



Why do we count the Omer?

A social story for Lag B'Omer



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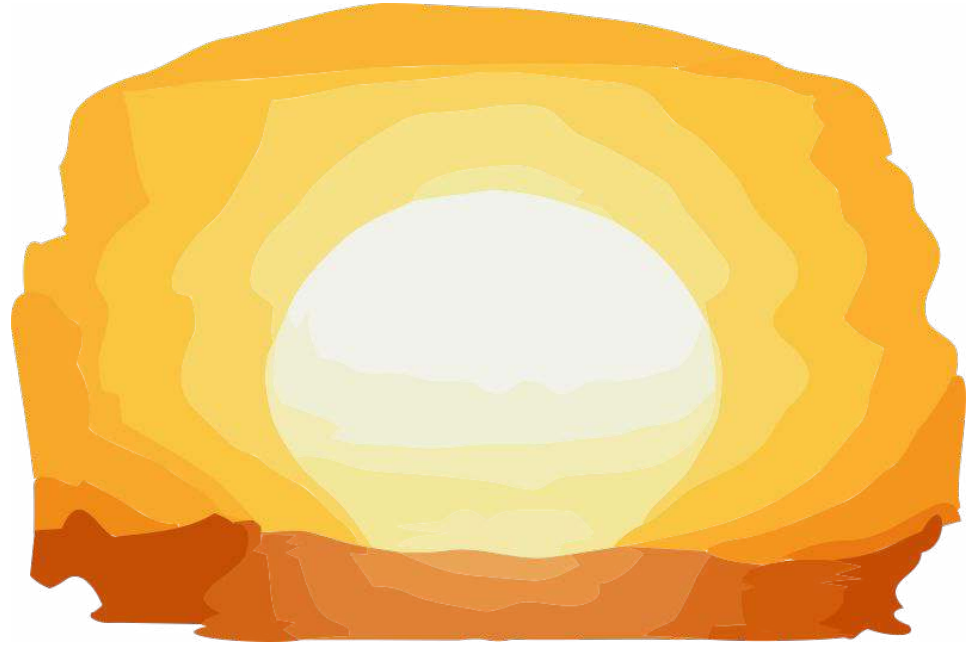
The counting of the Omer is a special thing Jewish people do between the holidays of Passover and Shavuot.



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For 49 days, Jewish people count each day and say a special prayer after the sun goes down.



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We do this to honor
the beginning of the
grain harvest in
Israel and to get
ready for another
holiday, Shavuot.



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I can count the Omer by making a note on my calendar starting on the second day of Passover. I can mark off each day as it passes.



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In the middle of all our counting, we have another holiday called Lag B'Omer. This happens on the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer.



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On Lag B'Omer,
many people like to
have bonfires and
celebrations. It's
also a popular day
for weddings!



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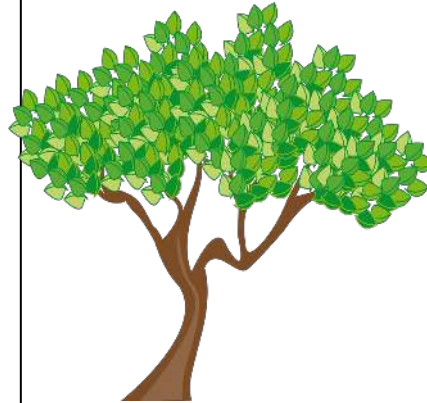
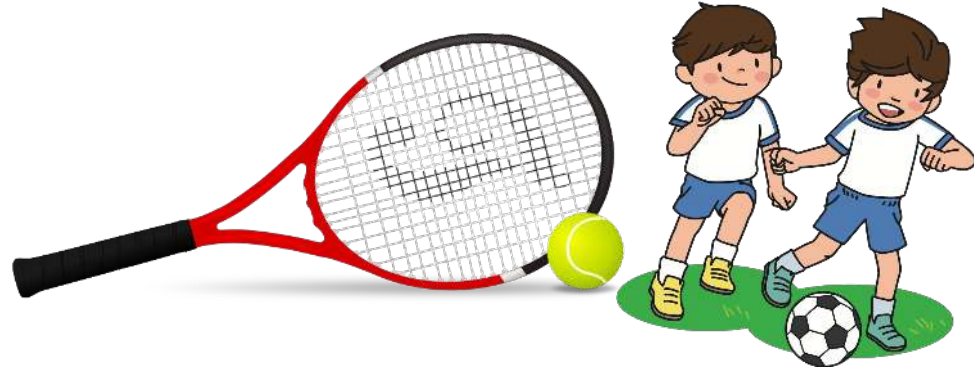
I can celebrate Lag B'Omer by having a campfire outside with my family, or watching a video of one on my tablet or computer!



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I might also spend time outside, playing outdoor games and sports, or going on a nature hike!



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After Lag B'Omer, we keep counting the days until we reach the 49th day. The 50th day is a holiday, called Shavuot!

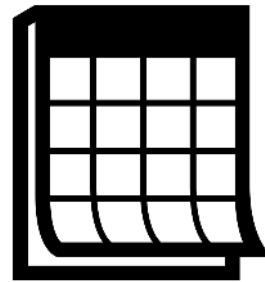
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The counting of the Omer is a special time between holidays that reminds us to pay attention to every day, even if it isn't a holiday.



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