



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

LAG B'OMER: FRUITFUL TEAMWORK!



THIS WEEK IS **LAG B'OMER**. AT THIS TIME OF YEAR WE REMEMBER HOW THE STUDENTS OF **RABBI AKIVA** WERE NOT KIND TO EACH OTHER DURING ROMAN TIMES IN ISRAEL AND THE PLAGUE THAT RESULTED. **LAG B'OMER** IS A TIME OF CELEBRATION AS THE PLAGUE STOPPED ON THAT DAY.



IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER WITH OTHERS AND TREAT EVERYONE WITH THE RESPECT THEY DESERVE. IN THIS STORY, OUR FRIENDS DISCOVER HOW MUCH BETTER OFF THEY ARE WHEN THEY WORK TOGETHER.

Everyone was very excited when the cherry tree in the school playground was finally ripe. They had been watching longingly as the cherries ripened at the top of the tree and hoped they'd get a chance to taste them before the birds did!

The children gathered at the tree in lunch break as each hoped to be the first to get to the cherries. One by one they attempted the climb, but no-one was successful. Josh was afraid of heights, Sara was too short, Ari didn't have a ladder, Rachel wasn't very good at climbing and Skye was desperate to have a go but she was allergic to wasps and they seemed fond of cherries too!



WHAT A SHAME, WE WON'T GET TO TASTE THE CHERRIES!



I DON'T THINK ANY OF US CAN GET THEM ON OUR OWN, BUT IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO IT.

So together they worked as a team; Josh and Rachel held the ladder, Sara and Ari climbed up and Skye held the basket and caught any cherries that fell down.



And they ALL enjoyed the cherries...



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