

Spiritual Care Corner



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Shavuot Begins: First Fruits

Tonight begins the holiday of Shavuot, the Jewish festival of first fruits and the receiving of the Torah. When we read the story of the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai, we may marvel at the collective experience of meeting the ineffable. For Jews (and, later, Christians), it was the moment of Revelation, the moment when the way to live was revealed. However, for many the story reveals another truth: that learning about how to live didn't stop at Sinai, and that revelation is an ongoing process. As we go through the pandemic, we are continuously learning new truths about our world and figuring out how to cope with, adapt to, and improve on the marvelous world we have been given. This Shavuot, let us celebrate the harvest of first fruits - the new insights we gain every new day.

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