

Lag B'Omer



The origins of Lag B'Omer are clouded in history. We open this festival in one of the traditional ways - with a bonfire. Lag B'Omer is a Jewish holiday celebrated on the 33rd day of the Counting of the Omer, which occurs on the 18th day of the Hebrew month of Iyar.

This day marks the anniversary of the death of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, a Mishnaic sage and leading disciple of Rabbi Akiva in the 2nd century. It was also the day he revealed the deepest secrets of the Kabbalah, in the form of the Zohar, a text of Jewish mysticism. This association has led to several customs on Lag B'Omer, including the lighting of bonfires.

Another reason for why Jews celebrate Lag B'Omer is that it marks the day that the plague that killed Rabbi Akiva's 24,000 disciples came to an end. For this reason, some people conclude the mourning period of Sefirat HaOmer on this day.

Answers the following questions

ענה על השאלות

1. The origin of Lag B'omer is clouded", the author means that the origin is

- a. With clouds
- b. Cover
- c. Unknown

2. Lag B'omer marks the _____ of the counting of the Omer and it takes place on the _____ month of _____ (paragraph 2).

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3. The custom of celebrating Lag B'omer is

- a. Singing and dancing.
- b. Eating marshmallows.
- c. Lightening a bonfire.
- d. All answers are correct.

4. List two reasons of celebrating Lag B'Omer

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