

He Lost Everything, But Did Not Give Up

The Courage of Rabbi Akiva

Go into this site and watch the video:

<https://www.theyeshiva.net/jewish/item/8070/yy-moment-lag-baomer-he-lost-everything-but-did-not-give-up>

After watching the video, complete the cloze using the words:

rekindling hope, Akiva Ben Yosef, Lag Ba'Omer, opportunities for growth, Jewish Laws, crown to the letters, difficult situations, new life, hidden sparks, essential in Jewish life, hopeful, finding five students

The Talmud tells a story about Moshe seeing Hashem add _____(1) of the Torah.

Hashem reveals that a man named _____(2) will interpret these crowns to explain _____(3).

Rabbi Akiva faces great personal loss but remains _____(4) to rebuild his teachings.

He sees potential in _____(5), turning thorns into _____(6).

His teachings have become _____(7), influencing many _____(8).

The celebration of _____(9) honors Rabbi Akiva's resilience and the joy of _____(10).

Even when things seem hopeless, he believed in finding _____(11) that can ignite _____(12).

Answer the Questions:

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1. Who is Rabbi Akiva and what significant event happened in his life?

2. How did Rabbi Akiva respond to the destruction of his original 24,000 students?

3. What was unique about Rabbi Akiva's approach to challenges and setbacks?

4. How did Rabbi Akiva rebuild after experiencing massive personal loss?

5. What long-term impact did Rabbi Akiva's five new students have on Jewish life?

6. What does the metaphor of "sparks" and "flames" represent in the context of Rabbi Akiva's story?

7. Why is Lag BaOmer considered a celebration of joy in the Jewish calendar?
