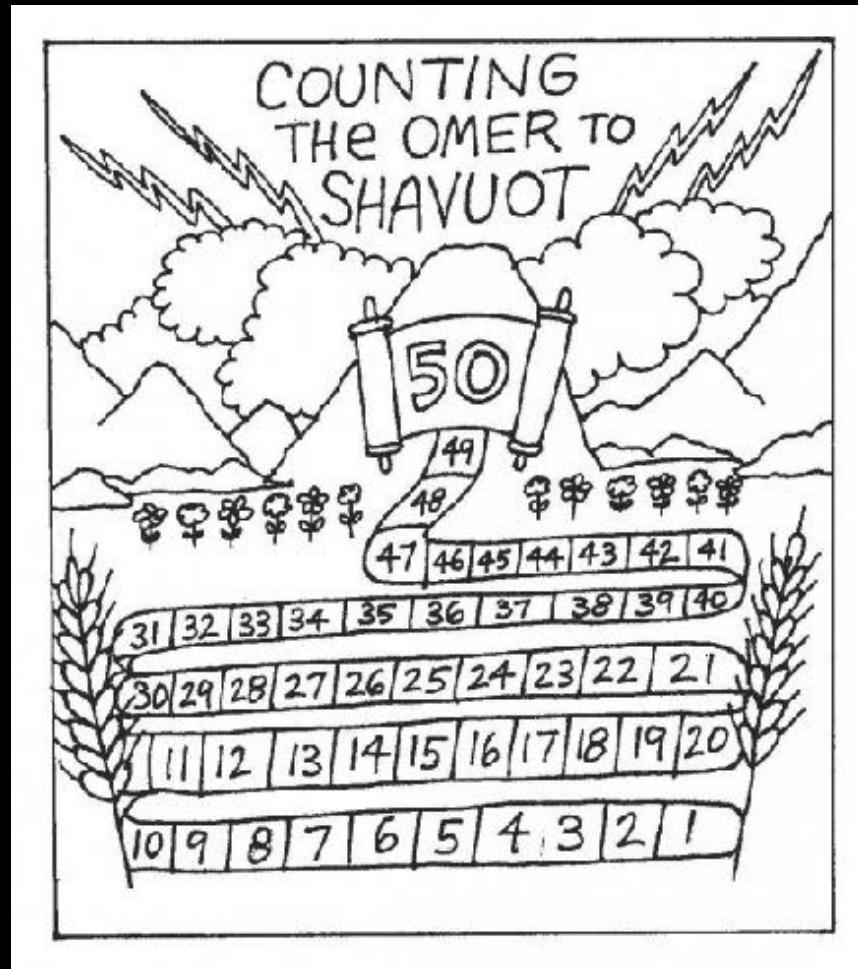


Sefirat HaOmer - Counting the Omer



From Passover Until Shavuot

The Agricultural Connection

In the land of Israel...



Pesach = Festival of the Spring! Crops just ripening. Green Lettuce/Celery on Seder Plate. Eat Matzah, No Chametz



Shavuot = Festival of Harvest Gathering! Brought Breads and Basket of First Fruits as a Thanksgiving Offering to Hashem

The Spiritual Connection



Pesach = Freedom from Egypt



Shavuot = Received the Torah at Mount Sinai



What is the Torah?



Ashkenaz - Horizontal



Sephardic - Vertical

**Literal Translation(s):
Teachings, Light**

תּוֹרָה צִוָּה לָנוּ מֹשֶׁה מוֹרָשָׁה קְהֵלַת יַעֲקֹב

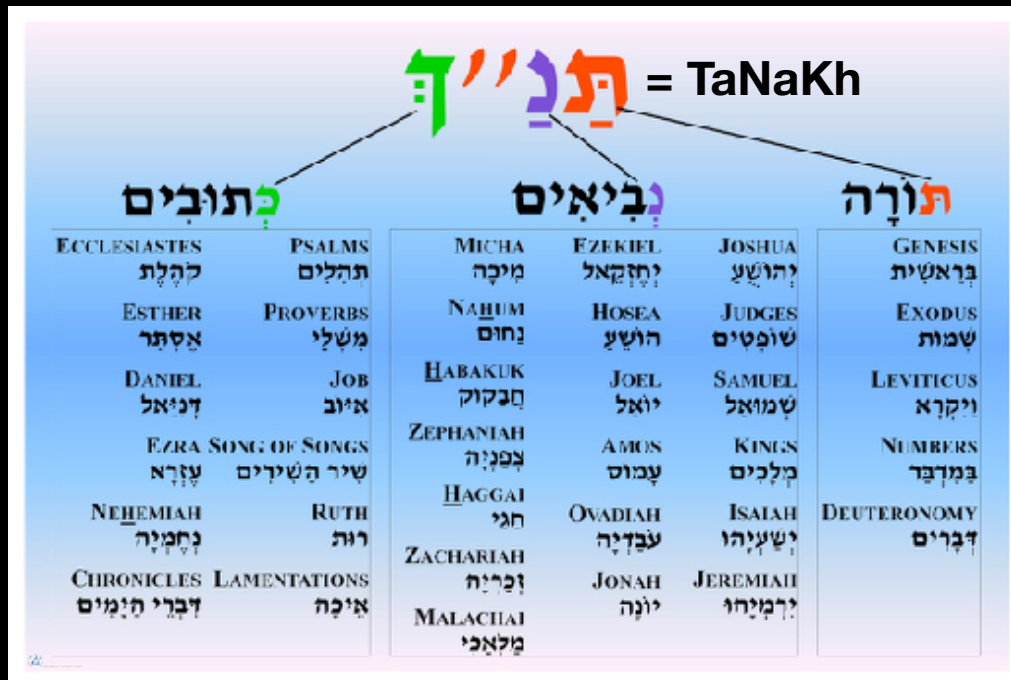
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"The Torah that Moshe commanded us is the heritage of the congregation of Yaakov." (Deuteronomy 33:4)



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תורה שבכתב - Written Torah 'Torah She-Be-Chtav'



Torah - 5 books of Moses (Bible)
Neviyim (Prophets)
Ketuvim (Holy Writings - ie Megilas / Psalms)

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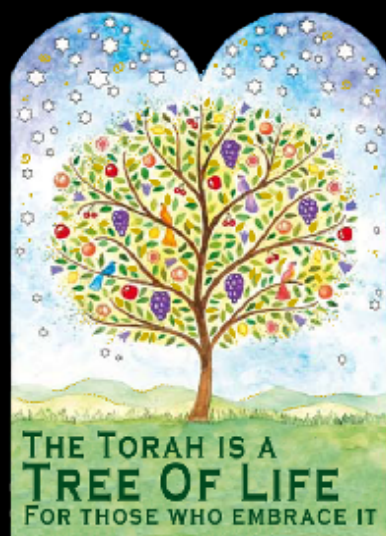
תורה שבעלפה - Oral Torah 'Torah She-Be-Al Peh'



Mishna
Talmud / Gemara
Midrash (stories)
Halacha (laws)
Kabbalah (traditions)
Commentaries
... and more and more and more

Why Mount Sinai in the Desert?





Eitz cha-a-yim hi, la ma-cha-zi-kim-bah,
 V'-to-m'-che-ha m'-u-shar
 D'-ra-che-ha, dar-chei no-am
 V'-chol n'-ti-vo-te-cha, sha-lom

Ha-shi-vei-nu A-do-nai
 Ei-le-cha v'-na-shu-vah
 Cha-deish, cha-deish ya-mei-nu
 Cha-deish ya-mei-nu, k'-ke-dem

*It is a tree of life for those who hold fast to it, and all its supporters are happy.
 Its ways are ways of pleasantness and all its paths are peace.
 Return us to You, Adonai, and we will return; renew our days as of old.*

עץ חיים היא למסזיקים כה,
 ותמכיה מאשר.
 דרכיה דרכי נעם,
 וכל נתיבותיה שלום.

השיבנו יי אליר ונשובה,
 חדש ימנו בקדם.

Eitz Chayim Song - https://youtu.be/zwEpRmB_zWg