

PARSHAT KEDOSHIM
LEVITICUS 19:1-20:27
HAFTARAH EZEKIEL 22:1-19
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The Basket of Apples
Oil on canvass by Paul Cezanne

THE MOST PRECIOUS FRUIT

1. When you enter the land and plant any tree for food, you shall regard its fruit as forbidden. Three years it shall be forbidden for you, not to be eaten. In the fourth year all its fruit shall be set aside (*kodesh*) for jubilation to Adonai. *And in the fifth year you may eat its fruit, that it may yield more richly to you its increase.* I am Adonai your God. (Leviticus 19:23-25)
2. God blessed the seventh day and consecrated (*vayekadesh*) it, because on it God ceased from all the work of creation that God had done. (Genesis 2:3)
3. Asiyah (action)
Yetzirah (formation)
Beriah (creation)
Atzilut (emanation)
4. Cause the heavens to drip from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; let the earth open, and let salvation and righteousness be fruitful; let it cause them to grow together; I, Adonai, have created it. (Isaiah 45:8)
5. "I will astonish Paris with an apple." (Paul Cezanne)