

The Seder (order) for the Sephirot HaOmer.

Night of May 1, 2010 which is 18th of Iyar. This is the semi holiday of Lag B'Omer. See our blog for more information.

Say all of the below while standing and facing East towards Jerusalem or the Rising of the Sun. The reason we stand is that we are metaphorically making Tikune (correction) on the Supernal Adam (Man) which we have damaged.

1. This step will cause your soul to knowingly do this Mitzvah with the proper Kavenah (intention).

Please say the following:

לשם יחוד קודשה בריך הוא ושכינתיה (יאהדונהי) בדחילו
ורחימו (יאההויהה) ורחימו ודחילו (איההויהה) ליחדה שם
יו"ד הי בוא"ו הי ביחודה שלים (יהוה) בשם כל ישראל
הנה אנחנו באים לקיים מצות ספירת העומר : לעשות
נחת - רוח ליוצרנו ולעשות רצון בוראנו : ויהי נעם אדני
אלהנו עלינו ומעשה ידינו כוננה עלינו ימעשה ידינו
: כוננהו :

Leshem Yechud Kudsha Berich Hu VeShekintay (יאהדונהי) Bidchilu
Urchimu (יאההויהה) Urchimu Udchilu (איההויהה) Leyachda Shem Yood
Hay and Vav Hay Beyachuda Shalaim (יהוה) BeShem Kol Israel Henay
Anachnu Ba'Aim Lekayaim Mitzvat Sephirat HaOmer. LaAsot Nachat
Ruach LeYotzranu VeLaAsot Ratzon Boranu. Vayhi Noam Adonai
Elohainu Alainu UmaAsay Yadainu Connah Alainu Yamaseh Yadainu
Conanaihu.

For the sake of unification between the Holy Blessed One and His Shechinah, with fear and love and with Love and Fear, in order to unify the Name Yood Hay and Vav Hay in perfect unity, and in the Name of all Israel, we have hereby come to fulfill the commandment

4 וחמשה ימים

HaYoM SHeLoSHiM USHLoSHaH YoM LaOMeR SHeHaiM
ARBaAH SHaVuOT VeCHaMeSHaH YaMiM

Thirty Three Days of the Omer which are Four Weeks and Five Days
(This is the actual counting in two styles)

5. Ohr Penimi - Inner Light

הרחמן הוא יחזיר עבודת בית המקדש למקומה במהרה

HaRachaman Hu YaChazeir Ahvodat Bait Hamikdash Limkoma h
Bimharah BeYamanu AMEN:

6. Per the ARI (Rabbi Issac Luria) we utilize Psalm 67 in 2 specific ways to cleanse specific attributes of our character in order to elevate a specific Sefhira. This Psalm is unique in that it has 7 verses with 49 words and the middle verse has 49 Letters. We will utilize a word each day (colored Purple) during the counting and also a Letter (colored Red) within the middle verse for spiritual cleansing. The more one learns about each Letter and Word the stronger their cleansing will be. The cleansing a specific character trait in order to move higher (closer) to Hashem.

Psalm 67 תהילים פרק סז

(א) לַמְנַצֵּחַ בְּנִגִּינַת מִזְמוֹר שִׁיר:

LamnatzaAch BinGeNot Mizmor Shir:

For the musician, a melodious Psalm and a Song:

This first verse does not count as one of the 7 verses as it is describing the type of Psalm:

(ב) אֱלֹהִים יִחַנְנוּ וַיְבָרְכֵנוּ יְיָ אֵר פָּנָיו אֶתָנוּ סְלָה:

EloHim YaChaNainu YaAir Panav ETanu Selah:

May Elohim give us Favor and Bless Us, May He Shine His Face upon us Selah!

(ג) לְדַעַת בְּאָרֶץ דְּרַכְךָ בְּכֹל גּוֹיִם יְשׁוּעָתְךָ:

LadaAt BaAretz Darkehcha Bekol Goyim YeShuAhTecha:

To Know your ways (path) of/to your salvation, in the Land (or the World) in All (Every)
Nations.

(ד) יוֹדוּךָ עַמִּים אֱלֹהִים יוֹדוּךָ עַמִּים כְּלָם:

Yoducha Ahmim Elohim Yoducha Ahmim KuLam:

The Nations shall Give Thanks to You Elohim, All the Nations Shall Give Thanks.

Above is the proper English translation. Below is the translation based only the words themselves.

Your Thanks the Nations (also Sea People) Elohim Your Thanks All of the Nations

(ה) יִשְׂמְחוּ וַיִּרְנְנוּ לְאֲמִים כִּי תִשְׁפּוֹט עַמִּים מִיִּשְׂרָאֵל

וְלְאֲמִים בְּאֶרֶץ תַּנְחִים סְלָה:

Yismechu Verannu LeUMiM Ki TeshPot AhMiM MiShor UluMim BaAretz Tanchaim SELAH:

There are actually only 47 Letters in this verse not 49 as the ARI teaches. He adds the Blue Vav's to add a total of 49 Letters. This is quite a common technique since the vowel itself is the Vav only the word is spelled incompletely and will change when the Mashiach arrives.

The People will Rejoice and Sing with, because you judge Nations with fairness, and you guide Peoples on The Land (of Israel), Selah

The Vav is a connecting tool. Evaluate yourself - where do you need connection improvement - HaShem? Family? Neighbors? Friends? or all of them?

(ו) יוֹדוּךָ עַמִּים אֱלֹהִים יוֹדוּךָ עַמִּים כְּלָם:

Yoducha Ahmim Elohim Yoducha Ahmim Kulam:

Your thanks, Peoples God (in the frame of judgment or nature) (More to follow each Day)

Are you following God's plan or are you using Elohim as a man made judge? What do you need to do to change Elohim into HaShem?

(ז) אֶרֶץ נִתְּנָה יְבוּלָהּ יְבָרְכֵנוּ אֱלֹהִים אֱלֹהֵינוּ:

Ehretz Natnah Yevulah Yevarkanu Elohim Ehlohainu:

(ח) יְבָרְכֵנוּ אֱלֹהִים וַיִּירָאוּ אוֹתוֹ כָּל אַפְסֵי אֶרֶץ:

Yevarkanu Elohim VeYeru Oto Kal Afsai Aretz:

7. It is now time to say the Ana Bekoach which has 42 words (actually 49 - the seventh word in each verse is the all of the first letters of the other six words - they are printed at the end of the verse). This is the 3rd cleansing tool that we will do tonight. The Letter that we will use tonight will be colored Green. Stop and meditate on that Letter colored Green and the Kavenah written about it below.

Meditation while saying the first verse of the Ana Bekoach is "unconditional Love". As well as removing the negative aspect of the physical world as well as the Power of Redemption.

חסד-Chesed

אנא בכח. גדולת 'מינק. תתיר צרורה. אבג יתצ

Tzerurah Tatir Yemincha Gedulat BeCoach Ana
7th word is pronounced Aleph Bet Gimmel Yood Taf Tzadi.

Meditation while saying the second Verse. Tear up the Negativity within you which we call Satan.

גבורה-Gevurah

קבל רנת. עמך שגבנו. טהרנו נורא. קרע שטן

Norah Taharenu Sagvenu Amcha Rinat Kabel
Awesome Our Purified Our Praise Your People Rejoicing Receive
The 7th word is pronounced Koof Resh Ayin Sin Tet Noon Sofit.

תפארת-Tiferet

נא גבור. דורשי 'חודך. כבבת שמרם. נגד יכש

Shamraim Cevavat YeChudecha Dorshai Gibor Na

Observe Like a Letter Bet Your uniqueness Demand Strengthen Please
The 7th word is pronounced Nun Gimmel Dalet Yood Caf Shin

נצח - Netzach

ברכם טחרם. רחמי צדקתך. תמיד גמלם.

בתר צנג

Gamlaim Tamid Tzidkatecha Rachamai Tacharaim Barchaim
Grant Them Eternal Righteous Compassion Purify Them Bless Them
The 7th word is pronounced Bet Tet Resh Tzadi Taf Gimmel

הוד - Hod

חסין קדוש. ברוב טובך. נהל עדתך: חקבטנע

Adatecha Nahail Toovcha Barchaim Kadosh Chasin
Your People Govern Goodness Abundance Holy Invincible
Your

The 7th word is pronounced Chet Koof Bet Tet Nun Ayin

The letter Nun has two shapes. One is a final letter. One form is called bent and the other straight. How can you be more straight and less bent in your life?

יסוד - Yesod

יחיד גאה. לעמך פנה. זוכרי קדושתך. יגל פזק

Kedushatecha Zochrai Penai Le-Amcha Ga-eh Yachid
Your Holiness remember Turn Your People Proud Unity

The 7th word is pronounced Yood Gimmel Lamed Pey Zion Koof

מלכות - Malchut

שועתנו קבלו שמע צעקתנו. יודע תעלומות.

שקוצית

Ta-Alumot Yodaya Tziakatanu Ooshmah Kabel Shavatenu
Hidden You Know Our Wail And Hear Receive Our Cry

The 7th word is pronounced Shin Koof Vav Tzadi Yood Taf

ברוך שם כבוד מלכותו לעולם ועד

Va-Ed Le-Olam Malchuto Kevod Shem Baruch
Forever World Your Kingdom Honor Name Blessing

8. Starting Here and continuing is the Third method of counting of the Omer.

Please say the following in which ever language you prefer. Hebrew is recommended:

רבונו של עולם: אתה צויתנו על ידי משה עבדך לספור
ספירת העומר כדי לטהרנו מקלפותנו ומטומאתינו כמו
שכתבת בתורתך: וספרתם לכם ממחרת השבת מיום
הביאכם את עמר התנופה שבע שבתות תמימת תהיינה:
עד ממחרת השבת השביעת תספרו חמשים יום כדי
שיטהרו נפשות עמך ישראל מזוהמתם: ובכן יהי רצון
מלפניך יהוה אלהים ואלהי אבותינו שבסכות ספירת
העומר שספרתי היום יתקן מה שפגמתי בספירה

הוד שבהוד

(after saying the Name of the Sephira Stop and Meditate on the thoughts stated here)

Traits of Hod

Majesty

Splendor

Praise

Submission

Potential Manifestation

Humbleness

This week is in the frame of Hod. How does submitting assist you to become more humble?

What does Potential Manifestation look like in the frame of Submission?

ואטהר ואתקדש בקדשה דל מעלה אמן סלה

Ribono Shel Olam, Ata Tzivitanu All Ydi Moshe Avdecha LiSPor
Sepherot HaOMeR KeDai LetaHaRaiNu MiklePoTaNu
UMTuMATaiNu KiMo ShKaTaVTa BeToRaTach: USPaRTaM
LaChem MimCHaRaT HaSHaBaT MeYoM HaVeAhCHeM ET
OMeR HaTeNuFah SheVa SheBaToT TeMiMoT Te'YeNa:
MiMaCHaRaT HaSHaBaT HaSHVeIT TeSaFRU CHaMiSHiM YoM
KeDai SHeYeTaHaRu NaFSHoT AhMCHa YiSRaEL
MeZoHaMaTaM: UVCHaiN YeHi RaTZoN MilFaNeCHa HaShem
ELoHaNu ELoHai AVoTaNu SheBiZKuT SeFiRuT HaOMeR
SHeSeFaRTi HaYoM YeTuKaN Ma SHePaGaMTe BeSePHeRa

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continue in Hebrew

VeTaHaiR VeETKaDeSH BeKDuSHa SHeL MaALa Amein SeLah:

Master of the World, You have Commanded us through Moshe Your Servant to enumerate the counting of the Omer, in order to purify us from the Klipot and our defilements. This is as it is written in Your Torah: And you shall count for yourselves, from the day following the Shabbat, from the day on which you bring the portion of your wave offering, there shall be 7 complete weeks, until the day following the seventh week. You shall count 50 days so that the spirits of your Nation Israel shall be purified from their defilements (Leviticus 23:15-16): Therefore may it be pleasing before you HaShem our God and the God of our ForeFathers, that by virtue of the Counting of the Omer, that I have counted today, the flow that I have caused in the

Sefirah of

Hod SBHeBeHoD

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will be corrected and I shall be purified and sanctified with supernal sanctity, AMEN SELAH:

New Section

One of the character traits that can be worked upon is called Love Honesty. Honesty is a subset of Truth. What does Honesty look like in your life? How is it different than Truth in your life?

You have now completed 33 days which is Four Weeks and Five Days Counting of the Omer.

Please note Our sages could have had us count down to the Holiday of Shavuot. This would be like a child who says to himself My Birthday is 50 days away, now 45 days away, now 5 days away. Instead they have us count up to Shavuot. One, Two, Ten, Twenty, Fourty Two etc.

Why do you think they did this? Send me your answer to yeshshem@hotmail.com

There is additional tool to assist us in our spiritual work on this day. Each day of the year there are Tzadikim (Righteous People) who have chosen to leave this world on a particular day. There is a connection between these souls and this day. They ask us to utilize their connection to strengthen our own connection to our spiritual actions during this day. The more one learns about a particular Tzadik, the better is ones connection to their connection. All these actions are bringing us closer to Hashem.

Historically Birthdays have not been celebrated by the Jewish World until the last 200 - 300 years. Kabbalah teaches that the Birthdate represent the Keter or potential of the Soul while the Death Anniversary or Hilula represents the actual accomplishments of the Soul. While the Hilula is the stronger of the two from our perspective we can also utilize the Birth Date of a Tzadik to assist us in our

spiritual connection.

The Tzadikim who died on Yood Chet (18th) of Iyar are:

Rebbi Shimon bar Yochai, See: Lag BaOmer in any search engine

Rabbi Moshe ben Rabbi Yisrael Iserles, the Rama

Rabbi Shlomo ben Rabbi Moshe of Kishenev (1828 which is 5528 in the Hebrew Calendar) Talmid of the Rebbe, Reb Elimelech of Lizensk and the Rebbe, Reb Shmelke of Nikolsberg. He said he would help whoever mentions his name together with his mother's name, Rabbi Shlomo ben Feiga

Rabbi Shlomo ben Rabbi Shlomo Amar (1872 which is 5632 in the Hebrew Calendar) -Shetilei Zeitim

Rabbi Moshe Kohen Narol (1659 which is 5419 in the Hebrew Calendar), Rov of Metz and author of Sefer Kel Molei Rachamim

Rabbi Uri Feivel HaLevi , wrote Sefer Mikdash Me'at

Another tool we can use to enhance our spiritual cleansing during this period of the Omer is the Writings of the Prophets (Naviim). There are 48 Male Prophets and 7 Female Prophets. This allows us to create a set of 49 relationships between the Days of the Omer and each Navi (Prophet).

The Prophet that is best to use for the Thirtieth Third Day of the Omer, which is Netzach SeBe Hod, is Isaiah or Yeshayahu.

Verses from the Torah about Isaiah start at the book of Kings Beit

Chapter 19 Verse 2

וַיִּשְׁלַח אֶת אֱלִיאִקִים אֲשֶׁר עַל הַבַּיִת וְשִׁבְנָא הַסֹּפֵר וְאֶת
זְקֵנֵי הַכֹּהֲנִים מִתְכַּסִּים בְּשִׁקִּים אֶל יִשְׁעֵיהוּ הַנְּבִיא בֶן
אָמוֹץ:

And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amotz.

May we all internalize the Attributes of Hod of Hod and grow to the level of Prophecy represented by Isaiah Ben Amotz.