

Shavuot

Brunch, Munch, and Study

Sunday, May 24th

10 a.m. - noon

Co-sponsored by Books & Bagels and the Food in Jewish Culture Series
Everyone is Invited!

Shavuot is a major holiday in the Jewish liturgical and agricultural calendar. Its one of the three pilgrimage festivals (along with Pesach and Sukkot) when Jews would travel great distances to pray, sacrifice, and celebrate in Jerusalem.

This year you only have to travel to Rockland, and the only thing you may need to sacrifice is your diet. Please join us for a traditional dairy brunch, beginning at 10 a.m. (details below)* followed by informal study and discussion of The Book of Ruth, traditionally read on Shavuot. The discussion will be led by Richard Aroneau, who encourages everyone to read Ruth in advance. Its one of the shortest books in the Tanach (only four chapters), but also one of the richest, most dramatic, and both spiritually and intellectually complex. And its a great story!

*But what would storytelling, however rich, be without food? For Ashkenazis, Shavuot is blintzes and kugel (and if you're Hungarian, cabbage buns and cherry soup). For Sephardim, it's other delectable foods, as we know. Think spinach and cheese and filo and bouikos and sweet rice pudding. And then there are the breads. So how about joining the cooking? Make your favorite dairy dish or try a new recipe. If you have one, great. If you don't, Judy Stein has lots to share. Email or call her for a recipe (contact info below).

Remember, this is the holiday Barbara Streisand wanted to turn into a Broadway musical (*Shavuot!*) to rival *Oklahoma!* It should be a great morning. Please come!

RSVP not necessary but you can:

Email Richard at richard@planetmarketplace.com if you'd like a copy of the English text of Ruth sent to you.

Email Judy at judykstein@gmail.com or call her, 338-5318; she's ready to talk recipes.

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