



June 2017 sivan/tammuz 5777

HIGHLIGHTS

Shavuot facts

Shavuot this year begins at sunset on Wednesday, May 31. Although it gets less attention than holidays such as Chanukah and Purim, traditionally it ranks in importance with Sukkot and Pesach. There are many celebrations in this holiday.

- Shavuot commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. The reading of the ten commandments celebrates that event.
- Called the Feast of Weeks because it arrives seven weeks after Pesach, it also celebrates the grain harvest.
- Many celebrate Shavuot with all-night Torah study sessions.
- Reform synagogues generally schedule confirmation for Shavuot.
- Dairy dishes are the food of choice, perhaps as Jews think of the land of milk and honey. Blintzes are a traditional dish, as is cheesecake.
- We also traditionally read the Book of Ruth at Shavuot.

Summer is coming

- Summer is a great time to meet some Betenu friends for casual events or a restaurant night. If you have ideas, please contact the office.
- During the summer, travel and other plans sometimes make for light service attention, so we will not hold services every Friday. Watch the calendar and join us!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Lay-led Shavuot service featuring mitzvah projects, 7:30 pm	3 <i>Naso</i>
4	5	6	7	8	9 Lay-led Service, 7:30 pm	10 <i>Beha'alotecha</i>
11	12	13	14	15	16 Lay-led Service, 7:30 pm	17 <i>Shelach</i>
18	19 Board Meeting, 7:30 pm	20	21	22	23 Family Service, 7:00 pm	24 <i>Korach</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30 NO SERVICE	