

Hag HaShavuot / חג השבועות
The Festival of Weeks

Hag HaKatzir / חג הקציר
The Harvest Festival

Yom HaBikkurim / יום הבכורים
Day of the First Fruits

Chizuk Amuno Congregation

תקון ליל שבועות

Tikkun Leil Shavuot 5768

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2008

An old Jewish folk saying tells us that *Shavuot* is the best holiday because one can eat whatever one likes and whenever one likes—as opposed to *Pesah*, when *hametz* is prohibited; *Sukkot* when meals are to be eaten only in the *sukkah*; *Rosh HaShanah* when one eats only after completing the lengthy prayers; and *Yom Kippur* when one may not eat at all. In the spirit of this teaching, we devote our *Tikkun* this year to “food.”

Join us in a wonderful evening of *davening*, dining, and learning.

Tikkun Schedule

- 6 p.m.** *Minhah/Erev Shavuot Service*
Kol Rinah, Chizuk Amuno's a capella choir, will perform under the direction of Michael Lesley.
- 6:45 p.m.** Festival Dinner
Following Dinner, "Food for Thought" with Rabbi Ron Shulman
More than expressing gratitude, *Birkat HaMazon* is a statement of Jewish belief. What are those religious ideas and why do we recite them?
- 8 p.m.** Study Sessions
- 9 p.m.** Dessert
- 9:45 p.m.** Late Night Session

Study Sessions

It's Not Just Lunch

Rabbi Deborah Wechsler

Using the text of the *Torah*, we will explore the role of food and dining together in the biblical experience.

Torah: The Food of Eternal Life

Dr. Moshe Shualy

The *Torah* is the Tree of Life, its fruit the fruit of Eternity. God has planted within us Eternal Life. But, how do we consume it? And with what utensils? Come learn the secrets of Eternal Life.



Study Sessions

May Our Mitzvot Be as Plentiful as the Seeds of a Pomegranate!

Dr. Paul Schneider

Miriam Foss

According to our sages, there were 613 seeds in the original pomegranate, corresponding to the number of *mitzvot* in the *Torah*. How appropriate that silver *rimonim*, the Hebrew word for pomegranates, so often adorn *Torah* scrolls!

At this session we will study rabbinic texts on one of those 613 *mitzvot*, feeding the hungry. Then we will hear from congregants who have participated in *gemilut hasadim* projects addressing the needs of the hungry in Baltimore and in Israel.

Food, Energy, and How We Eat: Or Why Asparagus Comes from Chile and Corn Powers Cars

Dr. Peter Shulman

This class looks at how technology, politics, and affluence transformed the American diet in the 20th century.



Bones of Contention

Dr. Arthur Lesley

There are times when a meal turns from being a kindness or gesture of hospitality, or even a cure, into the occasion for bitter enmity, rape, or assassination, as when Jacob makes the price of his lentil meal for Esau the birthright. There are more examples of what qualifies as a "type scene" in biblical story-telling, a conventional set of events that can be recognized even when varied greatly.

Music to Enrich Your Palate

Hazzan Emanuel Perlman and a Quartet under the direction of T. Herbert Dimmock

Hazzan Perlman and a quartet under the direction of T. Herbert Dimmock will musically illustrate the rich, flowing, tasteful *nusah* associated with the holiday of *Shavuot*.

Late Night Session

"Can't Get No Satisfaction?"

Rabbi Ron Shulman

Now that our stomachs are full, let's explore other sources of satisfaction and fulfillment. We'll study *Torah* ideas for our hearts and minds examining the 10th Commandment. "You Shall Not Covet" asks us to think about our personal lives in an age of consumption and limitations.

Maki, Nori, Wasabi, and Other Foods from the Old Country for Shabbat and Shavuot

Alex Weinberg

Join Chef Alex for an interactive, participatory session on sushi preparation. Registration limited to 15. To reserve your spot, please send an e-mail to aweinberg@chizukamuno.org.

Traditional Dairy Dinner - Reservation Form

Name(s) _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Adults: \$20 per person

Children, ages 6 - 10: \$10

Children age 5 and younger: Free

Number of Adults _____

Number of Children _____

Dinner Reservations Deadline: May 30, 2008

Checks should be made payable to **Chizuk Amuno Congregation** and sent to:

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