



Shavuos Schedule

Bench Licht.....	7:50 p.m.
Mincha.....	7:45 p.m.
Shavuos Dinner.....	8:15 p.m.



Tikun Leyl Shavuos -

The tradition of staying awake on the first night of Shavuos and studying the Ten Commandments as well as selections from the Talmud.

TUESDAY NIGHT, MAY 18

EARLY BIRD LEARNING: THREE CLASSES RUNNING CONCURRENTLY

9:45 p.m. Rabbi Ze'ev Smason

"Honoring Parents: In Life & After Their Death"

9:45 p.m. Menachem Szus

"Jewish Women in War"

9:45 p.m. Dr. Ethan Schuman

"The Amazing Life & Times of Rabbi Dr. Yissachar Ber Bernard Illovy ...of St. Louis"

ALL NIGHT LEARNING

11:15 p.m. Topics to be studied:

"A Little Bit of This, a Little Bit of That.....Selections from Mesilat Yescharim, The Tanya, Elie Wiesel" led by Menachem Szus

WEDNESDAY MORNING

5:00 a.m. Early Morning Services

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 - FIRST DAY OF YOM TOV

Shacharis.....9:00 a.m.

Mincha.....7:45 p.m.

Bench Licht for Yom Tov.....8:54 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 20 - SECOND DAY OF YOM TOV

Shacharis.....9:00 a.m.

Yizkor Recited.....approx. 10:30 a.m.

Mincha.....7:45 p.m.

Yom Tov Concludes.....8:55 p.m.

Shavuos - Festival of Weeks

This is a major holiday celebrated seven weeks after Pesach. Even though it is only a two day Yom Tov, nevertheless, it is a very important Jewish Festival. Our Sages inform us that **G-d** revealed the **Ten Commandments** to the Jewish people on **Shavuos**. Shavuos is observed with festive meals. Some people include cheese cake and blintzes on the menu, reminiscent of the Torah that is compared to milk & honey. The Song of Songs (4:11) reads: "Honey & Milk shall be under your tongue." This implies that the words of the Torah may be as pleasant to our ears and hearts as are milk and honey to our tongue. Shavuos is observed by attending services in the shul, resting from work on Tuesday evening, May 18, and also on Wednesday and Thursday, May 19 and May 20.

Yom Tov candles are kindled on the two evenings of Shavuos. The two Brochos are:

Boruch Ata Ado-oi Elo-eynu Melech HaOlom,

Asher Kidshonu B'Mitzvosov V'Tzivonu L'Hadlik Ner Shel Yom Tov.

Blessed are you O **L-RD our G-D**, King of the Universe, who sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to kindle the lights of Yom Tov.

Boruch Ata Ado-oi Elo-eynu Melech HaOlom,

Sh'Hehcheyanu V'Ky"Manu V'Higiyanu Lazman Hazeh.

Blessed are you O **L-RD our G-D**, King of the Universe, who has granted us life and sustenance and permitted us to reach this season.

Kiddush is recited on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at home, and also on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons following services. Prior to the reading of the Torah on the first day of Shavuos, a special poem tribute to **G-D** for creating the world and giving Israel the Torah is said. The poem is called **Akdamus**.