

The Secret of the Pomegranate

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K'felach harimon rakataych mi'ba'ad l'tzamataych

The curve of your cheek like a pomegranate
hidden behind the thicket of your hair. (Song of Songs 6:7)

The pomegranate is mentioned a few times in the song. It is a fruit that leads me to explore the multi-layered complexity within the Unity of Love. The lover's face is veiled in mystery. Beyond that veil her face is opened to reveal smooth skin, a complex husk that hides treasures of sweetness; at the center of each treasure- another seed. They say there 613 of those treasures hidden in the husk of this fruit, corresponding to the Mitzvot of Torah. The high Priest had embroidered pomegranates and golden bells on the hem of his robe. Each step sounded the tantalizing song of holiness and lured us with the fruit of the Promised Land.

How do we navigate the complexity, the multiplicity of our human journey with all its myriad forms and layers... without losing our focus on the Unity? How do we dive deep into those layers to excavate the sweetness... and not get lost?