

## THE TRIBE SCRIBE

SHAVUOT: RAINING AND POURING!



(IT'S RAINING, IT'S POURING, IT'S SPITTING, IT'S DRIZZLING! THEN THERE'S SHOWER, DOWNPOUR, STORM, TORRENT, BUCKETING, PELTING, FLOOD, CATS AND DOGS. WOAHI TALK ABOUT A FLOOD OF SUGGESTIONS! WHY DO YOU THINK THERE ARE SO MANY WORDS FOR RAIN IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE?



WELL, THEY'RE NOT ALL THE SAME. EACH WORD

DESCRIBES A DIFFERENT KIND OF RAIN. SINCE IT RAINS

UMBRELLA-TIVELY OFTEN HERE IN ENGLAND, WE IT

HAVE PLENTY OF WORDS SO THAT WE CAN TELL YOU

EXACTLY WHICH RAIN IT IS.

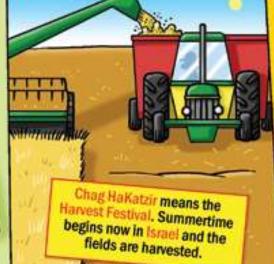
DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE
SEVERAL NAMES FOR SHAVUOT?
WHEN SOMETHING IS IMPORTANT
TO US, WE USE LOTS OF WORDS TO
DESCRIBE IT. AND JUST LIKE WITH
RAIN, EACH NAME TELLS US ABOUT
ANOTHER ASPECT OF SHAVUOT.



THE TORAH USES THREE DIFFERENT NAMES TO TALK ABOUT SHAVUOT. THE TALMUD ADDS A FURTHER TWO! EACH ONE HELPS US UNDERSTAND MORE DIMENSIONS - LET'S CHECK THEM OUT...

Shavuot means Weeks!
Shavuot is the end of the
seven weeks of Sefirat
Ha0mer, Counting the
Omer from Pesach to
Shavuot.





Zman Matan Torahtenu means the Time of Giving of the Torah. On Shavuot we celebrate the dramatic revelation at Sinai where we received the Torah from God.





Yom HaBikkurim means the Day of First Fruits. Shavuot marks the beginning of bringing Bikkurim, First Fruits, to the Temple in Jerusalem Atzeret means Stop as we stop counting the Omer.





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