

# Sefirah – Readyng Us for the Giving of the Torah

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As the Barley Omer offering (which consists of ingredients considered to be animal grade food,) is brought to the Holy Temple and waved around, we are revealing that the Glory of G-d fills the entire world. For even if we have allowed ourselves to be filled with foolishness and have had bad judgment, "There is no place that is completely devoid of G-dliness." Most certainly G-d is to be found there as well and there is no such thing as despair. In fact the complete opposite is true. We can turn around and hope to G-d even from our distant location and this itself is G-d Greatest Glory. This is our main challenge during the days of Sefirah when we try to purify ourselves so we can receive the Holy Torah anew on Shavuot. Can we strengthen ourselves throughout our daily happenings, in whatever state or mood we find ourselves to be in? Let us at least hope to Him and scream out to Him. But let us not turn a blind eye. For this reason we count and everyday from the waving of the Omer.\* No person can run to become completely holy overnight. But by counting each and every day from the time of the Omer, we remind ourselves on each and every day that whatever we go through on this day is necessary for us to enter into holiness.

And we remind ourselves that whatever happens, we must use to exalt G-d and draw ourselves closer to Him. When we gain the knowledge that even the mundane and animalistic things in this world have G-dly potential, then we are ready to receive the Torah.

\* For at that time when it was waved before G-d, we learned that even something that is but animal grade food can be used and elevated to bring us closer to G-d, as is the purpose of

all the korbonos and hence the work korbon means to bring close.

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