Rabbi Jennifer Singer's

2022 REVERSE OMER CALENDAR

Marking the 50 days from Tisha B'Av to Rosh Hashanah

Counting the Omer is a Jewish practice that marks the transition between the Passover seder to the celebration of Shavuot 50 days later, the day we observe the giving of the Torah. The Jewish calendar gives us another 50 day span, from the lowest day of the year, Tisha B'Av which marks the destruction of the two Temples in Jerusalem, to the beginning of the New Year, Rosh Hashanah. I have collected these 50 quotes and put them into a reverse calendar in the hope that they will help guide, enlighten, and perhaps amuse you during this transition period. Any typographic errors or misquotes are my own.

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Day	Date	Omer Count	Quote for the Day
Week One			
Sun.	8/7	50	In the midst of winter I found within me an invincible summer. *Albert Camus*
Mon.	8/8	49	You're mad, bonkers, completely off your head. But I'll tell you a secret; All the best people are. *Alice in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll*
Tues.	8/9	48	the most wasted of days is one without laughter. e*e cummings*
Wed.	8/10	47	I wish I could show you when you are lonely or in darkness the astonishing light of your being. *Hafiz*
Thur.	8/11	46	Smell the sea and feel the sky. Let your soul and spirit fly. *Van Morrison*
Fri.	8/12	45	Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Do not become bitter or hostile. Be hopeful, be optimistic. *Rep. John Lewis*
Sat.	8/13	44	Look for me in the most unlikely places. Perhaps nestled in your heart. *God*
Week Two			
Sun.	8/14	43	Do not separate yourself from the community. *Pirkei Avot 2:5 (Babylonian Talmud)*
Mon.	8/15	42	A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say, 'we did it ourselves.' *Lao Tzu*
Tues.	8/16	41	Justice, justice shall you pursue, that you may live and inherit the land that Adonai your God gave you. *Deuteronomy 16:20*
Wed.	8/17	40	Make for yourself a teacher, get for yourself a companion, and judge all people charitably. *Pirkei Avot 1:6*
Thur.	8/18	39	I am often struck by the dangerous narcissism fostered by spiritual rhetoric that pays so much attention to individual self-improvement and so little to the practice of love within the context of community. *bell hooks*
Fri.	8/19	38	The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any. *Alice Walker*
Sat.	8/20	37	Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are. *Harold Kushner*

Week Three			
Sun.	8/21	36	And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. *Roald Dahl*
Mon.	8/22	35	The world stands on three things: on Torah, on Divine service, and on deeds of lovingkindness. *Pirkei Avot 1:2*
Tues.	8/23	34	The whole world is a series of miracles, but we're so used to them we call them ordinary things. *Hans Christian Anderson*
Wed.	8/24	33	Darkness cannot drive out darkness Only light can do that. *Martin Luther King Jr.*
Thur.	8/25	32	Floating takes faith. *David Wolpe*
Fri.	8/26	31	Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble. *John Lewis*
Sat.	8/27	30	Do not be wise in words. Be wise in deeds. *Jewish proverb*
Week Four			
Sun.	8/28	29	One thing I ask of the LORD, only that do I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life. *Psalm 27*
Mon.	8/29	28	When you have eaten your fill, give thanks to the Lord your God for the good land which God has given you. *Deuteronomy 8:10*
Tues.	8/30	27	As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest form of appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. *John F. Kennedy*
Wed.	8/31	26	You are never too old to try something new.
Thur.	9/1	25	One's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions. *Fortune cookie*
Fri.	9/2	24	Who is wise? The one who learns from all people. *Pirkei Avot 4:1*
Sat.	9/3	23	Please do not desecrate Shabbat by failing to delight in Shabbat. *Talmud, Shabbat 119b*
Week Five			
Sun.	9/4	22	Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try. *John F. Kennedy*
Mon.	9/5	21	Do not try to be a person of success, but try to become a person of value. *Albert Einstein*
Tues.	9/6	20	Not to have felt pain is not to have been human. *Jewish proverb*
Wed.	9/7	19	I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. *Maya Angelou*
Thur.	9/8	18	When you light a lantern for someone else, you cannot help but light up your own path. *Big Panda and Tiny Dragon (by James Norbury)*
Fri.	9/9	17	Let me never fall into the vulgar mistake of dreaming that I am persecuted whenever I am contradicted. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
Sat.	9/10	16	If you want to be happy, be. *Leo Tolstoy*
Week Six			
Sun.	9/11	15	Human suffering anywhere concerns men and women everywhere. *Elie Weisel*

Mon.	9/12	14	The idea behind a kaleidoscope is that it's a structure that's filled with broken bits and pieces, and somehow if you can look through them, you still see something beautiful. And I feel like we are all that way a little bit. *Sara Bareilles*
Tues.	9/13	13	'How do you keep going?' asked Tiny Dragon. 'Sometimes,' said Big Panda, 'even the smallest step is better than no step.' *Big Panda and Tiny Dragon*
Wed.	9/14	12	There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice but there must never be a time when we fail to protest. *Elie Weisel*
Thur.	9/15	11	Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter. *Martin Luther King, Jr.*
Fri.	9/16	10	Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions. *The Dalai Lama*
Sat.	9/17	9	Who is respected? The one who respects other human beings. *Pirkei Avot 4:1*
Week Seven			
Sun.	9/18	8	If not now, when? *Hillel, Pirkei Avot 1:14*
Mon.	9/19	7	One of our greatest freedoms is how we react to things. *Charlie Mackesy*
Tues.	9/20	6	I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something about that; then I realized I was somebody. *Lily Tomlin*
Wed.	9/21	5	'What do you think is the biggest waste of time?' 'Comparing yourself to others.' *Charlie Mackesy*
Thur.	9/22	4	It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you at liberty to neglect it. *Pirkei Avot 2:16*
Fri.	9/23	3	My cup runneth over. *Psalm 23*
Sat.	9/24	2	Suddenly you may know it's time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings.
Erev Rosh Hashanah			
Sun.	9/25	1	Asked why at age 93 he still practiced cello for three hours a day, Pablo Casals said, 'I am beginning to notice some improvement.'

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