

# Shavuot Schedule and Programs

## Shavuot Schedule of Services

### Shabbat, May 19

9:00am - Beit Medrash  
9:30am - Shabbat Tefillot  
11:45am - Break-Out Study Groups  
6:55pm - Class in Megillat Kohelet  
7:55pm - Minchah / Maariv  
8:50pm - Candle lighting  
11:30pm - Tikun Layl Shavuot

### Sunday, May 20 (First Day of Shavuot)

4:45am - Early (Sunrise) Yom Tov Tefilot  
9:30am - Yom Tov Tefilot  
11:45am - Kiddush Guest Speaker - Rabbi Mark Trencher  
7:55pm - Minchah  
8:45pm - Candle Lighting for Yom Tov

### Monday, May 21 (Second Day of Shavuot)

#### Holiday Food Drive

9:00am - Chevra Mishnayot  
9:30am - Yom Tov Tefilot / Book of Ruth / Yizkor  
11:30am - Children's Shavuot Pageant  
8:00pm - Minchah  
8:45pm - Havdallah

## Shabbat Break-Out Study Groups

All sessions will convene for thirty minutes immediately following Musaf and before Kiddush

Rabbi David Fried (faculty at HHNE) -

- "Reading between the Numbers: How the census helps us make sense of Sefer Bemidbar."

Eric Mauer (director of JTT Connect) -

- "Can My Dog have a Bark Mitzvah? Questions of Tolerance, Inclusion and Religious Freedom"

Barak Bader (rabbinical student at Yeshiva University) -

- "You May Come to Build a Raft - How To Understand Rabbinic Enactments"

## Tikun Layl Shavuot

Study begins @ 11:30pm, Early Tefilot begin at 4:45am

We thank our volunteer educators, and we encourage the congregation to support the program. Come for one hour, come for two or three hours. Stay all night and daven Shacharit at sunrise! Snacks served throughout the night.

**Rabbi Fried** - "Miracles: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly"

**Rabbi Adler** - "The Language of Prayer"

**Adam Gamzon** - "A Kingdom of Priests, A Holy Nation"

- "Choni HaMe'agel versus Shimon Ben Shetach: Relating to God as a father or as a king"

**Jonathan Dickens** - "2, 4, 6, 8 - Why Do We Assimilate?"

## Sunday, May 20, Guest Speaker

### Contemporary Modern Orthodoxy - Successes and Challenges

Rabbi Mark Trencher of Nishma Research (and West Hartford) will share insights, many of them surprising, gleaned from two major studies done in the Jewish community. These will include reasons given by those who left observance, beliefs and attitudes in the community, how people see and value their Judaism as a part of their life, directions people and their children are taking (becoming more or less observant ... is the community fragmenting?), how people relate to their shuls and Jewish study, views toward women's communal roles within Orthodoxy (including shul positions and those within the clergy), and opportunities and challenges facing the community.

## Shavuot - Chag HaBikurim / Holiday of Fruit Fruits

In the days of the ancient Temples of Jerusalem, the farmers of Bnai Yisrael would bring their first fruits as a tribute of thanksgiving. Fanfare and ceremony accompanied these gifts. Fruit placed in baskets would be brought before the Kohanim (priests in service at the Beit HaMikdash), and the holiday was a pilgrimage festival that brought families back to Jerusalem. This year, Beth David asks every person attending Shavuot holiday services to bring one canned fruit item per person; and deposit your charitable item in the basket in the Beth David lobby. The basket's decorations are the handiwork of our children, under the direction of Allison Gamzon and Lesley Meisler. Additionally, every child coming to shul on Monday, May 21 (second day of Yom Tov) is asked to bring one canned fruit item for a Yom Tov procession at the end of Morning Tefilot. All of the items collected will be donated to local food banks.

