

Spiritual Care Corner



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Lag Ba'omer

Today is Lag Ba'omer in the Jewish calendar. As the 33rd day in the "counting of the omer", it represents a transition from the semi-mourning practices which commemorate a plague in the time of Rabbi Akiva, to a time of joy and celebration. Just as differentiating dates and places is emphasized in Judaism, so is the identification of transitions. The act of "change" cannot be taken lightly: it must be conscious, valued, and, in some cases, treated as the sensitive time it is. For most of us, change is difficult.

Like almost everything we find in the Jewish calendar, there is a parallel in the events of our lives, today. We find ourselves in BC in a period of transition, from the fear and uncertainty of the coronavirus, to the fear and uncertainty - and cautious relief - of a return to normal life. Even as we recognize a transition we still face the question of what comes next? We can choose to continue the attitude of a siege, wearing the epidemic like sackcloth, or we can shift our attitude to one of cautious celebration. On the Snider Campus, during this National Nursing Week, let's celebrate this transition as we recognize our nurses and embrace Lag Ba'Omer!

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