MEANING
• “Weeks.”
• It is a joyous holiday that takes place 7 “weeks” after Pesach.
• Shavuot commemorates the revelation of the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai.

GREETINGS
• Chag Sameach (“A good holiday!” – Hebrew).
• Gut Yontif (“A good holiday!” - Yiddish).

WHEN
• Hebrew Calendar: 6-7 Sivan.
• Western Calendar: June or July.
• Shavuot begins at sundown and ends at sundown two days later.

COMMON PRACTICES
• On Shavuot, Jews often attend synagogue services to celebrate the revelation of the Torah and have festive meals with friends and family.
• There is a custom to study Torah all through the night, known as “Tikkun Leil Shavuot.”
• Dairy foods are traditionally eaten on Shavuot, especially cheesecake and blintzes (cheese filled pancakes) that are rolled in the shape of a Torah scroll.

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Type of Calendar:
Hebrew (lunisolar)

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