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**Rav Yisrael Meir Lau's
Lag Ba'Omer Blessing**



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Magen David Adom stands in solidarity with the Jewish communities affected by the coronavirus.
A moving event held on May 12, Lag BA'Omer with Rabbi Israel Meir Lau, former Chief Rabbi of Israel and Cantor Shai Abramson and MDA Director General Eli Bin with prayers from the Western Wall for the wellbeing of those ill.

Rav Yisrael Meir Lau's Lag Ba'Omer Blessing

“Hello to those far and those close” God said.

“and He will heal them”, This is a promise that God made as the prophet told us.

We are currently in a very special time which is uniting the entire world and which is uniting all of humanity and we the Jewish Nation during this pandemic.

Feel that it is not pointed at us specifically, we are part of the world, part of humanity, part of the nations of the world because this corona does not discriminate between Jews and non-Jews, between different world views, and we are all in the same boat with this.

First of all, I would like to dedicate this conversation of ours in memory of all who have lost their lives in this pandemic called “corona” from all over the world, of all humanity.

In honor of the memory of those who have passed as a result of this illness during this pandemic.

We dedicate this to them as a memorial candle.

This week is a very special week as Lag Ba'Omer (33rd



Day of the Omer) falls during this week, the only day in the seven weeks between Shavuot (Pentecost) and Passover when the pandemic was stopped, no one died or was killed on Lag Ba'Omer.

Who were those who lost their lives? the 24,000 students of Rabbi Akiva.

The Talmud in Yevamot explains why the epidemic effected them because they did not respect their fellow man, they did not respect one another.

“love your fellow neighbor like your self”, was unattainable by them. Interesting

These are the students of Rabbi Akiva who he himself said about the verse “love your fellow neighbor like yourself”, this is one of the main pillars of the Torah”

He emphasized this saying; he emphasized this obligation and specifically his students.

We see that God was demanding and God was pedantic with great people and they failed in this and there was no respect attention, and love for the public . Why am I emphasizing the uniqueness of the fact that it was specifically Rabbi Akiva's students?

These were sad times and therefore we observe mourning customs between Passover and Shavuot.



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