



TIME MANAGEMENT

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In addition to the basic Mitzvah of counting the days connecting The Time of Our Liberation from Egypt, Passover with the holiday of Shavuot, when we receive the Torah which G-d gives to every Jew.

There is also a practical lesson from the Omer: Although G-d has promised to take every Jew and all Jews out of exile – nevertheless, we pray daily, beseeching G-d to bring the redemption quickly, with the greatest possible haste.

So too, every Jew – starting from a very young age, a young boy or girl – person should also “count” and value their time.

He shouldn't say, “Yes, I must do something, but it need not be today. It can be done tomorrow or after tomorrow.” The Omer's lesson is; just as in human nature, when one has something precious one continuously counts it, to ensure that no part of it is lost.

Since the object is valuable, a small part of it is also valuable, so he counts every detail. Likewise, a Jew is told, we must count our time. When G-d grants us life, giving us another day, we must ensure the day is utilized. We must know that it is the most precious thing G-d has given.

And G-d gives us the option to make the day – similar to the day of Lag B'omer – a joyous day, when “G-d rejoices in His work,” G-d rejoices with His creations, which were created for the Jewish People, who are called “The Beginning.” All this is achieved through “Jews rejoicing in their Creator” – by connecting to G-d through fulfilling His Mitzvos and studying His Torah.

A Jew counts every day, and this prompts him to treasure every day – to utilize and employ it to best use; to make it a Mitzvah day, to make every moment of this period part of an Omer Day.

This is the lesson from the Counting of the Omer: We count every day. And we apply this lesson to all days of the year. Every day should be filled with Mitzvos, so it is a joyful day – a day of great happiness.

This mission has been given to “our children, our guarantors,” – every Jewish child and all Jewish children wherever they are, in every generation; that their hearts should be permeated with this joy and to bring this ‘Mitzvah joy’ to their parents and homes.



And this will bring true joy to the entire world "Then our mouths will be filled with laughter," when "G-d will return the captives of Zion" when He takes Jews out of exile. And this takes the entire world out of its exile.

This is the result of every Jewish child taking himself out of his personal exile, and out of the exile of his peers, because Jews are a minority – there are more non-Jewish children than Jewish children. The Jewish child should not be 'in exile' among the non-Jewish children, rather he shows the right way, how to follow in G-d's ways.

And he does so on a daily basis, because he counts the days so he counts every detail – the hours and minutes; every day and every moment of the day is filled with Torah and Mitzvos.

And this brings the redemption from exile, with joy and contentment.

