



Jewish Values in Scouting

The Scout Law and Judaism



A Scout is Trustworthy.

He who deals deceitfully shall not live in My house; he who speaks untruth shall not stand before My eyes. (Psalms 101:7)

You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (Exodus 20:13)

A Scout is Loyal.

But Ruth replied: "Do not urge me to leave you, to turn back and not follow you. For wherever you go, I will go; wherever you lodge, I will lodge." (Ruth 1:16)

Never let go of loyalty and faithfulness. Tie them around your neck; write them on your heart. If you do this, both God and people will be pleased with you. (Proverbs 3:3-4)

A Scout is Helpful.

Love your fellow as yourself. (Leviticus 19:18)

Open your hand to the poor and needy kinsman in your land. (Deuteronomy 15:11)

A Scout is Friendly.

How good and pleasant it is that people live together. (Psalms 133:1)

There are companions to keep one company and there is a friend more devoted than a brother. (Proverbs 18:24)

A Scout is Courteous.

Show kindness and mercy to one another. (Zechariah 7:9)

Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweet to the palate and a cure for the body. (Proverbs 16:24)

A Scout is Kind.

Do not withhold good from one who deserves it, when you have the power to do it. (Proverbs 3:27)

Please swear to me by the Lord that you will show kindness to my family because I have shown kindness to you. (Joshua 2:2)

A Scout is Obedient.

Apply your mind to discipline and your ears to wise sayings. (Proverbs 23:12)

He whose heart is wise accepts commands. Proverbs 10:8

A Scout is Cheerful.

A joyful heart makes for good health. (Proverbs 17: 22)

A glad heart makes a cheerful face. (Proverbs 15:13)

A Scout is Thrifty.

Precious treasure remains in the house of the wise, but the fool consumes it. (Proverbs 21: 20)

He who gathers in stores during the summer is a capable son, but he who sleeps during the harvest is an incompetent. (Proverbs 10:5)

A Scout is Brave.

Be strong and of good courage. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble, for the Lord, your God, is the one who goes with you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

A Scout is Clean.

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? – He who has clean hands and a pure heart. (Psalms 24: 3-4)

Wash yourselves clean; ... cease to do evil; learn to do good; devote yourselves to justice. (Isaiah 1:16)

A Scout is Reverent.

You have been told ... what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk modestly with your God. (Micah 6: 8)

Hear O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)