



Due to Covid-19 the ability to hear the 10 commandments read in a synagogue is limited. We invite you to read and reflect on the 10 commandments on Friday, May 29th in your home.

The significance and celebration of this day is not only a commemoration of the Jewish nation receiving the Torah. Every year on the holiday of Shavuot we renew our acceptance of G-d's gift, and G-d "re-gives" the Torah.

We invite you to celebrate this holiday of Shavuot on May 28th and May 29th. This is the day the Jewish nation accepted the Torah 3,322 years ago.

# HAPPY SHAVUOT CHAG SAMEACH!

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## 10 DISCUSSION POINTS:

1. Was the giving of the 10 Commandments a one-time event or something that is relevant to us today?
2. How are these 10 Commandments different from the rest of the 613 mitzvahs of the Torah?
3. Of all the 10 Commandments, which one do you relate to on a personal level?
4. Why did G-d choose to reveal Himself on a mountain? Why in the desert?
5. How did the people feel after the experience at Sinai, and how can we recreate that for ourselves?
6. What empowering lesson can we gain from the fact that we are forced to celebrate Shavuot in our homes?
7. What is the significance of 10? Where else does this number appear in Jewish tradition?
8. What meaning does the Giving of the Torah have to non-Jews?
9. Why was the Giving of the Torah accompanied by thunder, lightning and shofar blasts?
10. Why isn't Mount Sinai revered by Jewish people as a sacred place today?

SHAVUOT  
MAY 29-30

COMMANDMENTS

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## 10 COMMANDMENTS HOW TO:

This year, we'll be reading the 10 Commandments ourselves, as our own living spaces have become our places of worship.

**When:** The ideal time for this reading is on Shavuot morning (May 29, 2020), as part of the services. However, it may be read later in the day as well.

**Who:** Every single Jewish woman, man and child should either read the 10 Commandments, or hear it read by someone else.

**How:** Since this is not an actual Torah reading, it may be read in Hebrew or English, or both.

## WHY DAIRY?

With the giving of the Torah, the Jews became obligated to observe the kosher laws. Since the Torah was given on Shabbat, no cattle could be slaughtered nor could utensils be koshered, and thus on that day they ate dairy.

After the reading of the Ten Commandments enjoy these celebratory treats and make a L'chaim!

## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Thursday Night: **8:03 PM**

Friday Night: **8:03 PM** light from a pre-existing flame

# 10 COMMANDMENTS

- 1.** I am the L-rd your G-d, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
- 2.** You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a graven image, nor any manner of likeness of anything that is in heaven above, that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them, nor serve them. For I the L-rd your G-d am a jealous G-d, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children of the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; and showing mercy unto the thousandth generation of them that love Me and keep My commandments.
- 3.** You shall not take the name of the L-rd your G-d in vain; for the L-rd will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain.
- 4.** Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath unto the L-rd your G-d. On it you shall not do any manner of work—you, your son, your daughter, your man-servant, your maid-servant, your cattle, and your stranger that is within your gates. For in six days the L-rd made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested on the seventh day; wherefore the L-rd blessed the Sabbath Day, and hallowed it.
- 5.** Honor your father and mother, so that your days may be long upon the land which the L-rd your G-d gives you.
- 6.** You shall not murder.
- 7.** You shall not commit adultery.
- 8.** You shall not steal.
- 9.** You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 10.** You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, his manservant, his maid-servant, his ox, his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.

