

Questions

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- ☐ Judaism
- ☐ Islam
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- ☐ It is celebrated seven weeks after Passover.
- ☐ The festival lasts for three days.
- ☐ The word Shavuot means 'weeks'.
- ☐ It celebrated in the winter.

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- ☐ Samuel
- ☐ Moses
- ☐ David

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6. Why are the synagogues decorated with flowers? Write your answer.

7. What happens during Shavuot? Tick two answers.

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People light candles

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People go to church

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People read the Torah

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Moses reads the Ten Commandments

8. Why are dairy products eaten during Shavuot? Tick one.

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To remind people not to eat meat.

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- ☐ It lasts for two days.
- ☐ It takes place seven weeks after Passover.
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2. Why were the Israelites led out of Egypt?

3. Shavuot is a celebration of:

- ☐ When Jews went to the synagogues.
- ☐ The Passover.
- ☐ When God gave the people the Torah.
- ☐ Seven weeks.

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5. Why is this seen as a spiritual event as well as a historical one?

6. Which word closely matches the meaning of 'devotion'? Tick one.

- ☐ care
- ☐ friendship
- ☐ love
- ☐ fun

7. Circle the correct option to complete the sentence below:

Prayers of thanks are said to God ...

for freedom

for loyalty

for the Torah

for synagogues

8. What might Jewish people do during Shavuot? Tick two.

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Go to church

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Read the Torah

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Listen to the Ten Commandments

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Eat meat

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The Jews were led out of Egypt because they were slaves.

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Moses was a leader and a prophet, who led the Jews out of slavery into the Holy Land.

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This is seen as a spiritual event as well as a historical one because it is not just about when Moses led the Jews out of Egypt but about them remembering the importance of the Torah in their lives.

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The synagogues are decorated with flowers in remembrance of the flowers on Mount Sinai.

10. Look at the last paragraph. What impression does this give you about traditions during Shavuot?

Answers will vary. An example could include: I get the impression that strict traditions must be followed during Shavuot because Jews can only eat certain foods during this time.

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2. How would someone be able to work out when Shavuot will take place?

3. Shavuot is a celebration of two things. What are they?

4. What two impressions do you get about Moses? Explain your answers.

a) _____

b) _____

5. Look at the paragraph beginning "Apart from commemorating ..." to the paragraph ending "...loyalty to God" how do Jewish people feel about the Torah?

6. Which word closely matches the meaning of 'pledge'? Tick one.

gift

vow

tradition

offer

7. Why do you think Jewish people read the Torah during the first night of Shavuot?

8. True or false? Make any false statements, true.

Synagogues are decorated with flowers and spices to remember the flowers on Mount Sinai.

Jewish people will eat meat during the celebrations.

The Jewish people will pray thanks to God for their families.

Some people will remind themselves how they should live by listening to the Ten Commandments.

9. The following sentences are a summary of some of the paragraphs.

Order the paragraphs by numbering them 1 to 5.

- ☐ It symbolises the promises made by God and the Jewish people to each other.
- ☐ Jewish people remember that meat could not be eaten on Mount Sinai.
- ☐ Initial facts about Shavuot
- ☐ A range of things are carried out during Shavuot.
- ☐ Shavuot commemorates when Moses was given the Torah.

10. What impressions do you get about traditions during Shavuot? Explain your reasons.

Answers

1. Which crops are celebrated as part of the Shavuot festivities?

Barley and wheat are the crops which are celebrated as part of the Shavuot festivities.

2. How would someone be able to work out when Shavuot will take place?

Someone could work out when Shavuot will take place, because it occurs seven weeks, or fifty days, after the Passover.

3. Shavuot is a celebration of two things. What are they?

Shavuot is a celebration of the harvest but also when God gave the Torah to the Jews over 3300 years before.

4. What two impressions do you get about Moses? Explain your answers.

a) That Moses was respected by God because he talked to him on Mount Sinai.

b) That the Jewish people respected him because they called him Moshe Rabbenu which means 'Moses our teacher'.

5. Look at the paragraph beginning "Apart from commemorating ..." to the paragraph ending "...loyalty to God" how do Jewish people feel about the Torah?

Answers will vary. An example could include: The Torah is very important for all Jewish people as it represents God's eternal devotion to them.

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7. Why do you think Jewish people read the Torah during the first night of Shavuot?

I think that Jewish people read the Torah during the first night of Shavuot because the festival is in celebration of God giving them the Torah.

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Synagogues are decorated with flowers and spices to remember the flowers on Mount Sinai. **True**

Jewish people will eat meat during the celebrations. **False**

The Jewish people will pray thanks to God for their families. **False**

Some people will remind themselves how they should live by listening to the Ten Commandments. **True**

Jewish people will not eat meat during the celebrations. They will eat dairy products instead.

The Jewish people will pray their thanks to God for the Torah and His law.

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Initial facts about Shavuot

A range of things are carried out during Shavuot.

Shavuot commemorates when Moses was given the Torah.

10. What impressions do you get about traditions during Shavuot? Explain your reasons.

Answers will vary. An example could include: I get the impression that Shavuot is an extremely important festival because it remembers the time that Moses received the Torah. It is also a time to celebrate as Jews tend to share a special meal with their family and it also celebrates the harvest.