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1. I have good news and bad news for you.
 The bad news: there will be no cholent
 The good news: there will be cheesecake
 and ice cream instead.



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2. Why do we eat dairy on Shavuot?
 Isn't it a mitzvah to eat meat on Yom-Tov?

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3. There are several reasons given for this custom:
 a. The Jews received the Torah, with the Kosher laws, on Shabbat. Hence, their dishes were treifa and they couldn't slaughter kosher meat, so they ate dairy.



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4. b. The Jews feared that milk was "*aiver min hachai*".
 At Matan Torah G-d praised Israel as "flowing with milk and honey" they understood that milk is o.k.
 We eat dairy for on Shavuot we discovered that milk is permissible.



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5. c. Moses would not drink Egyptian milk for he was destined to speak with G-d.

This happened three months after Adar 7th which is Sivan 7th, Shavuot!

In commemoration of this story we eat dairy on Shavuot.



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6. This is a powerful lesson for each of us. Everything our children eat affects their relationship with G-d.

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7. d. King Solomon compares the Torah to milk, "Honey and milk are beneath your tongue."



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8. Honey is a good analogy for Torah: it like Torah is sweet.

We teach our children that by their *upsherinish*.



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9. But what is so special about Milk?
 Every newborn mammal needs milk to survive- nothing can quite replace Mama's milk.



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10. Torah is the Jewish people's milk.
 Jews have tried to find a substitute for Torah but have finally realized that there is no substitute for Torah.
 -you just can't replace mama's natural milk!

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