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My 3 Step Guide to Having an Awesome Shavuot



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by Rabbi Dani Locker

Hey, do you like this song I wrote about the holiday of Shavuot?

Sha-sha-sha-vuos, for thee I be yearnin'

Sha-sha-sha-vuos, all night I be learnin'

Three thousand years back, plus,
we was chillin out at Sinai,
G-d asked us to accept,
and we said a-ight; fine - I

will do and I will listen,
to the rules that you make
and then when we be done,
we gonna eat cheesecake

Sha-sha-sha-vuos
Sha-sha-sha-vuos

Yup you got it, it's Shavuot, the holiday that we celebrate receiving the Torah (bible), our guidebook to life. It also happens to be the best selling book of all time (eat that J.K. Rowling!).

Now that's I've impressed everyone with my masterful lyrics, here are the three tips you need to know to make Shavuot an effective, growthy (yes, I made that word up. No, it doesn't

mean growing a wart. It refers to growing spiritually) holiday. You're probably all asking, "What's your favorite thing about Shavuot?"

Well, maybe not all of you are asking that, just some of you... OK, OK, so none of you care, I'm gonna tell you anyway, so just quiet down and listen!

When the Jewish people camped around Mt. Sinai to get the Torah, it says, "He camped beneath the mountain." Why does it say 'he', if it was a whole group of a few million people (some people say that the 'he' is referring to my imaginary friend Bartholomew, but it's a minority opinion)?

The answer is that the Jewish people at that time were such good friends- they had such unity, that it was as if they were one person!

Let's remember that there were twelve tribes of Israel, and millions of people. They were not at all alike, and throughout history did not always get along. Some people like cherry cheese cake, and some people preferred the Oreo kind. Plus, we Jews are know to be stubborn and unyielding. No we're not.

STUMP THE RABBI



Hi Rabbi,

I love soccer. It's pretty much my life. I had a big game last week, and I was nervous. Somebody suggested that I pray for a good game. That seemed silly to me! God deals with big stuff, like wars, and health and tsunamis. How can I pray to Him for my unimportant soccer game?

Thanks,

Paul Raymond,

Dear P. Ray...

Do you have any really good friends? Well, let's say your friend has something really important to them that you don't really care about. If you truly care about your friend, that thing becomes important to you, too. Eventually, when you have children, you'll really get this. I might be able to buy a new doll for six dollars, but to make my daughter happy, I

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Yes we are!
No... we're NOT!
Yes... WE ARE!...
ya see?

Step 1: If they could achieve such awesome love of one another, that was a serious accomplishment. This is was necessary for us to receive the Torah. In order for us to get on G-d's good side (and let's face it, that's about as good brownie points as you're gonna get), we gotta love every Jew, and treat them as if they were our own left pinky toe (pedicure, anyone?). The key to spiritual growth is loving every Jew.

STEP 2: On Shavuot people would bring offerings of the first fruit that grew in their fields, to thank G-d for giving them fruit (I always bring offerings of my

first pickles). It's sorta like the original Thanksgiving. Appreciate the people who help us and give us stuff. If we have an attitude of appreciation and don't take things for granted, we will be well on our way to understanding G-d's wisdom.

STEP 3: The torah was not given on a beach. The Torah was not given at an amusement park. It was given in the desert, a hard and unforgiving place. In order to really change and grow, we need to put the effort in. Study. Rinse. Repeat. Whether you're staying up all night studying, or just reading my ramblings, make the extra effort to work hard this Shavuot!

STUMP
continued

might drive three hours to find the one we left at the hotel. You're right that in the greater scheme of the world and history, your soccer match might not be the ultimate goal (pun intended), but G-d loves you so, so much, that He cares about what you care about. There is no topic that's too small for His attention. Oh, and don't worry that you'll be taking his attention away from the important stuff... He is pretttty good at multitasking!

I PRAY that you have a wonderful Shavuot holiday full of "Growthiness."

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the Rabbi

Stump the Rabbi is a forum where kids can ask ANY Jewish question.

Have a question? Please send it in to stump@nageelawest.org

Questions here are real. Names and some wording have been changed

DID JEW KNOW?

Although Mt. Sinai is in the desert and is not usually green, in honor of the giving of the Torah, the mountain bloomed with flowers and plants!

Know a cool Jewish factoid? email it to dlocker@nageelawest.org

VERY PUNNY

MOSHE: THE WAY THE PEOPLE KEEP REBELLING MAKES ME SICK!

G-D: TAKE TWO TABLETS AND CALL ME IN THE MORNING!

SORRY, THAT WAS TERRIBLE. HAVE REALLY CORNY PUN?

Congrats to the 30 participants from Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and Scottsdale

who made this past weekend's Shabbaton a smashing success!

SUNDAY
Nageela Bowling Party
Las Vegas
10am at the Suncoast.

MONDAY
FINAL Summerlin
NageeLatte - 6:45

THURSDAY
FINAL NaGleeda Green
Valley - Uswirl 7pm

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