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LAG B'OMER — SOME TIMELY ADVICE

This Sunday marks the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer and is known as Lag B'Omer. Lag is composed of the two Hebrew letters "lamed, gimmel" which considered as numerals, equal 33.

Lag B'Omer is considered as a minor holiday. Weddings and haircuts are permitted. It is a special holiday for the children, a day for picnics.

Inasmuch as Lag B'Omer will fall on Sunday, May 15th, it is permissible to have a haircut on Friday, May 13th, in honor of the Sabbath.

ORIGINS OF THE CELEBRATION

Bar Kochba defeated the Romans on Lag B'Omer in his unsuccessful revolt (132-35 C.E.). During that same period, a plague broke out which raged among the disciples of Rabbi Akiva. On Lag B'Omer the epidemic ceased.

It is also celebrated as the yahrzeit of Rabbi Simeon Bar Yochai, the author of the cabbalistic book "Zohar". In Israel many thousands make the pilgrimage to his grave to pray on this day.

JR. CONGREGATION NOTES

For the month of May the following have been elected officers of our Junior Congregation: Aaron Reichel, President, Vinny Lloyd, Vice-President, and Helen Pekier, Hostess.

Michael Gribetz and Melvyn Moed will be the Chazanim this Saturday morning.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE SIMCHA PLAQUE IN OUR NEW BUILDING?

The Building Fund Project of the Women's League is at last a reality. This "Simcha Plaque" inscribed with "living" events of a happy nature, for example, wedding anniversaries, birthdays, births of children and grandchildren, and other happy occasions, was started in 1958 when the Synagogue began the New Building. The Building is now complete and our Plaque is on display. You may still add your simcha to our Plaque. The uniform inscriptions are \$100 each. **Mrs. Irving Balmuth and Mrs. Toni Iger, Co-chairmen,** would like to hear from you.

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