

Happy Shavuot!



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Do you know...?

Do you when we celebrate Shavuot?

- a. On the 15th Nisan
- b. On the 6th Sivan
- c. On the 9th Av

Do you know what other names Shavuot is known for?

- a. Bikurim, Katzir, Matan Torah
- b. Katzir, Bikurim, Spring
- c. Spring, Asif, Matan Torah

Do you know how we celebrate Shavuot?

- a. By eating dried fruit and by drinking wine.
- b. By staying up all night and by eating dairy products.
- c. By going to Jerusalem and by reading the Torah.

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Do you know which book we read on Shavuot?

- a. Megilat Esther
- b. Megilat Ruth
- c. Megilat Sarah

Do you know how long the Omer lasts?

- a. 49 days
- b. 50 days
- c. 51 days

Do you know what type of food it is customary to eat?

- a. meat
- b. dairy
- c. fish

Do you know what the meaning of 'Shavuot' is?

- a. It means days
- b. It means weeks
- c. It means months



Some interesting facts about Shavuot

- Shavuot, which in English means "weeks", is celebrated seven weeks after Passover. We count the days between the two festivals; it's called 'The Counting of the Omer'. On Shavuot the Jewish people received the gift of the Torah. This is also the time the wheat harvest begins in Israel. Both events add to the customs of this holiday.
- In ancient times, Jewish people in Israel used to bring the very first sheaves of wheat to the Temple.
- Shavuot is also called 'Chag Habikurim' - feast of the first fruits. The first fruit of the wheat harvest in Israel was brought to the Temple on Shavuot.
- The holiday has many names; others are 'Chag HaKatzir' - holiday of harvest, and 'Chag Matan Torah' - holiday of the giving of the Torah.
- A popular Shavuot custom is to stay up all night and study the Torah.
- Another popular custom is to decorate homes with flowers and greenery.
- Shavuot also celebrates the Jewish people receiving the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. Six of them are between 'man and man', for example: Respect your father and mother. You must not commit murder. Four are between 'man and G-d', for example: You shall have no other Gods but me.

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Discussion questions:

What is a rule?

Why are rules important?

Do you have any family rules or classroom rules?

What do you think life would be like if there were no rules?

Why is it sometimes hard to stick to the rules?

Answer the questions:

Where did we receive the Ten Commandments?

Which story is read on Shavuot?

What type of food do we eat?

What does the word 'Shavuot' mean?

How many different names are there for this festival?



How do we celebrate Shavuot?

On Shavuot we eat dairy foods. Some yummy dairy foods are cheese cake, cheese blintzes and quiches. We also eat fruit: apples, oranges, figs, dates, pears and bananas.

On Shavuot we read the Book of Ruth, one of the reasons we read it is because the story takes place in the harvest season.

On Shavuot we decorate our homes with flowers, wheat, and green leaves. We do this to remember the day the Jewish people received the Torah at Mount Sinai. The wheat and green leaves also remind us of the harvest.

New and review words:

dairy_____

dates_____

decorate _____

figs_____

harvest_____

leaves _____

Mount_____

pears_____

reason _____

remember_____

remind _____

season _____

Shavuot_____

Sinai_____

takes place _____

Torah _____

wheat _____

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Answer the questions:

1. What foods do we eat on Shavuot?

2. What do we read on Shavuot?

3. What do we decorate our homes with on Shavuot?



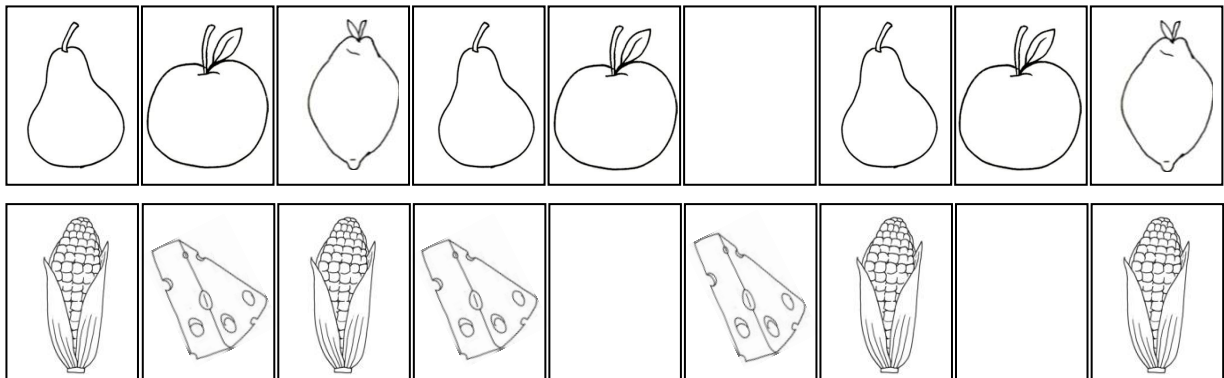
How do we celebrate Shavuot?

Find ten words from the text and highlight the words in the word search:

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p	a	e	c	c	e	r	e	v	d
e	t	s	f	h	r	e	s	e	g
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Draw the missing image in each row.



Unscramble the words:

riday _____

nisai _____

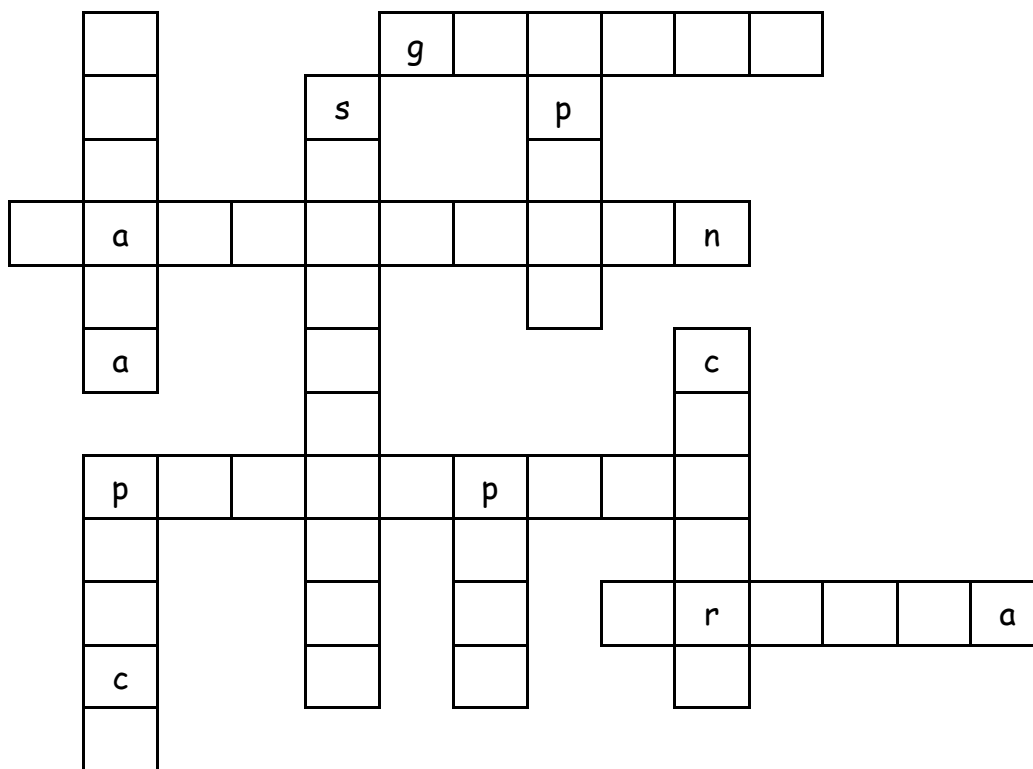
ridmen _____

rituf _____



Fruit Crossword

Can you fill in the missing words?



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After you find all the fruit in the crossword, write them in alphabetical order:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____



Fruit And Vegetable Riddles

apple, banana, carrot, corn, cucumber, grapes, lemon, lettuce,
orange, pear, pepper, potato, tomato, watermelon

What am I?

1. You put me in your salad. I have green leaves. _____
2. I am long, thin and round. Cut me up and put me in your salad.

3. You can roast me or make chips from me. _____
4. I am a colour and a fruit. _____
5. I can be green, red or yellow. _____
6. Monkeys like to eat me. _____
7. I am yellow and sour. _____
8. Rabbits eat me. _____
9. My name rhymes with "hair". _____
10. You can find me in ketchup. _____
11. I can be green, red or yellow. I can be hot or sweet. _____
- 7 12. You make wine from me. _____
13. I am big. I am green on the outside and red on the inside.

14. You can make popcorn from me. _____

Colour the fruit and vegetables:

