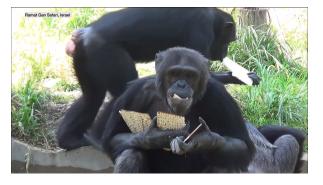
[The effects of a looooong Seder]



[From Janette Ramos. Note the Passover-Aggressive side? However, the joys of Matzah...]





Same place as the lions rolling in

coffee last week.

Screen shots of video.



50 Days
Counting the Omer
[Said the blessing and counted earlier.]



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Counting_of_the_Omer]

Why do this count?

We are commanded...

[Commanded...]

Lev 23.15-16 "From the day after the day of rest — that is, from the day you bring the sheaf for waving — <u>you are to count</u> <u>seven full weeks</u>, until the day after the seventh week; <u>you are to count</u> <u>fifty days</u>; and then you are to present a new grain offering to ADONI."

[Note: Two things to count, weeks, days.

NOT counting the omer, counting the $\underline{\textit{days}}$ and $\underline{\textit{weeks}}$ during the binding of the omers/sheaves/bundles]

You are to count for yourselves

ו**ספר**תם לכם

to count ; to enumerate סָבַּר

seven full weeks

you are to count fifty days;

Count aloud for yourselves L'kem לֶבֶם

[Another construction of this verb is: to read aloud, to relate, to tell (a joke, a story); to talk about

Rabbinic interp: <u>The sole stipulation</u> of the commandment is that the number of the particular day of the Omer [period] be <u>spoken aloud</u>.

Of all the weird and legalistic ideas, why count each day? Calendar counts them to yourselves יְלָם לְכָם לְכָם

All in Israel were obliged to number those days, except women and servants Maimon. Hilchot Tamidin Umusaphim, c. 7. sect. 24.

The manner of doing it was this: Shulchan Arukh, par. 1. c. 489. sect. 1 On the night of the second (day of the Passover), after the evening prayer, they began to number,

[I'M an equal opportunity counter

Women and servants included!!]

but if anyone forgot to number at the beginning of the night, he went and numbered [in] the night; for the commandment is for everyone to number by himself, and he ought to number standing, and to bless first, and **number the days and weeks:**

[But WHY do this??]

Risky time of year: wheat crop is maturing, in danger of frost, hail, thunderstorm, insects "white to harvest" Time of semi-mourning: disasters especially first 33 days

- Holocaust Memorial
- Yom HaZikaron

יום הזיכרון לשואה ולגבורה]

Orig Nisan 14, beginning of Warsaw uprising, just < Pesakh Count ki careful, number our days.]

 $^{\text{Tehillim/Ps}\,90.12}\,$ So teach us to count our days, so that we will become wise.

T'hillim/Ps 79:8 **Don't count past iniquities** against us, but let your compassion come quickly to meet us, for we have been brought very low.

[Stop here, count our days





[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K638qDe5CMI]

Why do this count? seven full weeks

Fifty days

Acts 2:1 The festival of Shavu'ot [שָׁבֵעוֹת weeks] arrived, [Seven Sabbaths not in regular sense]

and the believers all gathered together in one place.

Acts 2.1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come συμπλεροο Phonetic Spelling soom-play-ro'-o

Definition συμπλεροο

- •to fill completely, of the hold of a ship
- •to complete entirely, be fulfilled: of time

Acts 2.1-4 The festival of Shavu'ot arrived, and the believers all gathered together in one place. Suddenly there came a sound from the sky like the roar of a violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Acts 2.1-4 Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire, which separated and came to rest on each one of them. They were all filled with the Ruakh HaKodesh and began to talk in different languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak. [Similarly, several years later...]

Acts 11.15-16 I had hardly begun speaking when the Ruakh HaKodesh fell on them, just as on us at the beginning! And I remembered that the Lord had said, 'Yokhanan used to immerse people in water, but you will be immersed in the Ruakh HaKodesh.'

[At Cornelius' house, same effect as after the counting... the Ruakh]

We are today at the beginning of this 50-day count. Day 7, actually, and this message really should have been given on Day 1. Next year? 2019 Pesakh is also on Friday/Saturday.

First Day of Omer Count Sunday, April 28, 2019. Extra service? [Our people are commanded to make this a special day, Day 1, last Sunday, but no synagogue on earth does, except Messianics, get the meaning of this otherwise obscure day, which starts the Omer count...]

Vayikra/Lev. 23.10-11 "Tell the people of Isra'el, 'After you enter the land I am giving you and harvest its ripe crops, you are to bring a sheaf of the **firstfruits of your harvest to the cohen.**

Vayikra/Lev. 23.10-11 He is to wave the sheaf before ADONI, so that you will be accepted; the cohen is to wave it on the day after the Shabbat [=Pesakh].

Cohen waving the barley firstfruits, expressing faith in the new harvest, new life Resurrection

[Kevin Howard & Marv Rosenthal
The Feasts of the Lord. p 74]



^{1 Cor.15.20-21} But now Messiah has been **raised from the dead, the <u>firstfruits</u> of those who have fallen asleep**. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also has come through a Man.

[This is the Biblical symbol of resurrection, not lilies, not eggs, not bunnies, although all things are sanctified by chocolate.

Barley is the first of the firstfruits, the first winter grain to come ripe in the Middle East.]

^{1 Cor. 15.3-9} For among the first things I passed on to you was what I also received, namely this: the Messiah died for our sins, in accordance with what the *Tanakh* says; and he was buried; and he was raised on the third day, in accordance

^{1 Cor. 15.3-9} with what the *Tanakh* says; and he was seen by Kefa, then by the Twelve; and afterwards he was seen by more than five hundred brothers at one

time, the majority of whom are still alive, though some have died. Later **he was** seen by Ya'akov,

[And they were transformed by what they <u>saw</u>.]

^{1 Cor. 15.3-9} then by all the emissaries; and **last of all he was seen by me**, even though I was born at the wrong time. For I am the least of all the emissaries, unfit to be called an emissary, because I persecuted the Messianic Community of God.

Acts 9.1-6 Sha'ul, still breathing murderous threats against the Lord's talmidim, went to the cohen hagadol and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Dammesek, authorizing him to arrest any people he might find,

Acts 9.1-6 whether men or women, who belonged to "the Way," and bring them back to Yerushalayim. He was on the road and nearing Dammesek, when suddenly a light from heaven flashed all around him.

Acts Falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Sha'ul! Sha'ul! Why do you keep persecuting me?" "Sir, who are you?" he asked. "I am Yeshua, and you are persecuting me.

Yokhanan/Jn 20.24-29 Now T'oma (the name means "twin"), one of the Twelve, was not with them when Yeshua came. When the other talmidim told him, "We have seen the Lord," he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger into the place where the nails were and put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe it."

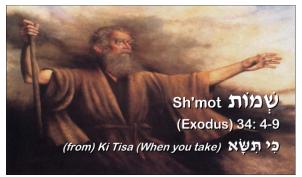
Yokhanan/Jin 20.24-29 A week later his talmidim were once more in the room, and this time T'oma was with them. Although the doors were locked, Yeshua came, stood among them and said, "Shalom aleikhem!" Then he said to T'oma, "Put your finger here, look at my hands,

[Addressed Toma in his very point of doubt!]

Yokhanan/Jn 20.24-29 take your hand and put it into my side. Don't be lacking in trust, but have trust!" T'oma answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Yeshua said to him, "Have you trusted **because you have seen me?** How blessed are those who do not see, but trust anyway!"

don't see Him now, you trust Him and are filled with a joy that is glorious beyond words, receiving the outcome of your faith—the salvation of your souls. [Do you love Him? Trust Him. Seen the resurrected Messiah in the Ruakh, in the sweetness of your forgiveness?

Let's wave now. Halleluyah!]



[Moshe had many revelations of G-d's glory, but not greater than this one.]

Sh'mot (Exodus) 34:4

וַיִּפְסֹׁל שָׁנֵי־לַחֹּת אֲבַנִּים כַּרָאשׁנִים וַיַּשְׁכֵּם מֹשֵׁה בַבּּקר`

Moshe cut two stone tablets like the first. Then he got up early in the morning

Sh'mot (Exodus) 34:4

וַיַּעַל אֶל־הַר סִינִי כַּאֲשֵׁר צוָה יָהוָה אֹתוֹ וַיַּקַח בְּיַדוֹ שְׁנֵי לַחָת אַבַנִים:

with the two stone tablets in his hands, ascended Mount Sinai, as Adoni had ordered him to do.

Sh'mot (Exodus) 34:5

ווַיֵּרֶד יְהוָה בֶּעָׂנָן וַיִּתְיַצֵּב עִמְּוֹ שָׁם וַיִּקְרָא בִשִּׁם יִהוָה:

Adoni descended in the cloud, stood with him there and pronounced the name of Adoni.

Sh'mot (Exodus) 34:6

ּ וְיַּצְבֹּר יְהֹנָה וֹ עַל־פָּנִיוֹ וַיִּקְרָא יְהָנָה וֹ יְהֹוָה אָל רַחִוּם וְחַגִּוּן אָרֶדְּ אַפַּיִם וְרַב־חֶסֶד וָאֲמֶת

Adonai passed before him and proclaimed: "YUD-HEH-VAV-HEH!!! Yud-Heh-Vav-Heh [Adoni] is God, merciful and compassionate, slow to anger, rich in grace and truth;

Sh'mot (Exodus) 34:7

ַנֹצֵר חֵלֶסֶד לָאֲלָבִּים נֹשֵּא עָוֹן וָבֵשַׁע וְחַשָּאָה וְנַקָּה לְא יִנַקֶּה נֹצֵיר

"showing grace to the thousandth generation, forgiving offenses, crimes and sins; yet not exonerating the guilty

Sh'mot (Exodus) 34:7

נפֹקָד ֹ וֹ עֲוֹן אָבוֹת עַל־בָּנִים וְעַל־בְּגֵי בָנִים עַל־שִׁלֵשִׁים וְעַל־רְבֵּעִים:

but causing the negative effects of the parents' offenses to be experienced by their children and grandchildren, and even by the third and fourth generations."

Sh'mot (Exodus) 34:8

וַיִּמַהָר משה וַיִּקֹד אַרְצַה וַיִּשְׁתַּחוּ:

At once Moshe bowed his head to the ground, prostrated himself

Sh'mot (Exodus) 34:9

וַנֹּאמֶר אָם־נַא מַצַּאתִי חָן בְּעֵינֵיךּ אֲדֹנַי יֵלֶדְינָא אֲדֹנֵי בְּקְרְבֵּנוּ

and said, "If I have now found favor in your view, Adonai, then please let Adonai go with us,

Sh'mot (Exodus) 34:9

בָּי עַם־קשַה־ערף הוא וְסֻלַחָתַ לַעוֹנֵנוּ וּלְחַטַאתֵנוּ וּנְחַלְתַּנוּ:

even though they are a stiffnecked people; and pardon our offenses and our sin; and take us as your possession."

[Moshe had long since turned to serve the G-d of Israel, but this was a sort of second revelation, or third!]

Yeshua's Great Prayer for His followers

Yn 17.22-24 The glory which you have given to me, I have given to them; so that they may be one, just as we are one — I united with them and you with me, so that they may be completely one, and the world thus realize that you sent me, Yn 17.22-24 and that you have loved them just as you have loved me. "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am; so that they may see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

[Have you seen His resurrection glory, by faith? Let's wave the barley!!]



Yechezk'el (Ezekiel) 37:11 וַיּאמֶר אֵלֵי בֶּרָאָדֶם הָעֲצָמְוֹת הָאֵלֶה כָּל־בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל הֻמָּה הִנֵּה אֹמְרִים יָבְשְׁוּ עַצְמוֹתֵינוּ וָאַבְדֵה תִקוֹתֵנוּ נָאַרָנוּ לֵנוּ:

Then he said to me, "Human being! These bones are the whole house of Isra'el; and they are saying, 'Our bones have dried up, our hope is gone, and we are completely cut off.'

[Sort of stopped counting. No hope. Not waving.]

Yechezk'el (Ezekiel) 37:12

לָכֵן הִנְבֹּא וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵיהָם כְּה־אָמַר אֲדְנָי יְהוִה הְנֵה אֲנִי פֹתֵׁחַ אֶת־קְבְרוֹתֵיכֶם וָהַעֵּלֵיתִי אֵתְכֵם מִקְּבִרוֹתִיכֵם עַמֵּי וְהָבָאתִי אֵתְכֵם אֵל־אַדְמֵת יִשְׁרָאֵל: (ס)

"Therefore prophesy; say to them that *Adonai Elohim* says, 'My people! I will open your graves and make you get up out of your graves, and I will bring you into the land of Isra'el.

[Apparently about national resurrection, not physical, but the images are parallel]

Yechezk'el (Ezekiel) 37:13

: וֵידַעְתֶּם בִּּייאֲנֵי יְהוֶה בְּפִתְחֵי אֶת־קְבְרוֹתֵיכֶם וּבְהַעְלוֹתֵי אֶתְכֶם מִקּבְרוֹתֵיכֶם עַמֵּי:

'Then you will know that I am Adoni — when I have opened your graves and made you get up out of your graves, my people!

Yechezk'el (Ezekiel) 37:14 וְנָתַתָּי רוּחֶי בָכֶם וִחְיִיתֶם וְהִנַּחְתִּי אֶתְכֶם עַלֹּאַדְמַתְּכֶם וִידַעְתֶּם כִּי ְאֲנִי יְהְוֶה דְּבַּרְתִּי וְעָשֻיתִי נְאֻם־יְהְוָה: (פ)

'I will put my Spirit in you; and you will be alive. Then I will place you in your own land; and you will know that I, *Adonai*, have spoken, and that I have done it,' says *Adonai*."



[https://youtu.be/ZVUUpwt0IQQ

I viewed this on 16mm in her apartment in 1971 with Dolah, the daughter of Eliezer Ben Yehuda. Shira showed it to Golda Meir. Play 3:10 to 5:20]

Jewish people, and those grafted in are STILL facing death, overwhelming odds. However, our hope is in the Resurrection of Messiah, and our resurrection to come, spiritually, nationally, eternally!

Hamas aims to replace Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas and his veteran PLO cronies. Hamas blames them for collaborating with the enemy and entertaining the heresy of a two-state deal.

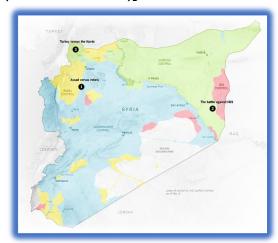
Its leaders hope that the March of Return (and the televised sacrifices of its young martyrs) will incite impressionable viewers sign on as recruits in a new and improved intifada.

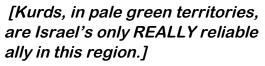
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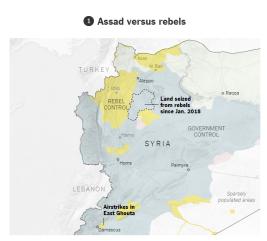


[https://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-hamas-cynically-sent-7-year-old-girl-to-breach-gaza-border/

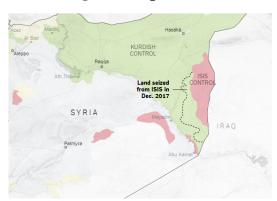
A picture taken on March 30, 2018 from the southern Israeli kibbutz of Nahal Oz across the border from the Gaza strip shows tear gas grenades falling during a Palestinian city protest, with Israeli soldiers seen below in the foreground. (AFP/Jack Guez)]



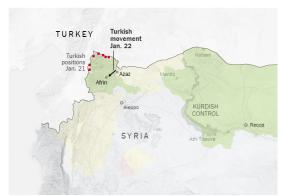




2 The battle against ISIS











[Hearing the voice of G-d, the revelation of His presence, in a sense.

http://www.jerusalemonline.com/news/in-israel/local/100000-gather-for-priestly-blessing-35312?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=The+Latest+News+From+Israel&utm_campaign=MiddayNewsletter+-+Recurring

The mass priestly blessing ceremony is held twice a year, during Passover and Sukkot.]



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_yLKRInM6Po]

Rev. 11.15 The seventh angel sounded his shofar; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and his Messiah, and he will rule forever and ever!" [Ongoing warfare, intensifying in our day!]

Wednesday, February 14, 2018, a deranged teenager with an assault weapon violently ended the lives of 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School only 20 minutes north of our home. M'kaila Brown, a ninth-grade Christian student at the school, was walking down the hallway from her classroom when she heard a voice say, "Turn back." She was a bit confused at hearing this, but quickly returned to her classroom. And then she heard shots, from the direction in which she had been walking. M'kaila managed to get back to her classroom in time to join

a teacher and other students. The teacher locked the door behind them, and then led them to another room within that room, so that they had double protection. M'kaila's mother has been quoted as saying that she was so glad that her daughter obeyed THE VOICE OF GOD. It probably saved her life. "Give ear and hear My voice. Listen and hear My speech" (Isaiah 28:23). The Shulamite maiden (the bride) in the Song of Songs longs to hear the voice of her beloved. She cries out, "The voice of my beloved!"

(קול דודי kohl doe-DEE) (Song 2:8). In Song 5:2, she hears him saying, "Open for me, my sister, my love, my dove, my perfect one..." Words of love and intimacy. She hears his voice because they are in close relationship.

^{1 Corinthians 15:20} "But now Messiah is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." **The Voice Of God Proclaims**: The resurrection is intrinsically associated with the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

The separation occurred at the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D., but the truth is the truth: The death, burial, and resurrection of Yeshua happened during a Jewish feast.

[http://www.jewishjewels.org/blog/the-voice-of-the-lord/?utm_source=April+2018&utm_campaign= May+Newsletter+2017%21&utm_medium=email]

Story from Clint Hall, "retired" pastor in this building ~20 years when it was owned by Westbrooke.

Las Vegas is considered the graveyard of missions. "Sin City" We have outreach backwards. Expect newcomers, who walk in, to

- Behave
- Believe, then
- Belong

People need to belong first. Acceptance, welcome. Res hope. With that approach they've immersed 2000 new believers.

Yeshua's order

- Belong [feel acceptance]
- Believe [hear the Word]
- Behave [Ruakh/Spirit leads]

[I had a transgender person say to me recently, "They felt uplifted at Or HaOlam."]

Yn.17.25-26 Righteous Father, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these people have known that you sent me. I made your name known to

them, and I will continue to make it known; so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I myself may be united with them."

Do we know Him in resurrection glory, albeit by faith?

Saw the movie, *I Can Only Imagine*. "Go into your pain, and find the joy.

- If you live out of your woundedness, you'll sow death.
- I believe in the resurrection power of prayer!!

¹ Kefa/Peter 1.8-9</sup> Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. And even though **you don't see Him now**, you <u>trust</u> Him and are filled with a joy that is glorious beyond words, receiving the outcome of your faith—the salvation of your souls.