

Eighteenth Annual Scout Shabbat in the Great Salt Lake Council

On March 13, 2009, the Great Salt Lake Council held its 18th Annual Scout Shabbat service at Temple Har Shalom in Park City Utah. All of the Cub and Boy Scouts from Troop 351 and Pack 3351 (sponsored by the United Jewish Federation of Utah) and Troop 1732, and Pack 4732 sponsored by Temple Har Shalom (Reform) participated in leading the service. Ner Tamid recipients lead the Amida, Shema, and Aleinu and the Ner Tamid and Aleph recipients chanted the Kiddush. . Rabbi Joshua Aaronson of Temple Har Shalom and Frederick Wenger, Rabbi Emeritus at Congregation Kol Ami (Conservative) in Salt Lake City co-officiated.

Aleph emblems were awarded to Webelos Scouts Avery I. and David L. of Pack 4732, and Ner Tamid emblems were awarded to Jonah K. and Ian L. of Troop 351. The presentations were made by Dr. Arthur Lipman, Chair of the Council Jewish Committee on Scouting, Scoutmaster of Troop 351, Great Salt Lake Council Vice President, and member of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting; and Dondea Sherer-Lykes, Chartered Organization Representative for Pack 4732 and Troop 1732, Webelos Leader in Pack 4732 and member of the Great Salt Lake Council Jewish Committee on Scouting.

Featured speakers were Bill Tumpowsky, President of the United Jewish Federation of Utah and Rick Barnes, Great Salt Lake Council Scout Executive. District Executives from both Districts that now have four Jewish organization-sponsored units and three Council Scouters plus the full Council Jewish Committee on Scouting including Federation Executive Director Erik Ludwig attended the service. This month, Venturing Crew 9351 is being chartered under the sponsorship of the Federation. That crew is going on a Philmont Trek in July.

Respectfully submitted,

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