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## Rome's Great Synagogue decorated with flowers ahead of Shavuot

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Flowers decorating the Great Synagogue of Rome, Italy in June 2019. (Courtesy of the Conference of European Rabbis)

(JTA) – Rome's largest synagogue was decorated with thousands of flowers as part of the community's tradition ahead of the holiday of Shavuot.



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“Our prayer is: ‘Make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them’,” Di Segni, vice president of the Conference of European Rabbis, wrote in the statement, quoting Exodus.

Shavuot, occurring seven weeks after Passover, celebrates the giving of the Torah by God to the Jews. It begins Saturday night. Also known as the Holiday of Harvest, it recalls when Jews were commanded to bring the first yields as an offering to God.

Besides Shavuot, the 115-year-old Great Synagogue of Rome is also decorated with flowers during weddings.

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