

**Some cheesy Shavuot jokes
that will split your sides.**

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married?

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A. Ruth-less.

**Q. After Shavuot we all need
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A. To cheddar a few pounds.

**Q: What do you call
cheese that is sad?**

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cheese that is sad?**

A: Blue cheese.

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CHEESE
MAKE AMERICA
GRATE AGAIN**



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חג שבועות
שיחה

Happy Shavuot



CHAG SHAVUOT

שבועות

HAPPY FEAST OF WEEKS

SHAVUOT 2026
PENTACOSTAL
=
SHAVUOTNIK

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May 23, 2026 | 7th of Sivan, 5786

ד' בסיון תשפ"ו



OR HAOLAM
MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE

A photograph of a wheat field under a blue sky, with the text overlaid in white. The wheat stalks are in the foreground, and the sky is a deep blue. The text is centered and reads: Pentacostal? Rather Shavuotnik
1. Mysterious & multidimensional.

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Shavuot: The Holiday With 5 Names!

1. שבועות Shavuot literally means “weeks” which refers to the nightly, seven-week count
2. יום הביקורים Yom Habikkurim – The Day of the First Fruits of wheat.
3. חג הקציר Hag Hakatzir—The Harvest Festival.

4. **עצרת** atzeret means “to stop,” “refrain” or “hold back.” This is the name for Shavuot most used by the Talmud.

5. **זמן מתן תורתנו** Zman Matan Torah-teinu — “the Time of the Giving of our Torah.”

Shavuot

Messianic terminology innovation

The term “Pentecostal” is derived from Pentecost [50] = Shavuot [weeks] an event that commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the followers of the Messiah Yeshua, and the speaking in "foreign" tongues.

Pentacost [50] = Shavuot [wks]

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Pentacostal = Shvuotniks

The English suffix -nik is of Slavic origin. It approximately corresponds to the suffix "-er" and nearly always denotes an agent noun.

- Beatnik
- Refusenik

- **Neatnik: a neat-freak**
- **Nogoodnik: a lazy, incompetent or malicious person**
- **Peacenic: a pacifist; a hippie**
- **Rudenik: a rude person**
- **Wordnik**

Jewish adaptation:

- Chabadnik follower of Chabad
- Jobnik: a non-combat soldier who performs secretarial work
- Kibbutznik: member of a Kibbutz
- Lamedvavnik $6 + 30 = 36$ ל"ו

36 righteous

- Likudnik: supporter of Israeli political party Likud
- Moshavnik: member of a Moshav
- Mossadnik: Mossad agent
- Nudnik: a nagging, boring or awkward person
- Hamasnik: a Hamas terrorist

Shvuotnik = someone whose life is centered on the working of the of Shavuot reality: Ruakh / Spirit given to us in abundance on Shavuot, because of the Atonement of the Messiah Yeshua!

So, if someone asks you of your faith, say, Messianic or Shavuotnik.

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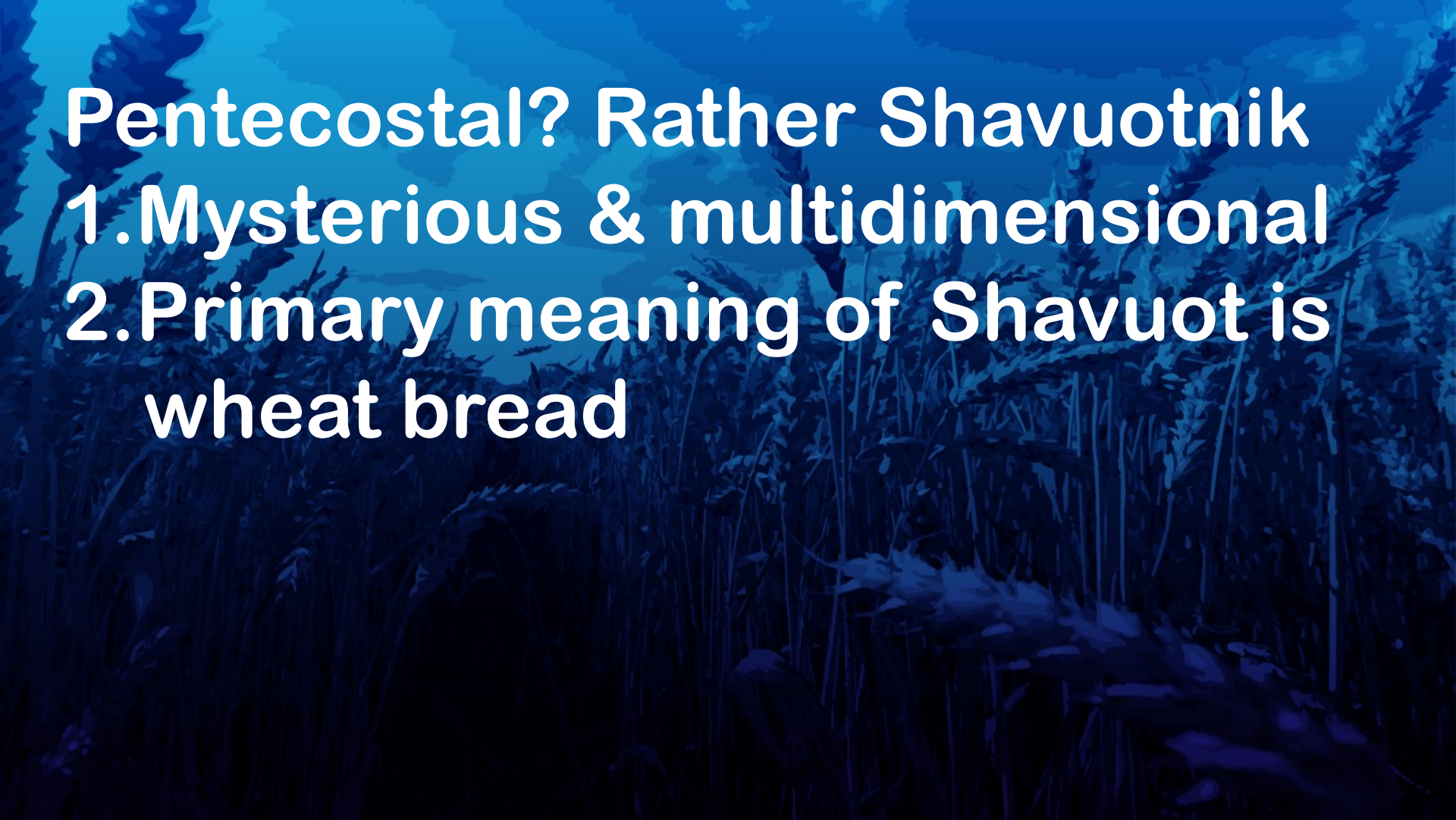
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My sense is that the day after Pesakh is the correct date of ראשית הקציר Resheet HaOmer, beginning of the Omer count.

Joshua 5.10-12 The people of Isra'el camped at Gilgal, and they observed Pesakh on the fourteenth day of the month, there on the plains of Yericho. The day after Pesakh they ate what the land produced, matzah and roasted ears of grain that day.

The following day, after they had eaten food produced in the land, the man ended. From then on the people of Isra'el no longer had man; instead, that year, they ate the produce of the land of Kena'an.

The Sadducees [anciently],
Samaritans, Karaites, and Michael
Rood followers consider the
Sunday after Pesakh as the true
day of

Beginning of the Omer

ראשית הקציר *Resheet HaOmer*

and the Resurrection.

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Vayikra /Lev 23.15-22 You must bring bread from your homes for waving — two loaves made with one gallon of fine flour, baked with leaven — as firstfruits for ADONI...

sō·let

סֶלֶת

of fine flour

'eś·rō·nîm,

עֶשְׂרֹנִים

tenths [of an ephah]

šə·nê

שְׁנַי

two

עִשָּׂרוֹן issaron designates one-tenth of an ephah, a dry measure for grain or fine flour. an issaron is approximately 3.3–3.7 quarts, about a gallon = 16 cups.

Each loaf 3 cups.





Each loaf a gallon
of flour = 16 cups
Five times our
hallah at home!



200 מ"מ לרוחב
200 מ"מ לעומק

סלילת חוץ לארץ
בקר רטוב יותר מסוף





Rashi 89b With regard to the lamb offering that comes with the *omer* meal offering...the quantity of flour used in its meal offering is doubled.

BaMidbar 15.1-4 ADONI said to Moshe, “Tell the people of Isra’el, ‘When you have come into the land where you are going to live, which I am giving to you, and want to make an offering by fire to ADONI — a burnt offering or sacrifice to fulfill a special vow, or to be a voluntary offering, or at your designated times, to make a fragrant aroma for ADONI —

BaMidbar 15.1-4 then, whether it is comes from the herd or from the flock, the person bringing the offering is to present ADONI with a grain offering consisting of two quarts of fine flour mixed with one quart of olive oil, 5 and one quart of wine for the drink offering. This is what you are to prepare with the burnt offering or for each lamb sacrificed.

Bamidbar/Nu 15.4

ʾis·sā·rō·wn,

עִשָּׂרוֹן

a tenth [of an ephah]

sō·let

סֶלֶת

of fine flour

min·ḥāh

מִנְחָה

a grain offering

עִשָּׂרוֹן (issaron) designates one-tenth of an ephah, a dry measure for grain or fine flour. Based on the standard two-thirds bushel ephah, an issaron is approximately 3.5 to 3.9 liters (about 3.3–3.7 quarts).

Bamidbar/ Nu 28:26 ““On the day of the firstfruits, when you bring a new [wheat] grain offering to ADONI in your feast of Shavu'ot, you are to have a holy convocation; do not do any kind of ordinary work.

Shmot/ Ex 23:16 Also you are to observe the Feast of Harvest, the firstfruits of your [wheat] labors that you sow in the field,

Shmot/ Ex 34:22 “You are to observe the Feast of Shavuot, which is the firstfruits of the wheat harvest.

In ancient times, the grain harvest lasted seven weeks. It began with harvesting the barley during Passover and ended with harvesting the wheat at Shavuot. Shavuot was thus the concluding festival of the grain harvest.

A typical hallah at home is 3 cups.

A loaf for a usual wave offering is 8 cups.

The Shavuot bread loaf offering is 16 cups.

Why?

Vayikra /Lev 23.15-22 The cohen will wave them [the lambs] with the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before ADONI, with the two lambs; these will be holy for ADONI for the cohen.

Vayikra /Lev 23.15-22 **On the same day, you are to call a holy convocation; do not do any kind of ordinary work; this is a permanent regulation through all your generations, no matter where you live.**

Vayikra /Lev 23.15-22 “When you harvest the ripe crops produced in your land, don’t harvest all the way to the corners of your field, and don’t gather the ears of grain left by the harvesters; leave them for the poor and the foreigner; I am ADONI your God.””

Conclusion:

Shavuot is about the abundance of wheat bread. LOT of it.

Leavened, so with “flaws.”

G-d LOVES to give in great measure, fullness.

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is the milk of Torah, all scripture.

According to the classical timeline, the Israelites arrived at the desert of Har Sinai [mountain] on the new moon.

Ex 19:1 In the third month after the people of Isra'el had left the land of Egypt, the same day they came to the Sinai Desert.

The Sinai Revelation, the Ten Words / Commandments, were given following.

15 days Nissan + 29 days Iyyar =
44 + days till Revelation ~50 days.

The Torah is compared to milk
and honey, as it says in

Song of Songs 4:11 Your lips, my bride,
drip honey from the honeycomb.
Honey and milk are under your
tongue.

Shmot / Ex 23:19 You are to bring the best firstfruits of your land into the house of ADONI your God. You are not to boil a young animal in its mother's milk.

This verse juxtaposes the holiday of Shavuot with the prohibition of mixing milk and meat. On Shavuot, we therefore eat separate meals – one of milk and one of meat.

1 Kefa Pete 2.1-3 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice, of all deceit, hypocrisy and envy, and of all the ways there are of speaking against people; and be like newborn babies, thirsty for the pure milk of the Word; so that by it, you may grow up into deliverance. For you have tasted that ADONI is good.

**Do we drink the milk of the Word
deeply, daily?**

- **Privately**
- **As a family unit**
- **Corporately?**

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4. Third: the Ruakh Presence

The tablets were shattered. Israel had sensuously bowed to a golden calf, and Moshe stood at the crossroads of judgment and mercy, interceding for a people who did not know how close they had come to losing everything.

Then God spoke four words that have shaped the Jewish journey ever since:

Shmot/ Ex 33.13-18 Now, please, if it is really the case that I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways; so that I will understand you and continue finding favor in your sight. Moreover, keep on seeing this nation as your people.”

Shmot/ Ex 33.13-18 He answered, “Set your mind at rest — my presence will go with you, after all.”

פָּנַי יֵלְכוּ, וְהִנַּחְתִּי לָךְ.

lāḵ.	wa-hă-ni-hō-tî	yê-lê-kū	pā-nay
:לָךְ	וְהִנַּחְתִּי	יֵלְכוּ	פָּנַי
you	and I will give rest	will go [with you]	My Presence

Shmot/ Ex 33.13-18 Moshe replied, “If your presence doesn’t go with us, don’t make us go on from here. For how else is it to be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, other than by your going with us? That is what distinguishes us, me and your people, from all the other peoples on earth.”

Shmot/ Ex 33.13-18 ADONI said to Moshe,
“I will also do what you have
asked me to do, because you have
found favor in my sight, and I
know you by name.” But Moshe
said, “I beg you to show me your
glory!”

Acts 2.2-4 The festival of Shavuot arrived, and the believers all gathered together in one place. Suddenly there came a sound from the sky like the roar of a violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Acts 2.2-4 Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire, which separated and came to rest on each one of them. They were all filled with the Ruakh HaKodesh.

Yn 14.23-26 Yeshua answered him, “If someone loves me, he will keep my word; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him...But the Counselor, the Ruakh HaKodesh, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything; that is, he will remind you of everything I have said to you.

2 Cor 3.18 So all of us, with faces unveiled, see as in a mirror the glory of the Lord; and we are being changed into his very image, from one degree of glory to the next, by ADONI the Spirit.

Most Jews have barely heard of Shavuot, the celebration of Matan Torah. In Eretz Yisrael, the contrast between Shavuot and the other sacred days could not be more stark. Shavuot is only about the acceptance of Torah. For those Israeli Jews for whom Torah has long since ceased to be relevant, the holiday offers nothing.

Conclusion:

Shavuot is about the abundance of the Presence, the Ruakh. LOT of it.

**Rather than Pentacostal fire,
Shavuotnik Presence!!**

Col 3.1-5 So, if you were raised along with the Messiah, then seek the things above, where the Messiah is sitting at the right hand of God. Focus your minds on the things above, not on things here on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with the Messiah in God.

Col 3.1-5 When the Messiah, who is our life, appears, then you too will appear with him in glory!
Therefore, put to death the earthly parts of your nature — sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed (which is a form of idolatry);

Col 3.12-17 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with feelings of compassion and with kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; if anyone has a complaint against someone else, forgive him.

Col 3.12-17 Indeed, just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive. Above all these, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together perfectly; and let the shalom which comes from the Messiah be your heart's decision-maker, for this is why you were called to be part of a single Body.

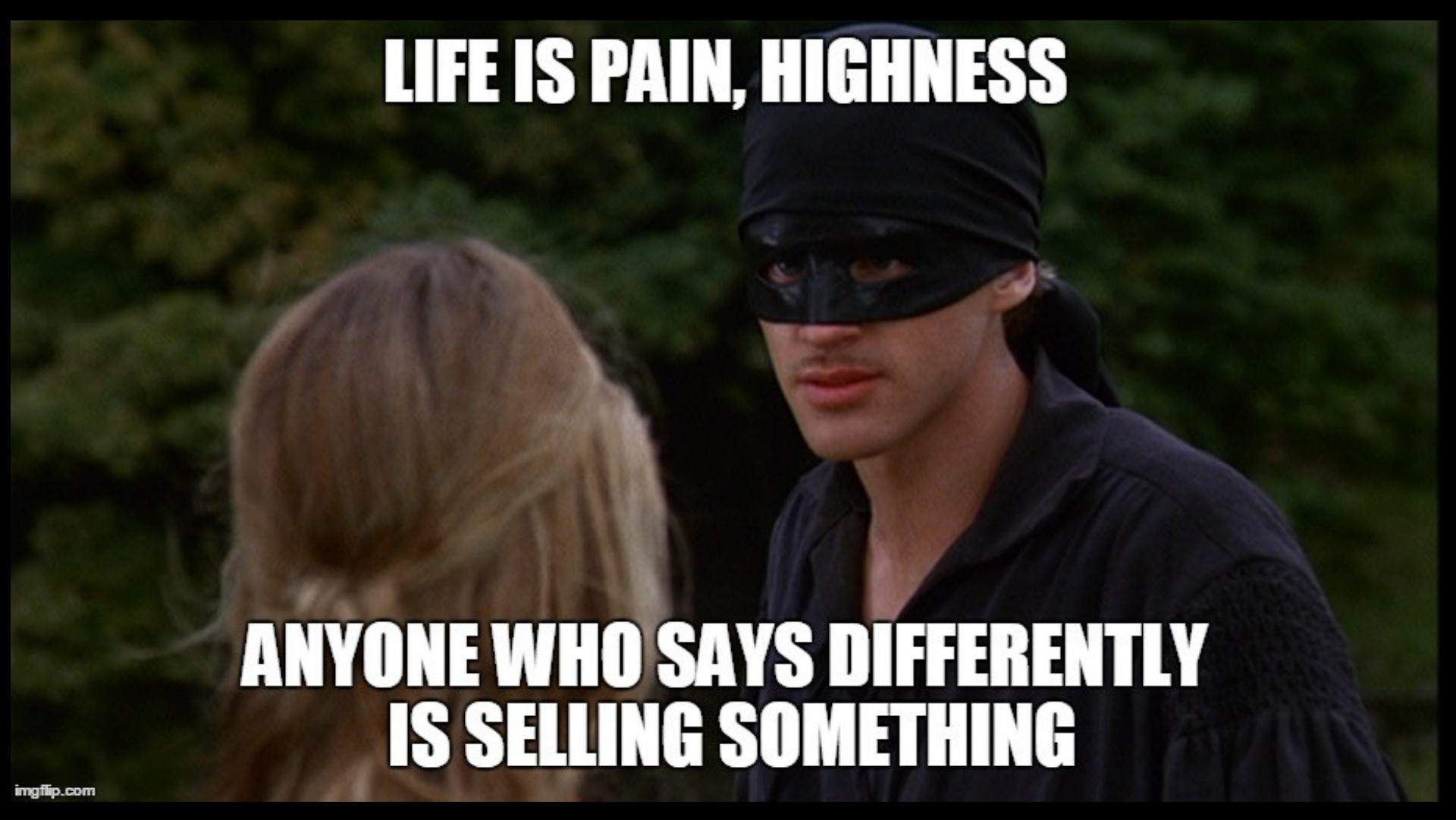
Col 3.12-17 And be thankful — let the Word of the Messiah, in all its richness, live in you, as you teach and counsel each other in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude to God in your hearts. That is, everything you do or say, do in the name of the Lord Yeshua, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

Will there be difficulties?

From
*The
Princess
Bride*
movie



You mock my pain!

A man wearing a black hood and a black eye mask is looking towards a woman with long, wavy blonde hair. The background is a blurred green, suggesting an outdoor setting. The image is a meme with white text overlaid.

LIFE IS PAIN, HIGHNESS

**ANYONE WHO SAYS DIFFERENTLY
IS SELLING SOMETHING**

**Said one candidate for the US
Congress in Texas's 35th
Congressional District**

“If you are a Zionist,” then “you are a danger to humanity and belong in prison.” “She’ll turn Karnes ICE Detention Center into a prison for American Zionists and former ICE officers for human trafficking,”

a post from a campaign social media page states. “It will also be a castration processing center for pedophiles, which will probably be most of the Zionists,” it adds.

One year after
tragedy, Sarah
Milgrim's legacy of
peace and bridge-
building lives on.
Community mourns
Sarah Milgrim, killed
by gunman at AJC
event in Washington



Sarah Milgrim (z"l)

Mark 10.29-31 In the 'olam haba, [world to come] eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first!"

1 Cor 13.4 Love suffers long and is
kind

Longsuffering is a great and noble
concept to honor...until

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Longsuffering is a great and noble concept to honor...until

- offense,**
- depression,**

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Longsuffering is a great and noble concept to honor...until

- **offense,**
- **depression,**
- **fight,**



war, most people were stepping

From the Tent of Meeting to the plains of Moab, from the prophets to the upper room, the promise never stopped moving: His face is still going. His rest is still waiting – both at the destination and along the road. And every spring, when the wheat ripens in the fields of Israel,

the church and the synagogue
both hear, in their own way, the
seven words that started it all:
“My Presence will go with you.
And I will give you rest.” – Exodus
33:14

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