

Rabbi's Reflections - Tuesday, April 21, 2026  
Shalom {{firstName}},

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Tuesday, April 21st is Yom HaZikaron (beginning Monday at sundown), Israeli Memorial Day, when the entire nation mourns those who were wounded or died in any of Israel's many wars. The memorial siren sounds and the entire country comes to a stop. <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/tPoTk-K8kqY> Here is another link to an article. <https://israel365news.com/417542/yom-hazikaron-israel-remembers-25034-soldiers-dead-5091-terror-victims/>

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Day 17 of counting the Omer

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו על ספירת העמר

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu 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 two weeks and three days of the counting of the Omer.

Follow up that prayer by remembering a blessing from the Lord and give Him thanks. **Jeremiah 33:11b** “**Give thanks to Adonai-Tzva'ot, for Adonai is good, for His love endures forever!**” as they bring offerings of thanksgiving into the House of Adonai. For I will restore the land from the exile as it was at first,” declares Adonai.

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**Psalms**  
**Psalm 51:9(7) – Part 7**

**Psalm 51:9 Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean. Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

The Shoresh of the Hebrew word translated as “cleanse” is “Chatah” (Chet-Tet-Aleph) which is one of the words for “sin.” We learned about this word when it was used in verse 6. **Psalm 51:6a Against You, You only, have I sinned (Chatah)**, Interestingly, Chatah is not just sin, but also the remedy for sin. It is also the Shoresh of the word for “sin offering.” We also learned

from the RR last Saturday (written by Jeff Freeman) that this same word is also used for a purification or cleansing offering.

It is paradoxical that the most common word used for sin (Chatah) is also the word for cleanse or purify. The issue then becomes one of expectations. We need a permanent solution, but any offering other than the blood of Yeshua itself is temporary at best. Yeshua's once for all time sacrifice is the everlasting solution we seek. Hear these words from a really smart Messianic Rabbi....

**Hebrews 10:4 for it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.**

**Hebrews 9:11 But when Messiah appeared as Kohen Gadol of the good things that have now come, passing through the greater and more perfect Tent not made with hands (that is to say not of this creation), 12 He entered into the Holies once for all—not by the blood of goats and calves but by His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption....**

**Hebrews 10:10 By His will we have been made holy through the offering of the body of Messiah Yeshua once for all.**

The “cleansing” we seek is not simple “washing,; but the kind of washing that involves stomping the fabric with feet or beating the fabric with stones. This is deep cleaning, and no matter how hard we scrub, we can't make ourselves clean enough to be in God's presence. Supernatural cleansing requires supernatural power from a supernatural God. He alone is worthy.

**Revelation 19:1b “Halleluyah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. 2a For His judgments are true and just.**

Shalom shalom.

Day 17 of the Omer

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

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