

# SICHA POEM

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In Parshas Emor we were given,  
The Mitzvah of counting the Omer as a preparation,  
To receive the Torah which we yearn for as eagerly,  
As a servant who counts the days until he will be set free.

To the Alter Rebbe, order was as important as can be,  
Therefore he concluded his Siddur with Sefiras Ha'omer specifically,  
Because the end is the culmination and the opportunity to clearly point out,  
What the entire point of davening is truly about.

1. Davening is unique,  
It's not enough the words to speak,  
With our hearts we need to feel like we are standing before Hashem our King,  
We need to praise Him, ask for our needs and thank Him for everything.

The Mitzvah of Sefiras Ha'omer works in the same way,  
We need to understand the number that we counted that day,  
Spoken words alone,  
Aren't considered prayer or counting on their own.

2. The most important thing about prayer,  
Is that it changes the person for the better,  
When counting the Omer the same thing we see,  
The counting purifies us from our negativity.

3. The purpose of prayer and it's goal,  
Is to beg for what we need with heart and soul,  
But even if what we asked for wasn't yet sent,  
The Mitzvah is complete, one hundred percent!

The same applies to counting the Omer, the main part,  
Is the longing and the preparation with all one's heart,  
Even though to achieve our goal we didn't yet succeed,  
Each day that we count is a Mitzvah indeed.

4. Davening focuses on the individual's power,  
We have the ability to make a difference every hour,  
In the same way, Shavuos is established by the individual,  
Which is very unusual.

All the other holidays that we celebrate,  
Are established according to the date,  
When Rosh Chodesh did begin,  
Which the Beis Din did determine.

But to celebrate Shavuos, the right time,  
Is after we each complete counting forty nine,  
It is not established by the community,  
But rather by refining ourselves individually.

5. Prayer is the foundation,  
It brings down change and blessing into every location,  
The same is true when Sefiras Ha'omer we recite with might,  
Into our Nefesh, Ruach and Neshama it draws infinite light!

Through all the above may we merit quickly,  
The realization of the prayer followed after Sefiras Ha'omer nightly,  
May Hashem restore unto us speedily,  
The service of the Beis Hamikdosh Hashlishi!

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