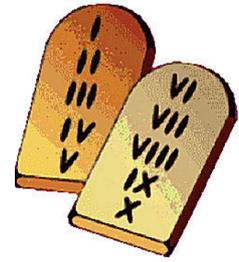




Chagim Netzer Shavuot



"And these words which I command you will be on your heart"

Shavuot is the festival celebrating the Jewish people receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai. "Torah" in Judaism very often doesn't just mean the physical books and scrolls themselves, though, but is representative of knowledge as a whole. Learning and education are principles which Judaism gives the highest possible value to. Traditionally on Shavuot, we study all night in our thirst to acquire as much of the knowledge given to us on this day as possible and take it to heart.

"And you shall teach them to all your children"

Of course, we at RSY-Netzer see the huge importance of spreading learning through informal education to all of the young people who we come into contact with. On the reverse side of this leaflet is information about some causes we're supporting as a movement in connection to Shavuot as we try to help give the opportunity to access meaningful educational experiences to more children in the UK and in Israel.

"And you shall talk of them when you're sitting in your house and walking on your way"

It's easy enough to sit and learn about the values of Torah and learning on this night and on Shavuot, but how can we take them out and live out our values? Not only that, but how can we go out and about and spread these values - helping others access the education we think is so important. Our tradition which started from receiving the Torah on Shavuot and has continued until today is an activist one - we don't just sit and learn, we take it out into the world with us.

"And you shall write them on the doors of your house and on your gates"

We're commanded to be an "Or L'Goyim" - a light to the world around us. We put our values we learn from the Torah we were given on our doorposts and display them proudly to the world around us. We learn from the Torah hugely important lessons about welcoming the stranger, reaching out to the needy and pursuing justice. How on this festival and the year to come can we write these values into our lives and display them proudly to the world as a *dugma ishit* (a personal example to those around us)?

As part of our celebration of Chagim this year, we've been drawing attention to causes which reflect the themes of the festivals and our ideological commitment as a youth movement.

At this time, not only are we showcasing these great causes supporting education of young people, we are raising money for them on our bridge walk.

Equalizer

Equalizer is a project which works throughout Israel, bringing Jewish and Arab children together, and enhancing their education, through the power of football. Equalizer combines football training with extra academic support to give disadvantaged children a much better chance in life. They also learn the values of tolerance and mutual respect, both on and off the pitch.

Youth Futures

Through Youth Futures, trained mentors work as trusted guides to help students improve school performance, strengthen social integration and overcome barriers to success. The project focuses on at-risk children in particularly disadvantaged areas of the Galil region - our partner region of Israel.

RSY-Netzer Bursary Fund

In the UK, our movement provides life-changing experiences for young people which shapes their Jewish identity and gives them valuable skills for life. The bursary fund helps enable participants of all backgrounds to have these formative moments and develop a personal and Jewish identity which lasts throughout their life.

For more info and to sponsor:

<https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/netzerbridgewalk>

THE BIG NETZER BRIDGE WALK

