

PARSHAT EMOR
17 IYYAR 5781/29 APRIL 2021



Counting

Acrylic on canvass by Yoram Raanan

“...the radiance of the multitude moving though fields of golden grain to celebrate the holiday.”

HOW LOVERS MEET

1. “These are My *moaday*, which you shall proclaim as *mikrei kodesh*...there shall be a sabbath... (Leviticus 23:2-3)

Why is the subject of Shabbat next to that of the festivals? (Rashi)

2. God called [*Vayikra*] to Moses, and God spoke to him in the Tent of Meeting [*ohel moed*]. (Leviticus 1:1)
3. “You shall be holy, for I, Adonai your God, am holy.” (Leviticus 19:1)
4. “You shall count off seven weeks....You shall bring from your settlements two loaves of bread...” (Leviticus 23:15-17)
5. When your chest is free of your limiting ego,
Then you will see the ageless Beloved.
(Rumi)
6. Hurry, beloved, for the appointed time (*mo'ed*) has come. (*Yedid nefesh*)

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)