

TRADITIONAL

Counting the Omer, second night of Seder

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On the Second night of Pesach, we begin counting the Omer. 50 days from The Exodus to Sinai, from Pesach to the Harvest. The harvest of Barley at Pesach until the Harvest of Wheat at Shavuot.

Traditionally, the Rabbis interpret the counting as reflecting Israel's eager anticipation of the giving of the Torah at Sinai on Shavuot.

Here I am, ready to perform the mitzvah of counting the Omer!!!

Blessed are you, Lord, Our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with Divine Laws and commanded us to count the Omer. Today is the first Day of the Omer.

The physical liberation is not an end in itself, but must be wedded to a life of values and responsibility. The whole purpose of the exodus is to prepare Israel to accept the Torah, as the true meaning of liberation is fulfilled in choosing freely to enter into a commitment to G-d as a community.