

# Kosher Meals on Wheels

# The Kosher Konnection

## Word Power

### VOCABULARY BUILDING



*\*please choose the best synonym for each word.*

**1. ABORTIVE**

- a. fatal
- b. failing to accomplish
- c. seeking to overthrow

**2. BRUIT**

- a. to settle
- b. to spread news of
- c. to vary in tone

**3. MAUDLIN**

- a. excessively sentimental
- b. failing to accomplish
- c. to vary in tone

**4. PRESCIENCE**

- a. witty or joking
- b. excessively sentimental
- c. knowledge of events before they happen

**5. WAGGISH**

- a. witty or joking
- b. an authoritative statement
- c. seeking to overthrow tradition

**6. ENSCONCE**

- a. to settle securely
- b. witty or joking
- c. extremely pious

## JUNE 2019

**Chag Sameach Shavuot—Sunday, June 9 & Monday, June 10**

**Happy Father's Day—Sunday, June 16**

### JEWISH HEROES AND SHAVUOT

By Rabbi Benjamin Blech \*excerpted from Aish.com

*The power of Torah is the influence of the giants of our past to shape the dreams and the aspirations of our future.*

"I believe," Abraham Lincoln famously said, "the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man."

Shavuot is the holiday which commemorates the giving of that gift to the Jewish people. According to Jewish tradition, God offered it to all of mankind, but they refused to accept it. They weren't ready to be bound by its laws or to be guided by its values. So that's part of the reason why the world is in the shape that it is, still far from having reached its potential for peace, for love, and for messianic fulfillment.

But we (Jews), descendants of those who stood at Sinai, made an everlasting commitment to treasure the words of the Torah and to live by its teachings.

The Torah is not merely a book of law. It is also filled with narrative. It is the story of many people, some of whose lives are inspirational—others personifications of deceit and wrongdoing.

...In order to be truly transformed by ideals we need role models...Warren Buffett, the brilliant prognosticator of Wall Street, shared a profound prediction. "Tell me your heroes," he declared, "and I will tell you how your life will end up."

According to a remarkable article in Psychology Today, heroes today are almost an extinct species. In a recent poll of more than a thousand Americans, more than half couldn't name a single public figure that they admired or considered a hero.

Torah is not a list of dos and don'ts but a thrilling history of great men and women, of our patriarchs and matriarchs, and of common people who when the world said they can't, confidently responded that they could—and that they would.

And that is why we celebrate Shavuot with such fervor and passion.

## Our Beloved Fathers

*It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father.—Pope John XXIII*

*It is admirable for a man to take his son fishing, but there is a special place in heaven for the father who takes his daughter shopping.*

--John Sinor



**Humor from Top-25 Jewish Comedians of All Time**

*Billy Crystal*

**"At 60, I could do the same things I could do at 30, if I could only remember what those things are."**

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## This Month's Trivia

## TELL IT FROM THE TORAH

1. How many books comprise the Torah?

- a. 2                      b. 3                      c. 5

2. Which of these names does NOT appear in the Torah?

- a. Rachel                      b. Claire                      c. Esau

3. Which of these is NOT a book of the Torah?

- a. Joshua                      b. Genesis                      c. Leviticus

4. The pointer that is used for Torah reading is called a...?

- a. stick                      b. mezuzah                      c. yad

5. How many commandments are in the Torah?

- a. 40                      b. 254                      c. 613

6. Which days of a regular week is the Torah read?

- a. Mon/Tues/Wed                      b. Mon/Thurs/Sat                      c. Sat/Sun

### *JEWS WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE—LOUIS D. BRANDEIS*

*\*National Museum of American Jewish History*

The first Jew appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, Louis Brandeis was a stalwart advocate for social and economic justice. As an attorney, he helped end a garment workers' strike in 1910 by creating a "Protocol of Peace" that led to America's first system of labor mediation. His book, Other People's Money and How the Bankers Use It (1914), attacked the use of investment funds and argued for antitrust legislation. In 1916 President Wilson nominated Brandeis to the U.S. Supreme Court, where his opinions on the right of privacy, freedom of speech, and labor laws made him one of the most influential members of the court.

## LAUGH A LITTLE A WHITE WEDDING

\*excerpted from  
Jewlarious.com

Little Harold is going to be the ring bearer at his Cousin Miriam's wedding. While he is putting on his tuxedo, he turns to his mother and asks, "Why does a bride wear a white dress for her wedding?"

"Well," replies his mother, "The bride wears white because she is happy. Why, it's the happiest day of her life!"

Harold ponders this for a few seconds, and then blurts out, "Well, then why does the groom wear black??"

Answers to VOCABULARY BUILDING: 1.b 2.b 3.a 4.c 5.a 6.a

Answers to Tell It From the Torah: 1.c 2.b 3.a 4.c 5.c 6.b

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**FYI — KMOV** If you always ask for the same type of menu change, you can request a "Standing Order" instead of calling the office each time. For example, if you don't wish to eat any hot meal of beef, you can request a "Standing Order" to substitute roast chicken any time beef comes up on the menu.

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