



Shavuot Quiz

- Shavuot has seven names, alluded to in an acronym in the expression: ת"ח ק ה"שבע. Can you discover them?
- What are the four Shavuot customs hinted at by these colors: Green, white, red, and blue?
- Complete the following verses; how are the missing words connected?

The righteous man will flourish like a _____.
The _____ forms its early fruit.
Clear oil of pressed _____ for the light.
The blossoming _____ spread their fragrance.
Your waist is a mound of _____.
Your temples like the halves of a _____.
Since the _____ had headed and the flax was in bloom.

Answers:

A -

ח - יום החמישים
ק - חג הקציר
ת - חג מתן תורה
ש - חג השבועות
ב - חג הביכורים
ע - עצרת
ה - יום הקהל

B -

Green - the custom of decorating synagogues and homes.
White - the custom of eating dairy foods.
Red - among Sephardic communities it is customary to drip rosewater on the worshipers; in Europe the windows are decorated with paper cutouts.
Blue - custom of pouring water on one another.

C -

Date, fig, olive, grapevine, wheat, pomegranate, barley - these are the seven species.

