

MEANING

- “Weeks.”
- It is a joyous holiday that takes place 7 “weeks” after Pesach.
- Shavuot commemorates the revelation of the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai.

GREETINGS

- Chag Sameach (“A good holiday!” – Hebrew).
- Gut Yontif (“A good holiday!” - Yiddish).

WHEN

- Hebrew Calendar: 6-7 Sivan.
- Western Calendar: June or July.
- Shavuot begins at sundown and ends at sundown two days later.

COMMON PRACTICES

- On Shavuot, Jews often attend synagogue services to celebrate the revelation of the Torah and have festive meals with friends and family.
- There is a custom to study Torah all through the night, known as “Tikkun Leil Shavuot.”
- Dairy foods are traditionally eaten on Shavuot, especially cheesecake and blintzes (cheese filled pancakes) that are rolled in the shape of a Torah scroll.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

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Type of Calendar:

Hebrew (lunisolar)



Shavuot

Hebrew

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- Some Jewish students, staff, and faculty will observe Shavuot as a time when work is prohibited by Jewish law, meaning that they will not be able to use electricity, answer phone calls or text messages, respond to emails, drive, take tests or exams, write or attend work or work-related events.
- Students, staff and faculty may need to leave campus early on the day that Shavuot begins in order to prepare for the holiday before it begins at sundown, or travel in order to celebrate the holiday with friends and family.
- Students, staff and faculty should be given the opportunity to reschedule any tests, exams or study or work activities that must be scheduled during Shavuot.

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