

Shavuot

June 5, 2005

Opening Song -- "Hine Ma Tov"

Hine ma tov u-ma-nay-im
Shevat achim gam yachad

Welcome and Sharing Joys

Interfaith Responsive Reading

Reader: We gather here as an Interfaith Community
To share and celebrate the gift of life together

*All: Some of us gather as the Children of Israel
Some of us gather in the name of Jesus of Nazareth
Some of us gather influenced by each*

Reader: Howsoever we come, and whomsoever we are
May we be moved, In our time together
To experience that sense of Divine presence in each of us
Evoked by our worship together

*All: And to know in the wisdom of our hearts
That deeper unity in which all are one.*

Reading — The Ten Commandments

Reader: God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai. Moses gave them to the people, and they have given them to us. Let us read them together.

All: I am the Lord your G-d, who took you out from the land of Egypt.

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your G-d in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not want what your neighbor has.

Leader: These Commandments are the basis of all the laws of the Torah. They range from the belief in the oneness of G-d to the most basic laws which every society has found necessary for a peaceful life. When followed with reverence and humility, these laws can bring people close to G-d. In the words of the Book of Proverbs, the Torah is the Tree of Life.

Song – Tree of Life

It is the Tree of Life to them that hold fast to it
And all its supporters are happy.
Shalom.

Reflection

Concerns of the Community

Song ~ “Teach Your Children Well”

You who are on the road
Must have a code that you can live by
And so, become yourself
Because the past is just a goodbye

Teach your children well
Their father’s hell did slowly go by
And, feed them on your dreams
The one they pick’s the one you’ll know by

And don’t ever ask them why -- if they tell you
You’ll just cry so, just look at them and sigh
And know they love you

And you, of tender years
Can’t know the fears that your elders grew by
And so, please help them with your youth
They seek the truth before they can die

Teach your parents well
Their children’s hell did slowly go by
And, feed them on your dreams
The one they pick’s the one you’ll know by

And don’t ever ask them why -- if they tell you
You’ll just cry so, just look at them and sigh
And know they love you.

Teacher Appreciation -- Ellen Jennings

Prayer for Teachers

We give thanks for all the wonderful people who’ve dedicated themselves to teaching our children this year. We know how hard they’ve worked, and we’re grateful for the time, energy, patience, compassion, wisdom and knowledge they’ve so generously shared. May we remember to thank them, not just on this day,

Closing Remarks and Announcements

Benediction and Charge

***All:** May we go out into the world carrying with each of us the love and blessing of this Interfaith Community*

Reader: May we continue to hold on to what is good and to stand as beacons of light and understanding for all people.

All: May God's spirit and peace be with us each now and forever.

Reader: May the Lord bless you and keep you and bring you peace. Amen.

Closing Song -- "Hevenu Shalom Aleichem"

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