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# TAMMUZ

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This is the twelfth edition of a monthly zine by the Jewish Museum of Maryland.

In each issue, we share content about the holidays, rituals, and ideas related to the current month in the Jewish calendar. This month's zine focuses on the Hebrew month of Tammuz.

You can pick up physical copies of the zine in the Lombard and Lloyd Library. Lombard and Lloyd Library is located on the grassy corner of the JMM campus at the intersection of Lombard and Lloyd Streets.

We hope to provide space for people at the JMM and beyond to share their thoughts and creations as they relate to where we are in the Hebrew calendar.



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The month of Tammuz is named after the Mesopotamian g-d of shepherds and growing plants, Tammuz, also known as Dumuzi or Dumuzid. It is also believed that Dumuzi was the companion of the g-ddess Inanna.

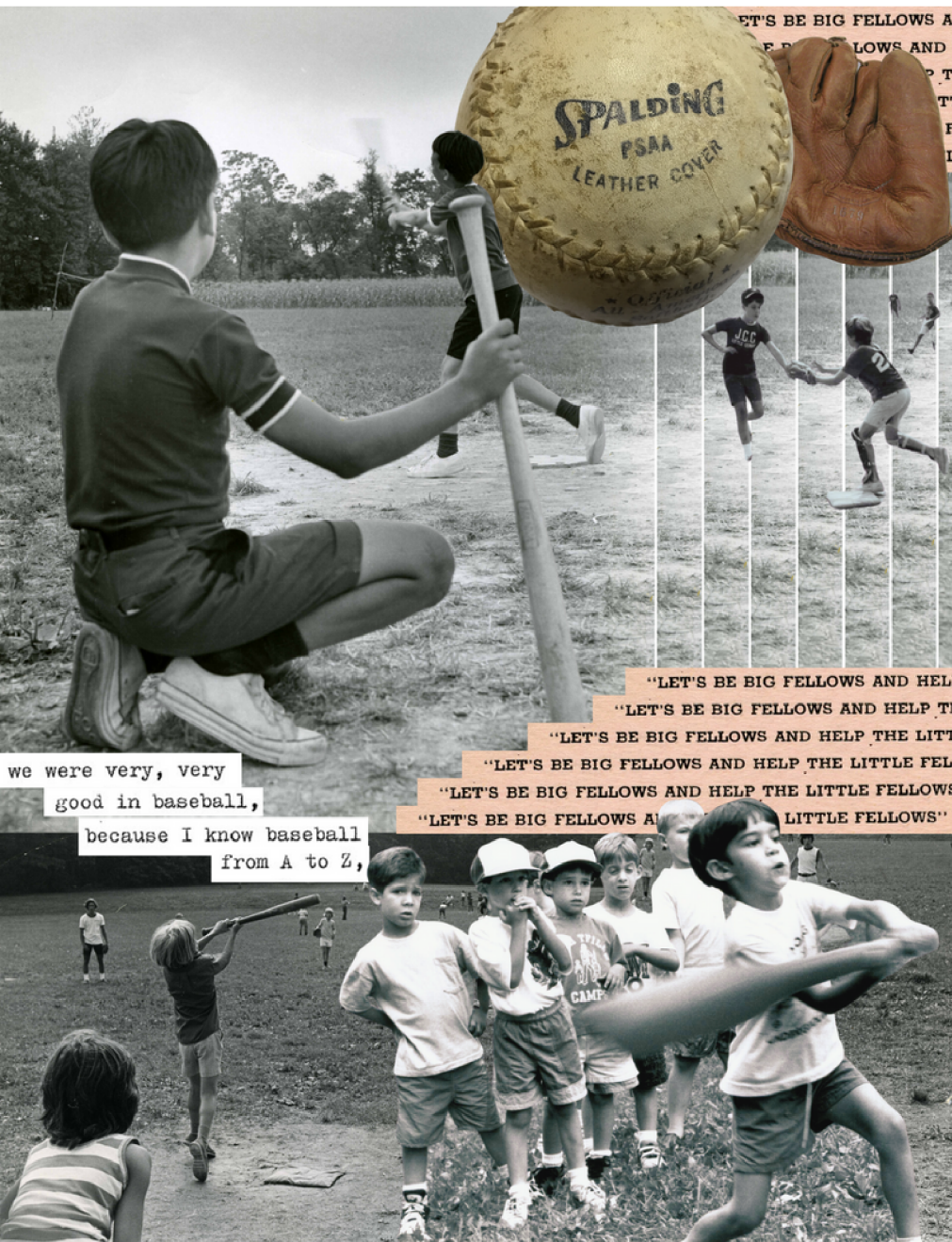
The story goes that Dumuzi dies with the summer, descends to the underworld, and is then rescued by Inanna. He is then reborn in the autumn when the rains return after Sukkot.

Tammuz does not have any major holidays, but it does hold the “Three Weeks”, known in Hebrew as “being ha’Mitzrayim”. This is a period of collective mourning, beginning with a minor fast day on the 17th of Tammuz.

- What grief are you holding on to right now?
- How can you make space for grief this month?
- What role does grief play in your life?

This is the last edition of a 12 month cycle of our zine project. You can read and download all of the zines created for this project go to our website:  
[jewishmuseummd.org/jmm-monthly-zine-archive](http://jewishmuseummd.org/jmm-monthly-zine-archive).

If you would like to receive a bundle of all 12 zines in your mailbox, please email JMM's Communications & Public Art Coordinator, Naomi Rose Weintraub, at [nweintraub@jewishmuseummd.org](mailto:nweintraub@jewishmuseummd.org).



In honor of Tammuz and summer memories, we are sharing one of the JMM's Collections Collages, a project in which staff members create collages from images in our collections.

This collage features some of the JMM's best baseball imagery and was made by Julia Feldman, JMM Development Coordinator.

The collage was inspired by Mary Dobkin (August 30, 1902 - August 22, 1987). Mary Dobkin was an immigrant who moved from Russia to Baltimore at the age of three. As a child, she became fascinated by baseball after listening to Orioles games on the radio.

Dobkin became passionate both about baseball and helping children in Baltimore, particularly by organizing and coaching youth baseball teams and charity drives. She gained national fame when a TV movie was made of her life in 1979 titled *Aunt Mary*, starring Jean Stapleton.

This collage references her charity towards the children of Baltimore and passion for baseball, accompanied by baseball related media from JMM collections.

There are details about each image used in the collage on the next pages.

## IMAGES USED IN THE COLLAGE:

- **JMM 2006.013.800.005**

A black and white photograph shows young boys playing softball. In the foreground is a young boy about to swing at the softball. The photograph is taken from behind the catcher. The photograph is dated 1972.

- **JMM 2009.082.004**

Spalding softball used by the Beth Jacob Softball League.

- **JMM 2006.013.3046**

Black and white photograph of a boy kneeling while holding a baseball bat and a boy swinging a bat.

- **JMM 2012.054.055.003**

Baltimore Jewish Times-Subject Photos-  
Beth Tfiloh. Jeremy Hurwitz (Bunk Gimmel) playing  
baseball with other boys.



JMM 2006.013.3046

- **JMM 1998.149.107**

Dobkin Children's Fund, Inc. blank membership card, 1960.

- **JMM 2006.013.3042**

Black and white photograph of boys playing baseball.

- **JMM 2009.082.001**

Softball mitt from the Beth Jacob Softball League.

- **JMM OH 0097**

Transcript of Oral history interview (one tape) with Mary Dobkin conducted by Gertrude Nitzberg on November 30, 1979 about how Dobkin's life story was turned into a television special.



JMM 2012.054.055.003

# CAMP IN THE COLLECTIONS

Tammuz often marks the start of summer camp!  
Check out these summer camp photos from the  
JMM Collections.



*JMM 1995.098.148*

Camp Milldale, August 1959.



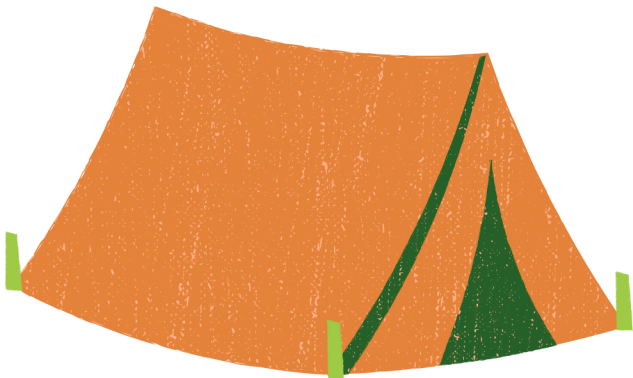
*JMM 1994.038.004*

Camp Hutzler, 1921.



JMM 2018.007.096

Camp Airy, 1970.



JMM 1995.098.123

Photo by Nat Linitz

Camp Woodlands, August 1953.