

## Counting the Omer סְפִירַת הָעֹמֶר

The commandment to bring an Omer of Barley for 49 days after the Passover, and an Omer of wheat on the Day of Shavuot (i.e. Pentecost); comes from, Leviticus 23:9-21. It is also a Biblical commandment to "count" 49 days or 7 weeks until the festival of Shavuot. If the Passover has spiritual and symbolic prophetic fulfillment of the Messiah's atoning death; then what is significant of this Omer count and the Day of Shavuot? The Master said, "Amen, amen I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains alone. But if it dies, it produces much fruit." (John 12:24). It is clear that His Death and His Resurrection has prophetic significance in the festival of "Bikkurim" (First Fruits) another name for the Feast of Weeks (i.e. "Shavuot"). It is on this Day that the "New Grain" of Wheat is first brought into the Temple as an offering of First Fruits. This offering points us to the resurrection of the dead, as described by Shaliach Shaul, "But now Messiah has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." (1 Corinth 15:20). Edersheim (Edersheim, 1883) also describes it.<sup>1</sup>

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו על ספירת העומר:

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, Asher Kidshanu B'mitzvotav V'tzivanu Al Sefirat Haomer.  
Amen

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

לְמַנְצֵחַ בְּנִגְיֹת, מְזִמֹּר נְשִׁיר

יָאֵר פָּנָיו אֵתָנוּ אֱלֹהִים, יִחַנְנוּ וַיְבָרְכֵנוּ;

May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. Selah

סֵלָה.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

בְּכָל-גּוֹיִם, יִשׁוּעַתְךָ לְדַעַת בְּאֶרֶץ דְּרָכֶךָ;

יִדְוֶה עַמִּים אֱלֹהִים: יִדְוֶה, עַמִּים כָּלָם

May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

יִשְׂמְחוּ וַיְרַנְּנוּ, לְאֲמִים

כִּי-תִשְׁפֹּט עַמִּים מִיִּשְׂרָאֵל; וּלְאֲמִים, בְּאֶרֶץ

The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.

תְּנַחֵם סֵלָה.

יִדְוֶה עַמִּים אֱלֹהִים: יִדְוֶה, עַמִּים כָּלָם

<sup>1</sup> It was probably about the same time, that a noisy throng prepared to follow delegates from the Sanhedrin to the ceremony of cutting the Passover-sheaf. The Law had it, "he shall bring a sheaf [literally, the Omer] with the first-fruits of your harvest, unto the priest; and he shall wave the Omer before Jehovah, to be accepted for you." This Passover-sheaf was reaped in public the evening before it was offered, and it was to witness this ceremony that the crowd had gathered around the elders. Already on the 14th Nisan the spot whence the first sheaf was to be reaped had been marked out, by tying together in bundles, while still standing, the barley that was to be cut down, according to custom, in the sheltered Ashes-Valley across Kidron. When the time for cutting the sheaf had arrived - that is, on the evening of the 15th Nisan, even though it were a Sabbath, just as the sun went down, three men, each with a sickle and basket, set to work. Clearly to bring out what was distinctive in the ceremony, they first asked of the bystanders three times each of these questions: "Has the sun gone down?" "With this sickle?" "Into this basket?" "On this Sabbath? (or first Passover-day)" - and, lastly, "shall I reap?" Having each time been answered in the affirmative, they cut down barley to the amount of one ephah, or about three pecks and three pints of our English measure. This is not the place to follow the ceremony farther - how the corn was threshed out, parched, ground, and one omer of the flour, mixed with oil and frankincense, waved before the Lord in the Temple on the second Paschal day (or 16th of Nisan). But, as this festive procession started, amidst loud demonstrations, a small band of mourners turned from having laid their dead Master in His resting-place. The contrast is as sad as it is suggestive. And yet, not in the Temple, nor by the priest, but in the silence of that garden-tomb, was the first Omer of the new Paschal flour to be 'waved before the Lord.'

May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear Him.<sup>2</sup>

אֶרֶץ, נְתַנָּה יְבוּלָהּ; יְבָרְכֵנוּ, אֱלֹהִים  
אֱלֹהֵינוּ.

יְבָרְכֵנוּ אֱלֹהִים; וַיִּירָאוּ אוֹתוֹ, כָּל-אֶפְסָי-  
אֶרֶץ.

1: Ha-yom yom e-chad ba-omer (or la-omer) Today is one day of the Omer	היום יום אחד לעומר
2: Ha-yom sh'nay yamim ba-omer (or la-omer) Today is two days of the Omer	היום שני ימים לעומר
3: Ha-yom sh'losa yamim ba-omer (or la-omer) Today is three days of the Omer	היום שלשה ימים לעומר
4: Ha-yom arba-a yamim ba-omer (or la-omer) Today is four days of the Omer	היום ארבעה ימים לעומר
5: Ha-yom chami-sha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer) Today is five days of the Omer	היום חמשה ימים לעומר
6: Ha-yom shi-sha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer) Today is six days of the Omer	היום ששה ימים לעומר
7: Ha-yom shiv-a yamim, shehaym shavu-a e-chad ba-omer (or la-omer) Today is seven days, which are one week of the Omer	היום שבעה ימים שהם שבוע אחד לעומר

<sup>2</sup> Psalm 67

8: Ha-yom sh'mona yamim, shehaym shavu-a e-chad V'yom e-chad ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is eight days, which are one week and one day of the Omer

9: Ha-yom tish-a yamim, shehaym shavu-a e-chad ushnay yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is nine days, which are one week and two days of the Omer

10: Ha-yom asara yamim, shehaym shavu-a echad ushlosa yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is ten days, which are one week and three days of the Omer

11: Ha-yom achad asar yom, shehaym shavu-a echad V'arba-a yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is eleven days, which are one week and four days of the Omer

12: Ha-yom sh'naym asar yom, shehaym shavu-a echad vachami-sha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is twelve days, which are one week and five days of the Omer

13: Ha-yom sh'losa asar yom, shehaym shavu-a echad v'shisha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is thirteen days, which are one week and six days of the Omer

14: Ha-yom arba-a asar yom, shehaym sh'nay shavuot ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is fourteen days, which are two weeks of the Omer

היום שמונה ימים שהם שבוע אחד ויום  
אחד לעומר

היום תשעה ימים שהם שבוע אחד ושני  
ימים לעומר

היום עשרה ימים שהם שבוע אחד  
ושלשה ימים לעומר

היום אחד עשר יום שהם שבוע אחד  
וארבעה ימים לעומר

היום שנים עשר יום שהם שבוע אחד  
וחמשה ימים לעומר

היום שלשה עשר יום שהם שבוע אחד  
וששה ימים לעומר

היום ארבעה עשר יום שהם שני שבועות  
לעומר

<p>15: Ha-yom chami-sha asar yom, shehaym sh'nay shavuot v'yom echad ba-omer (or la-omer)</p>	<p>היום חמשה עשר יום שהם שני שבועות ויום אחד לעומר</p>
<p>Today is fifteen days, which are two weeks and one day of the Omer</p>	
<p>16: Ha-yom shi-sha asar yom, shehaym sh'nay shavuot ushnay yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)</p>	<p>היום ששה עשר יום שהם שני שבועות ושני ימים לעומר</p>
<p>Today is sixteen days, which are two weeks and two days of the Omer</p>	
<p>17: Ha-yom shiva asar yom, shehaym sh'nay shavuot ushlosa yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)</p>	<p>היום שבעה עשר יום שהם שני שבועות ושלשה ימים לעומר</p>
<p>Today is seventeen days, which are two weeks and three days of the Omer</p>	
<p>18: Ha-yom shemonah asar yom, shehaym sh'nay shavuot v'arba-a yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)</p>	<p>היום שמונה עשר יום שהם שני שבועות וארבעה ימים לעומר</p>
<p>Today is eighteen days, which are two weeks and four days of the Omer</p>	
<p>19: Ha-yom tisha asar yom, shehaym sh'nay shavuot va'chamisha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)</p>	<p>היום תשעה עשר יום שהם שני שבועות וחמשה ימים לעומר</p>
<p>Today is nineteen days, which are two weeks and five days of the Omer</p>	
<p>20: Ha-yom esrim yom, shehaym sh'nay shavuot v'shi-sha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)</p>	<p>היום עשרים יום שהם שני שבועות וששה ימים לעומר</p>
<p>Today is twenty days, which are two weeks and six days of the Omer</p>	
<p>21: Hayom e-chad v'esrim yom, shehaym shlosa shavuot ba-omer (or la-omer)</p>	<p>היום אחד ועשרים יום שהם שלשה שבועות לעומר</p>
<p>Today is twenty-one days, which are three weeks of the Omer</p>	

<p>22: Ha-yom sh'nayim v'esrim yom, shehaym shelosha shavuot v'yom echad ba-omer (or la-omer)</p> <p>Today is twenty-two days, which are three weeks and one day of the Omer</p>	<p>היום שנים ועשרים יום שהם שלשה שבועות ויום אחד לעומר</p>
<p>23: Ha-yom sh'losa v'esrim yom, shehaym shelosha shavuot ushnay yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)</p> <p>Today is twenty-three days, which are three week and two days of the Omer</p>	<p>היום שלשה ועשרים יום שהם שלשה שבועות ושני ימים לעומר</p>
<p>24 Ha-yom arba-a v'esrim yom, shehaym shelosha shavuot u'shelosha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)</p> <p>Today is twenty-four days, which are three weeks and three days of the Omer</p>	<p>היום ארבעה ועשרים יום שהם שלשה שבועות ושלשה ימים לעומר</p>
<p>25: Ha-yom chami-sha v'esrim yom, shehaym shelosha shavuot v'arba-a yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)</p> <p>Today is twenty-five days, which are three weeks and four days of the Omer</p>	<p>היום חמשה ועשרים יום שהם שלשה שבועות וארבעה ימים לעומר</p>
<p>26: Ha-yom shi-sha v'esrim yom, shehaym shelosha shavuot va-chamisha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)</p> <p>Today is twenty-six days, which are three weeks and five days of the Omer</p>	<p>היום ששה ועשרים יום שהם שלשה שבועות וחמשה ימים לעומר</p>
<p>27: Ha-yom shiva v'esrim yom, shehaym shelosha shavuot v'shi-sha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)</p> <p>Today is twenty-seven days, which are three weeks and six days of the Omer</p>	<p>היום שבעה ועשרים יום שהם שלשה שבועות וששה ימים לעומר</p>
<p>28: Ha-yom shemonah v'esrim yom, shehaym arba-a shavuot ba-omer (or la-omer)</p> <p>Today is twenty-eight days, which are four weeks of the Omer</p>	<p>היום שמונה ועשרים יום שהם ארבעה שבועות לעומר</p>

29: Ha-yom tisha v'esrim yom, shehaym arba-a shavuot v'yom e-chad ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is twenty-nine days, which are four weeks and one day of the Omer

30: Ha-yom shloshim yom, shehaym arba-a shavuot ushnay yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is thirty days, which are four weeks and two days of the Omer

31: Hayom e-chad u'sheloshim yom, shehaym arba-a shavuot u'shelosha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is thirty-one days, which are four weeks and three days of the Omer

32: Ha-yom sh'nayim u'sheloshim yom, shehaym arba-a shavuot v'arba-a yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is thirty-two days, which are four weeks and four days of the Omer

33: Ha-yom sh'losa u'sheloshim yom, shehaym arba-a shavuot vachamisha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)

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Today is thirty-three days, which are four weeks and five days of the Omer

היום תשעה ועשרים יום שהם ארבעה שבועות ויום אחד לעומר

היום שלשים יום שהם ארבעה שבועות ושני ימים לעומר

היום אחד ושלשים יום שהם ארבעה שבועות ושלשה ימים לעומר

היום שנים ושלשים יום שהם ארבעה שבועות וארבעה ימים לעומר

היום שלשה ושלשים יום שהם ארבעה שבועות וחמשה ימים לעומר

34: Ha-yom arba-a u'sheloshim yom, shehaym arba-a shavuot v'shi-sha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is thirty-four days, which are four weeks and six days of the Omer

35: Ha-yom chami-sha u'sheloshim yom, shehaym chami-sha shavuot ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is thirty-five days, which are five weeks of the Omer

36: Ha-yom shi-sha u'sheloshim yom, shehaym chami-sha shavuot v'yom echad ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is thirty-six days, which are five weeks and one day of the Omer

37: Ha-yom shiva u'sheloshim yom, shehaym chami-sha shavuot ushnay yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is thirty-seven days, which are five weeks and two days of the Omer

38: Ha-yom shemonah u'sheloshim yom, shehaym chami-sha shavuot u'shelosha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is thirty-eight days, which are five weeks and three days of the Omer

39: Ha-yom tisha u'sheloshim yom, shehaym chami-sha shavuot va'arba-a yamim ba-omer (or la-omer) Today is thirty-nine days, which are five weeks and four days of the Omer

40 Ha-yom arba-im yom, shehaym chami-sha shavuot va'chamisha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is forty days, which are five weeks and five days of the Omer

היום ארבעה ושלשים יום שהם ארבעה שבועות וששה ימים לעומר

היום חמשה ושלשים יום שהם חמשה שבועות לעומר

היום ששה ושלשים יום שהם חמשה שבועות ויום אחד לעומר

היום שבעה ושלשים יום שהם חמשה שבועות ושני ימים לעומר

היום שמונה ושלשים יום שהם חמשה שבועות ושלשה ימים לעומר

היום תשעה ושלשים יום שהם חמשה שבועות וארבעה ימים לעומר

היום ארבעים יום שהם חמשה שבועות וחמשה ימים לעומר

41: Hayom e-chad v'arbaim yom, shehaym chami-sha shavuot v'shi-sha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is forty-one days, which are five weeks and six days of the Omer

42: Ha-yom sh'nayim v'arbaim yom, shehaym shi-sha shavuot ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is forty-two days, which are six weeks of the Omer

43: Ha-yom sh'losa v'arbaim yom, shehaym shi-sha shavuot v'yom e-chad ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is forty-three days, which are six weeks and one day of the Omer

44: Ha-yom arba-a v'arbaim yom, shehaym shi-sha shavuot ushnay yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is forty-four days, which are six weeks and two days of the Omer

45: Ha-yom chami-sha v'arbaim yom, shehaym shi-sha shavuot u'shelosha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is forty-five days, which are six weeks and three days of the Omer

46: Ha-yom shi-sha v'arbaim yom, shehaym shi-sha shavuot v'arba-a yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is forty-six days, which are six weeks and four days of the Omer

47 Ha-yom shiva v'arbaim yom, shehaym shi-sha shavuot va'chami-sha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)

Today is forty-seven days, which are six weeks and five days of the Omer

היום אחד וארבעים יום שהם חמשה  
שבועות וששה ימים לעומר

היום שנים וארבעים יום שהם ששה  
שבועות לעומר

היום שלשה וארבעים יום שהם ששה  
שבועות ויום אחד לעומר

היום ארבעה וארבעים יום שהם ששה  
שבועות ושני ימים לעומר

היום חמשה וארבעים יום שהם ששה  
שבועות ושלשה ימים לעומר

היום ששה וארבעים יום שהם ששה  
שבועות וארבעה ימים לעומר

היום שבעה וארבעים יום שהם ששה  
שבועות וחמשה ימים לעומר



<p>48: Ha-yom shemonah v'arbaim yom, shehaym shi-sha shavuot v'shi-sha yamim ba-omer (or la-omer)</p> <p>Today is forty-eight days, which are six weeks and six days of the Omer</p> <p>49: Ha-yom tisha v'arbaim yom, shehaym shiv-a shavuot ba-omer (or la-omer)</p> <p>Today is forty-nine days, which are seven weeks of the Omer</p>	<p>היום שמונה וארבעים יום שהם ששה שבועות וששה ימים לעומר</p> <p>היום תשעה וארבעים יום שהם שבעה שבועות לעומר</p>
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