



Davar at Limmud Together UK
Sunday 3rd May 2020

עצרת - Atzeret

Source 1

עצר

to stop

to close up

to detain

to ward off

to gather together

store away

to hold festive gatherings

Source 2

וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֲלֹהֵי לֹא-יִוָּכַל הָעָם לַעֲלֹת אֶל-הָרֹסִינִי כִּי-אַתָּה הִעַדְתָּהּ בְּנֹוֹ יֹאמְרֵךְ הַגִּבֹּל אֶת-הָהָר וְקִדְשָׁתוּ:

But Moses said to the LORD, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for You warned us saying, ‘Set bounds about the mountain and sanctify it.’”

Questions for discussion

1. *Why do you think the people of Israel weren't allowed to ascend the mountain? Why was a boundary set? What meaning can we draw from this?*
2. *During the pandemic, how is refraining/stopping creating a space for you to connect or gather in a new way? What rituals are providing you with a sense of connection to others?*
3. *Think about the complicated emotions you may be feeling right now. Voice them and discuss them and then when we conclude the learning element of this session, draw them out, with no judgement, place your first line on the page or squiggle and just follow where your mind takes you.*