

LAG B'OMER

ACTIVITY IDEAS FOR YOUNGER CHANICHIM

Come on baby, light my fire!

Art Ideas

- Bonfire Pictures
- Pick up twigs/small sticks.
- Glue or tape them onto a piece of card.
- Add the 'fire' by sticking red, yellow & orange tissue paper on the card.
- Also, coloured acetate gives a see-through fire effect.

Wax Pictures

- Colour a piece of paper in red, yellow & orange wax crayon.
- Colour OVER those colours in black wax crayon.
- Using a sharp pencil, have the children draw a bonfire (and maybe people around it) through the black wax. The fire colour underneath will show through leaving you with a bonfire on a dark night.

Hand Prints

- Put a whole hand in yellow paint.
- Print onto paper/card.
- Repeat using red and then orange paint.
- Print the hands onto the paper with the palm positioned in the same place.
- The fingers will then look like the flames coming from the central part of the fire. Cute!

Wire Fire

- Make a wire fire by using coloured pipe cleaners.
- Bend them to make flames coming from a wooden base (you can use brown pipe cleaners or twigs to represent the wood).

3D Fire

- Use paper mache (newspaper plus 2 parts glue 1 part water) to wrap it around a wire frame (use coat hangers for wire).
- Build it into a bonfire.
- Let it dry (a few nights) and then paint.

Fire Sounds Story

- Split into 2 groups.
- With your young people, create a story about fire.
- Record your story/stories on a phone and use as many sound effects as you can.
- Experiment with different ways of making fire sounds (scrunching up tissue paper/ripping tin foil/using your voices).

If you have the space to have a proper fire, then explain to the group that in Israel this is what ALL young people do!

Obviously, do a proper health & safety check and ensure you have adequate adult supervision.

Fire Food

- Scrub potatoes, pierce them.
- Wrap them in foil.
- Throw them into your bonfire.
- Sweet corn & sweet potatoes are also fab in the fire.
- Also wrap onions in foil & chuck them in.
- Use skewers to piece red/green pepper, baby corn, tomatoes & courgette slices.
- Put them on skewers & toast them by the fire.
- Same with marshmallows. Bread or pitot of course make fire food complete!