

PARSHAT EMOR
LEVITICUS 21:1-24:23
11 IYYAR 5782/12 MAY 2022
DAY 26 OF THE COUNTING OF THE OMER



Convergence
Painting by Jackson Pollock (1952)

CONVERGENCE:
WHERE LOVERS MEET

1. “These are My *moaday* which you shall proclaim as *mikrei kodesh*...there shall be a sabbath.... (Leviticus 23:2-3)
2. Why is the subject of Shabbat next to that of the festivals? (Rashi)
3. “Six days shall you work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of sabbaths (*shabbat shabbaton*)...” (Leviticus 23:3)

These words apply not to the days of the week but to the days of the year: first and seventh day of Pesach, day of Shavuot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, first day of Sukkot, and Shmini Atzeret. (Vilna Gaon)

Yom Kippur is a sabbath of sabbaths (*shabbat shabbaton*)...(Leviticus 23:32)

Forbidden on the festivals: *melechet avodah* (“burdensome work”)

Forbidden on Shabbat and Yom Kippur: *melachah* (“any work”)

week

year

shemittah

Leviticus Chapter 23

A fractal is a form of geometric repetition in which smaller and smaller copies of a pattern are successively nested inside each other, so that the same intricate shapes appear no matter how much you zoom in to the whole.

“Bottomless wonders spring from simple rules, which are repeated without end.” (Benoit Mandelbrot)

“A fractal is a way of seeing infinity.” (Benoit Mandelbrot)

4. *Ohel Mo'ed* (“tent of meeting”)

5. Hurry, beloved, for the appointed time has come (*ki va mo'ed*). (*Yedid Nefesh*)

6. I have sought your nearness,
With all my heart have I called you,
And going out to meet you
I found you going out toward me
(“Where Shall I Find You,” Yehudah Halevi)

7. The minute I heard my first love story,
I started looking for you, not knowing
How blind that was.

Lovers don't finally meet somewhere,
They're in each other all along.
(Rumi)