



Shavuot

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Shavuot Overview

Thursday 25 May

Shavuot for Years 4-8

17:00-19:30 Secret Cinema for Shavuot

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

All sessions are in person, with one online option available to join throughout the evening.

19:00 Welcome

19:15-20:15 Choice of two options:

- **Issues that divide us and how we find common ground** Interfaith study on Revelation
([Click here to join online](#))

or

- **Table Talk** with Ruth Nieman, author of *Freekeh*

20:15 Dinner together

21:00 Erev Shavuot Service ([Click here to join online](#))

21:45-22:45 Choice of two options:

- **Alyth Chevruta Project** Choice of two study tracks on The Book of Ruth:

- ACP continued: studying Chapter 4 in detail ([Click here to join online](#))
- The Book of Ruth: Highlights from this series of ACP

or

- **Jewish Music for this Moment:** Should I Stay or Should I Go? The Soundtrack of the Book of Ruth

22:45 Refreshments

23:00-24:00 Choice of two options:

- **Sugyot Every Progressive Jew Should Know** The limits of diversity ([Click here to join online](#))

or

- **Alyth Late-Night TV Club** S'rugim

Friday 26 May

Shavuot morning services

07:45 for 08:00 Heathbodedut (with Rabbi Elliott and our JMM team)

09:00 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Gesher Shavuot

10:15 Choral service (including blessing of our children at 11:00)
With a supervised kids' corner so parents can pray

11:15 Sensory Shavuot

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Session Descriptions



Issues that divide us and how we find common ground: Interfaith study on Revelation

Our interfaith programme tries to get to the root of difficult and divisive issues and find the common ground in them. The subject of revelation has the potential to cause conflict between faith traditions, if we believe that our revealed word is the true word of God. But is the idea of revelation in our faith traditions truly divisive, or is it something that we have in common? Join Rabbi Hannah, Revd Patrick Moriarty and Omar Ali de Unzaga to explore what our three Abrahamic faith traditions teach about the many ideas of revelation.

Table Talk: with Ruth Nieman, author of Freekeh

Ruth Nieman is the author of several cookery books including The Galilean Kitchen and her latest book— Freekeh, Wild Wheat & Ancient Grains. In this special Table Talk for Shavuot, she will share recipes from Freekeh, which celebrates the grains used by our Ancient Near Eastern ancestors. She will speak about their relevance to Shavuot and the Book of Ruth, and will demonstrate how to cook freekeh, using a traditional Arabic recipe, which will then be eaten together with other delicacies at the meal afterwards.

Alyth Chavruta Project: The Book of Ruth (choice of two tracks)

The Book of Ruth is traditionally read at Shavuot. Over the last four weeks the Alyth Chavruta Project has explored one chapter a week, looking at the book through various different lenses.

For Tikkun Leyl Shavuot we offer two ACP tracks:

- 1) Those who have been with us over the last few weeks are invited to join Rabbi Elliott to complete our reading, sharing reflections on Chapter 4 and this week's chavruta pack.
- 2) Those who have not previously joined ACP are welcome to join the close look at Chapter 4, or we are pleased to offer a special one-off chavruta session with Rabbi Hannah, studying highlights from this series.

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Jewish Music for this Moment: Should I Stay or Should I Go? The Soundtrack of the Book of Ruth

The Book of Ruth which we traditionally read on Shavuot contains themes that are both religious and secular, and above all, deeply human. Join Cantor Tamara as we delve into liturgical and secular texts, music, and lyrics that capture the spirit of this important narrative.

Sugyot Every Progressive Jew Should Know: The limits of diversity

Diversity of practice is one of the defining features of Jewish life in modernity. “There are 15 million Jews in the world and 15 million ways of doing Judaism” as one wise commentator has observed. But how do we cope with this diversity? How do we engage with one another if we live very different Jewish lives? In this session, we will look at the example of the interaction of Hillel and Shammai as it is presented in Mishnah, Tosefta, Yerushalmi and Bavli. How did they interact? What does this tell us about our approach? With Rabbi Josh.

Alyth Late-Night TV Club: S’rugim

One of the most popular Israeli TV shows over the last decade is S’rugim, a comedy-drama about the lives of young modern orthodox Jews looking for love and meaning in twenty-first century Jerusalem. Join Rabbi Elliott as we delve into 2 episodes of the series, to see how the makers of this show have interwoven personal drama with religious reflection. This TV show is in Hebrew with English subtitles.