

## Piecing Revelation Together

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*Tikkun Leil Shavuot* was officially established by the 16th-century kabbalist, Rabbi Isaac Luria. Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people, but, according to the Midrash, the Children of Israel overslept on the morning they were due to receive the Torah, and had to be woken by a shofar blast from God.

תיקון m. (תקון) 1) *preparation, esp. making fruits available by separating the tithes, the priest's share...*  
2) *establishment, institution; amendment, making right.* Gitt. IV, 2, a. fr. מפני ת' העולם for the sake of the social order. Succ. V, 2 גדול שם ת' ומתקנין and they introduced a great improvement there...

Tikkun means “making right”, while “Leil Shavuot” means “night of Shavuot.” To “make it right” for having overslept, Luria initiated the custom of all-night learning. Rather than sleeping late, Jews would not sleep.

### The Case for Us

**Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, *Honey from the Rock*, 1977**

Each lifetime is the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle.

For some there are more pieces.

For others the puzzle is more difficult to assemble.

Some seem to be born with nearly a completed puzzle.

And so it goes.

Souls going this way and that

Trying to assemble the myriad parts.

But know this. No one has within themselves

All the pieces to their puzzle.

Like before the days when they used to seal

jigsaw puzzles in cellophane. Insuring that

all the pieces were there.

Everyone carries with them at least one and probably

Many pieces to someone else's puzzle.

Sometimes they know it.

Sometimes they don't.

And when you present your piece

Which is worthless to you,

To another, whether you know it or not,

Whether they know it or not,

You are a messenger from the Most High.

Note: As some choose not to write on chag, you may use these puzzles as a mental exercise or print an extra copy and cut out character pieces to place where they should go



W O V U X F U P F Z T Y Q X B V E L P J H N P V  
P M A C L W L R J J U W O Q G L K X W N I N V F  
B E H X C J Q Z W P T K V G F E G P P L N K A Z  
B R J L Q I C U C W U T W P C R K V B O D L Q G  
F L I B E G B C Z M E I B K I L D J V U M H U N  
Y C L E H F Y F A Y L Z Y A C R I V R B I B N J  
F H B P I A T T T L J R W U L S V D T N Z Z I M  
U D O X G H Z X G I P K M N R L A V C F M E E J  
T S Q Q E E A P C H K I L H N Q D V E R Q U T W  
N Q I C R U F M N G L K L A G D J V G A M D A Q  
I E B E H E R L E V L I U I B A X D K B H D R P  
O R T Y Q L M G O G L J L N A T U B S B A L O A  
J F P O A A O C Y G I G O D L I W J P I L O T G  
H Z N M X E U H W J O L E V L E Q E R A I X N J  
C D H H O Y J A N I B A A F B Z I Y C K R A A A  
C X F A D H U G L W V U O S M V T L T I S A T U  
A N L B L L L H T A D D J M A I W H D V F Y A O  
H G L I V F V A O G Y H G C D U O E H A T U M O  
F S V K U C Z K U H A U C H P C R B N B C M N V  
J Q L U Y R Y A V U Z B O R H Q J J N V A T A G  
F J J R M F E T A B Y J X T P V L M W Z S F M J  
B Q J I H B P Z H P F L C F E P T X C B A H Z D  
X J C M Z W K I S J M O Z T A A B P C Z I P Z O  
Q J S X J R M R U H A C Q H D L B J I O D E E S

Atzeret

Chag Hakatzir

Dairy

David

Megila

Omer

Rabbi Akiva

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Zman Matan Torateinu