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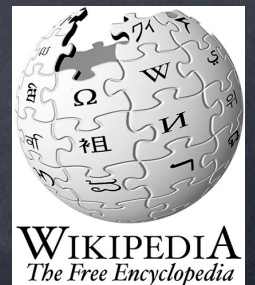


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MEAN?

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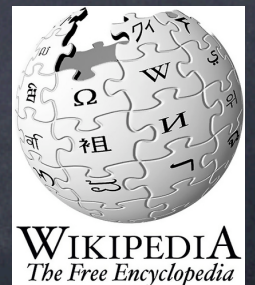
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**Shavuot** – a Jewish holiday that occurs on the sixth day of the Hebrew month of Sivan (late May or early June).



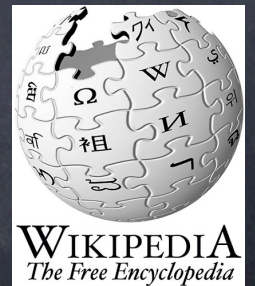
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Shavuot commemorates the anniversary of the day God gave the Torah to Moses and the Israelites at Mount Sinai.



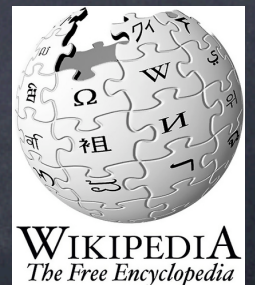
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It is one of the the three Biblical pilgrimage festivals. It marks the conclusion of the Counting of the Omer (a verbal counting of each of the forty-nine days between the Passover and Shavuot).



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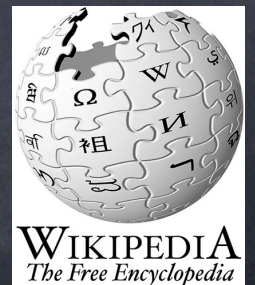
The Torah mandates the seven-week Counting of the Omer, beginning on the second day of Passover and immediately followed by Shavuot.





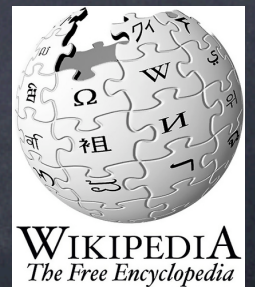
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On Passover, the Jewish people were freed from their enslavement to Pharaoh; on Shavuot they were given the Torah and became a nation committed to serving God.



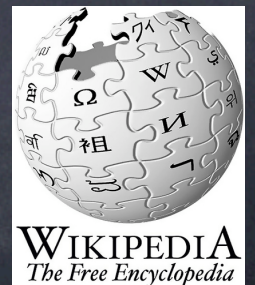
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In the Bible, Shavuot is called the Festival of Weeks. The Mishnah and Talmud refer to Shavuot as Atzeret (Hebrew: a solemn assembly), as it provides closure for the festival activities during and following the Passover.



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Since Shavuot occurs 50 days after Passover, Greeks gave it the name Pentecost (πεντηκόστη, "fiftieth day").





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“ . . . converts to Judaism; . . . ”

Acts 2:11

“This month is to be for you the **first** month . . . ”

Exodus 12



**“The first”** signifies that tomorrow isn’t  
just going to be a repeat of today

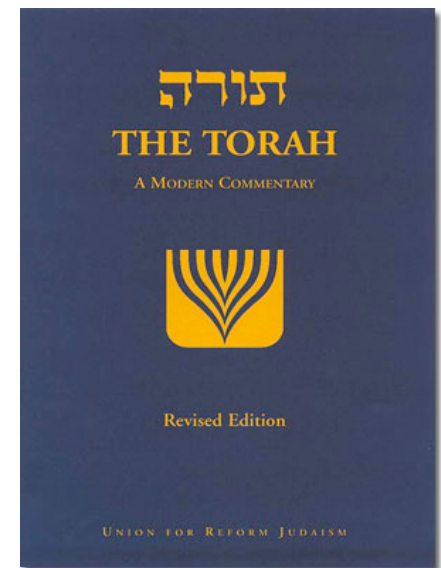




“many other people”  
Exodus 12:38

eirev rav = mixed  
multitude

“These were people from the  
bottom of Egypt’s social strata  
who took the opportunity to  
escape from their fate.”





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God rescued a group of Hebrew slaves out  
of Egypt and **all sorts of other people** too





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Freedom = owner is rendered  
helpless and powerless

Exodus 14

vs. 30 -- . . . on **that day**  
the Lord saved Israel . . .



## Exodus 19

On [the first day of] the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai.



who are they?      what's their identity?

At Sinai God gives them their identity – **you are my people.**

<sup>5</sup> . . . out of all nations you will be **my treasured possession.** Although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> you will be for me a **kingdom of priests** and a **holy nation.**

Exodus 19:5 & 6





what's the significance of Sinai?

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wilderness

no governor

Sinai is free from any political or national boundary. God meets this people in a place that no one owns because no one owns this God.

not ruled by  
political leader

not a country



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This kingdom of God will be composed of a priestly people. All the Israelites would be living wholly in God's service and enjoying the right of access to him. And, as priests, they would have the duty of **representing God to the nations . . . proclaiming God's word, interceding for people, and making provision for people to find God .**





Ruth

Exodus 19 & 20

Acts 2

<sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages . . .

