Lag Ba’Omer Study Questions

1. What is the meaning of ‘Lag Ba’omer’?
2. What is an omer and what is the purpose of ‘sfirat ha’omer’ (counting of the omer)?
3. Why do Jewish people light bonfires on Lag Ba’omer?
4. Who was Shimon Bar Kokhba? Rabbi Aikvah?
5. If Lag Ba’omer is not a biblical festival and has some mystical connotations do you think Messianic believers should celebrate it? Why or why not?
6. What is the symbolic meaning of the number 50? Why do we count 7 weeks between Passover and Shavuot?
7. Why is the tone of Sfirat Ha’omer somber?
8. Is there one particular spiritual quality that you would like to develop during this time? (or more than one?)
9. What are some other Lag Ba’omer customs?
10. What do you think of the kabbalah (Jewish mysticism)? Discuss.
11. How does Shavuot show us the marriage of the Torah and the Spirit?