



SHAVUOT: THE FEAST OF WEEKS (PENTECOST)

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2. *Hag Hakatzir*
3. *Yom Habikkurim*
4. *Hag Habikkurim*
5. *Hag Atzeret*
6. *Atzeret Shel Pesach*
7. *Zman Matan Torah*
8. Pentecost

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2. Observance During the Second Temple Period

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 - a. The Procedure
 - b. Why Two Loaves?
4. The Laws of *Shavuot*
5. *Shloshet Yemei Hagbach*
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 - a. The *Torah* Reading
 - b. The *Haftarah* Reading
 - c. The Book of Ruth
 - d. The Ten Commandments
7. Liturgy
 - a. The Singing of *Akdamut*
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8. *Shavuot* Foods
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B. Exodus 34:22

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2. The Purpose - 23:16b
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A. Acts 2:1-4

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1. The Two Loaves

2. The Firstfruits of *Shavuot*