



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

SHAVUOT: RAINING AND POURING!

HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOU THINK OF FOR RAIN?



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...

WOAH! 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 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 HaOmer, Counting the Omer from Pesach to Shavuot.



Chag HaKatzir means the Harvest Festival. Summertime begins now in Israel and the fields are harvested.

Zman Matan Torahenu 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.

