Language of  
America,” Hebrew lost by only  
one vote. Imagine: if Hebrew had  
won, we would all be speaking  
the Holy Tongue today!

During the time of the American Revolution, the topic resurfaced, since a linguistic separation was deemed appropriate to follow a political separation. In 1780, Hebrew was once again proposed as the official American language.



Marquis de Chastellux, a companion of George Washington, wrote that, “certain members of Congress proposed that the use of English be formally prohibited in the United States, and Hebrew substituted for it.”

**Don't think everyone will love you,  
just because you are filled with  
love, and the Word, and love of  
the Israel of the Word.**

A group of diverse students is walking across a grassy area in front of a red brick building. The students are dressed in casual attire, including jackets, hoodies, and backpacks. The scene is captured in a slightly dim, overcast light, suggesting an outdoor campus setting. The text is overlaid on the image, with 'One-third' and 'antisemitism' highlighted in blue boxes.

**One-third** of Jewish  
students have experienced  
**antisemitism** on  
college campuses.

**The High Holidays have been  
about**

- Repetance**
- Atonement**
- His presence among us**
- Now: keeping it by His Word!!**

1. Do you KNOW Yeshua and the assurance of sins forgiven?
2. Are you hearing daily from His Word?
3. How are you applying what you heard?
4. Are you asking this of another?

