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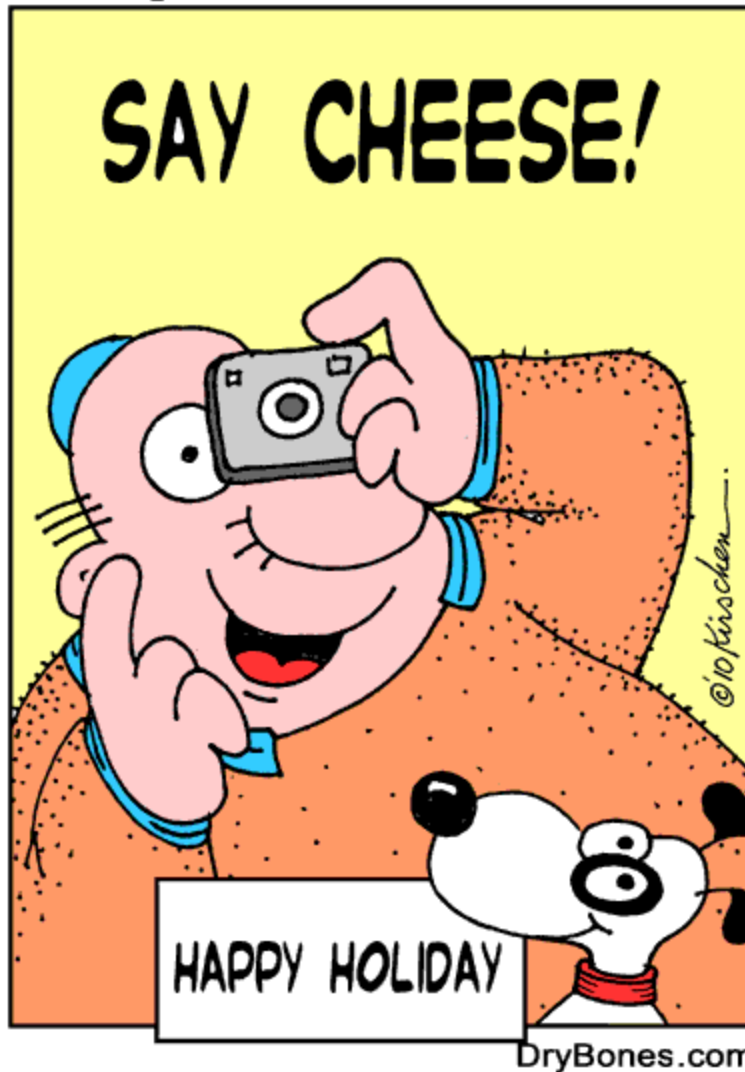
SHABBAT SERVICE

May 23rd – 10:30 AM Lolo Community Synagogue
12:30 PM Oneg Shabbat

Shavuot Celebration this Shabbat
Greg Olson will update us from Jerusalem



Dry Bones SHAVUOT



Bring Cheese & Dairy Dishes

Happy Pentecost! Happy Shavuot!

חג שבועות שמח!!

Shalom from Jerusalem! This evening at sunset, we began the Biblical Feast of Shavuot.

Leviticus 23 is one place it is written. Christians all around the world celebrate it, many without even realizing it. It has, over time, lost its original name and become known more commonly as "Pentecost." It was a very powerful day that would eventually change the world. Acts chapter 2 is where the account is recorded of how the first Jewish believers were filled in a new way by the presence of God dwelling inside each believer in Yeshua.

The Greek word "Pentecost," where we get the new name for The Feast of Shavuot, simply means "fiftieth," because it comes 50 days after Passover. Yeshua told His disciples to "wait" in Jerusalem for Shavuot to come. Why? He knew what was coming.

At Sinai, the first Shavuot happened:

- God came down in fire
 - There was a sound from heaven
 - God gave His Torah to Israel
- In Acts 2, Shavuot would happen again:

- There was a sound from heaven
- Tongues like fire appeared
- God poured out His Spirit upon His people

At Sinai, God wrote His Commandments on stone tablets, for Israel's twelve tribes.

In Acts 2, God begins writing His Commandments upon hearts through the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) for those who believe in the Risen Lord, the Messiah Yeshua. This was prophesied and promised in the book of Jeremiah (31:32). This verse is the cornerstone of Jeremiah's famous prophecy regarding the "New Covenant" (Brit Hadasha).

"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Jeremiah 31:33 NKJV

Acts 2 was not the cancellation of what God began at Sinai. It was a continuation and fulfillment of His promises.

Lastly, Shavuot was also a harvest festival. In Acts 2, we see a great spiritual harvest begin as thousands respond to the message about the Messiah.

Please continue to pray for a great Harvest here again in Jerusalem among the Jewish people. Pray for our calling and ministry, "Zion's Harvest," here in Jerusalem!

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support!!

In Jewish tradition, dairy (lots of cheese-based desserts) is eaten on Shavuot for a few reasons. One is that the Torah is likened to the sweetness of milk and honey, reflecting the land of Israel. Another one is the rabbis connect the imagery of this verse:

"Honey and milk are under your tongue" Song of Songs 4:11

Psalm 119:103: "How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"

Just as milk nourishes a baby, the Torah (The Word of God) nourishes the soul!

(This spiritual symbolism is why eating dairy foods (like cheesecake and blintzes) is a celebrated tradition on Shavuot, the holiday celebrating the giving of the Torah.)

Announcement News



Shira & Malachi will be married July 16th
(and it will be on zoom)