



DAILY BOOST

18 IYAR

THE TIME OF MOSHIACH

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RABBI SHIMON BAR YOCHAI

Lag Ba'Omer is the anniversary of the passing of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai. On the day of his passing, Rabbi Shimon asked that the day be celebrated with particular joy.

For very lofty souls like Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, the Temple was never destroyed.... (Pelach HaRimon, Shemos 7:1)

During the time of Sefiras HaOmer, we observe a period of mourning for the students of Rabbi Akiva. Our sages tell us that the students suffered a plague because they did not honor each other properly. On Lag BaOmer, the day of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai's passing, the plague stopped. Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai merited this through his study of the Torah's inner dimension. (His teachings are recorded in the Zohar.) By revealing the Torah's depths, he broke down the barriers between the Torah's G-dly essence and simple Torah law. Through this, he broke down the barriers that separate men. When he corrected the cause of the plague, it automatically ceased.

When we learn the inner dimension of the Torah, we connect to a level untouched by exile. We reveal G-d's simple essence and the essence of our soul. Through this, we mend the cause of exile, and bring the Redemption.

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