Commemorating and Participating in Shavuot
Parashat Bechukotai (Leviticus 26:3-27:34)

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From its earliest understanding, the revelation of Torah, which we celebrate next week with the holiday of Shavuot, warps time:

God made a covenant with you at Horeb (another name for Sinai). It was not with your ancestors that God made this covenant, but with us - those of us who are still alive here today. (Deuteronomy 5:2-3).
With these temporally disorienting words to the Israelites, 40 years after the revelation at Sinai, Moses inspires a wonderfully confusing question about how to relate to and celebrate the giving of Torah. We might have thought it was an event in the past that we are duty bound to commemorate; but instead, Moses invites us into mythic time, in which the past becomes available in the present, and we are asked to adopt a posture of participation.

As we prepare to stand before the mountain again and receive Torah, this week’s parasha, Bechukotai, subtly, yet powerfully, illuminates and reinforces this message.

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