



Beer Hagolah
Shavuos Guide
5777/2017

During the course of the holiday we don't go to work, drive, write, or switch on or off electric devices. We are permitted to cook, to kindle a stove with a flame that existed before the holiday (or which was lit from such a flame), and to carry outdoors.

<p><i>Tuesday, Sivan 5— May 30</i></p>	<p><i>Shavuot eve</i></p> <p><i>It is customary to decorate synagogues and homes with flowers</i></p> <p><i>The holiday of Shavuot begins tonight.</i></p> <p><i>Women and girls light candles tonight to usher in the holiday. candle-lighting times is 8:01 pm- Shehecheyanu and lihadlik ner shel shabbos</i></p> <p><i>After the holiday evening prayers, a festive holiday meal, complete with the recitation of the holiday Kiddush, is enjoyed.</i></p> <p><i>On this night it is customary to <u>remain awake and study Torah until dawn.</u></i></p>
<p><i>Wednesday, Sivan 6— May 31</i></p>	<p><i>First day of Shavuot</i></p> <p><i>Torah reading: <u>Exodus 19:1-20:23; Numbers 28:26-31</u></i></p> <p><i>Haftarah: <u>Ezekiel 1:1-28; 3:12</u></i></p> <p><i>Reading of the Ten Commandments.</i></p> <p><i>All men, women and children should go to the synagogue to hear the reading of the Ten Commandments</i></p> <p><i>The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, of righteous memory, encouraged the bringing of even the youngest of children to the reading of the Ten Commandments in the synagogue on Shavuot. This is in commemoration of the Jewish people declaring: "Our children are our guarantors [that we will keep the Torah]." This, the Midrash states, was the only guarantee acceptable to G-d.</i></p> <p><i>The priests bless the congregation with the <u>Priestly Blessing (Birkas Kohanim)</u> during the <u>Musaf prayer.</u></i></p> <p><i>Many communities chant the <u>Akdamut</u> poem before the reading of the</i></p>

Torah.

Kiddush is recited, and a holiday meal follows.

It is customary to eat dairy foods today.

Candle-lighting, from a pre-existing flame, after nightfall. candle-lighting times is 9:10 pm same blessings as yesterday.

You may begin preparing for the meal now

After the holiday evening prayers, a festive holiday meal, complete with the recitation of the holiday Kiddush, is again enjoyed.

***Thursday
Sivan 7—
June 1***

Second day of Shavuot

Torah reading: Deuteronomy 15:19–16:17; Numbers 28:26–31

Haftarah: Habakkuk 2:20–3:19

The Yizkor memorial service is recited (and charity is pledged) for the souls of departed loved ones.

The priests bless the congregation with the Priestly Blessing during the Musaf prayer.

Kiddush is recited, and a holiday meal follows.

We have the custom to read the Book of Ruth on the second day of Shavuot.

The holiday ends tonight at nightfall.

Hardalah is at 9:10



Cheesecake

You can use any cream cheese. If using bars, bring to room temperature before using so that they soften.

- 3 (8 ounce) reduced fat whipped cream cheese
- 4 extra eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 1/8 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 2 (9") graham cracker pie crusts

1. Preheat oven to 350° F.
2. Blend cream cheese, eggs, sugar and vanilla.
3. Divide batter between the 2 pie crusts.
4. Bake for 45 minutes.
5. Turn off the oven, open the door partially, and leave the cake inside to cool completely, so that the top doesn't "crack".

Yield: 2 cheesecakes