

Rabbi's Reflections - Monday, April 27, 2026  
Shalom {{firstName}},

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Day 23 of counting the Omer

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Baruch Atah Adonai Elohenu Melech Ha-Olam, Asher Kid'shanu  
B'mitzvotav, Vitzivanu Al Sefirat Ha-Omer.

Blessed are You O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us by his commandments and commanded us about the counting of the Omer. Today is three weeks and two days of the counting of the Omer.

Follow up that prayer by remembering a blessing from the Lord and give Him thanks. **Psalm 103:2 Bless Adonai, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:**

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**Psalms**  
**Psalm 51:12(10) – Part 11**

**Psalm 51:12 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Today, after the weekend break (Shabbat and Yom Rishon (the first day, Sunday), we continue with the second half of Psalm 51, verse 12.

Rabbi Trail: But first I want to thank my guest RR writers, Jerry Miller (every other Friday), Jeffery Freeman (Shabbat), and David Harwood (Sunday). Collectively their submissions are most excellent. Also, I am thankful to have the weekends (and especially Shabbat) for rest. Thank you gentlemen. End RT.

After the “Etnachta” (a cantorial note that bifurcates most verses of Scripture) we have four Hebrew words, “Ruach Nachon Chadesh B'kir'bi,” meaning, “renew (or make new) (Chadesh) a correct (Nachon) spirit (Ruach) within me (B'kir'bi).” This is the echo to the first part of the verse in which we ask God to, “Create within me a ‘Lev Tahor’”, meaning “a clean heart.”

Let's take a moment to be refreshed in the language (word choices) used here. Although the concept of the blood atonement of Yeshua is not specifically mentioned (for it had not yet been revealed to him), David is remarkably close to expressing the fullness of Salvation through Yeshua's once-for-all-time sacrifice.

How can we get clean, not just surface clean, but clean through and through? Hint: Jan said it last Shabbat in the message (Part 32 of Song of Songs - go to 1 hour and 20 minutes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6OHPaapwzRQ>)... "It takes God to love God." Emanuel (God with us), and not just with us, but in us.

**Romans 8:11 And if the Ruach of the One who raised Yeshua from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised Messiah Yeshua from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Ruach who dwells in you.**

In the Holy Temple (Beit HaMikdash), the priests and levites were commanded to keep the flame burning eternally. **Leviticus 6:5a The fire on the altar is to be kept burning on it—it must not go out.... 6 Fire is to be kept burning on the altar continually—it must not go out.**

But now, we are the Temple of God. **1Corinthians 3:16 Don't you know that you are God's temple and that the Ruach Elohim dwells among (within) you?** The "flame" is the power of God's Holy Spirit. God's promise to you is to keep it burning in you forever. As my late friend, Paco Platillero, used to say (in his Spanish accent), "That's finger lickin' good." Shalom shalom.

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Daily Bread, reading plan by Lars Enarson (<https://www.thewatchman.org/>)

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