

IYAR



During the month of Iyar, not only do we count the omer, as explained in last month's zine, but, on the 18th of the month, we celebrate the holiday of Lag B'Omer!

Shimon bar Yochai is believed by some to be the author of the Zohar, a central text of the Jewish mystical tradition, though most contemporary scholars believe it to be mostly written by 13th-century Spanish kabbalist Moses de León.

Many communities celebrate Lag B'Omer by organizing a communal bonfire. .

The holiday honors both the Bar Kokhba revolt when Jews fought against Roman rule in the 2nd century BCE, and its most famous survivor, Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai.

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This is the tenth edition of the Jewish Museum of Maryland's monthly zine.

In each issue, we share content about the holidays, rituals, and ideas related to each month in the Jewish calendar.

This issue is focused on the Hebrew month of Iyar.

This tradition is thought to represent the "spiritual light" introduced to the world by Shimon bar Yochai

*How do you plan to celebrate Lag B'Omer?*

*What light do you bring to the world?*

Check out these photos of Lag B'Omer celebrations from the JMM Collections.



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Family Life teacher, Rachel Rotenberg teaches Julia Lemel (L) and Emma Rosenfeld about Lag B'Omer at the Owings Mills JCC parenting center.