



# Northeast Region Jewish Committee on Scouting

December 2024 Newsletter

## NER JCOS Chairman's Message

By Barry Hantman

Can you believe it's December already? For me, the year has gone by quickly. I only have a few weeks to finish all of the things I said I would do this year. You probably have a similar "to do" list. While we may not complete everything that we set out to do, let's make sure to prioritize the things that help our youth become the leaders of tomorrow while maintaining Jewish values.

As I look toward 2025, I want to call your attention to two exciting events, both described in detail later in this newsletter. The first is the Annual Northeast Region JCOS conference on March 30 at Broad Creek Scout Reservation. The NERJCOS conference is a day of interesting presentation, discussion, and camaraderie to help you provide a stronger program for our Jewish Scouts.

The second event is the annual National Jewish Committee on Scouting trek. The Scouts will enjoy canoeing in the vast outdoors, all while maintaining kashrut, shabbat observance, and time for prayer/reflection.

2025 also brings the Kosher Klondike, numerous Scout Shabbat/Havdalah/Shabbaton events, the NERJCOS Kinus, the Kit Kat Camporee, and many other activities for our Jewish youth.

In closing, I wish you all a Happy Chanukkah. May the glow of the Chanukah Candles enlighten our Scouts and instill in them a love for Scouting and Judaism.

## Northern Tier Opportunity for Jewish Scouts

In 2025, the National Jewish Committee on Scouting is sponsoring a kosher, Shabbat-observant expedition at the BSA Northern Tier High Adventure Base. While past NJCOS treks have visited Philmont & Sea Base, this year's trek will be the first to visit Northern Tier. The dates are August 4<sup>th</sup> through August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (including travel days). The NJCOS has both male and female leadership for this trek so female scouts are welcome to participate!

What is a Northern Tier Trek? Northern Tier is the premier high adventure location for wilderness canoeing, providing a unique experience in the rugged wilderness of the Boundary Water Wilderness Area. With the thick Boreal Forest making trails difficult to navigate and maintain, canoes are the preferred mode of transportation in the Northern Forest. Northern Tier is renowned for their challenging and rewarding wilderness canoeing expeditions.



Why a Jewish Trek? What better place can there be to ask the BIG questions? If this is "God's country," how does my Judaism fit in? When seeing a million stars before my eyes, how does that link me to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as they shepherded their flocks? When my friends and I observe Shabbat on the trail, how do I feel about my relationship with Judaism?

What is a Jewish trek? The JCOS treks include Shabbat observance, kosher food, daily prayer/reflection and on-going Jewish learning. As part of this unique experience, participants will grow physically, mentally and emotionally and most importantly, participants will experience a deeper insight into what it means to be a Jewish Scout.

For complete trek details or questions, please contact Dr. Robert Weber at [1topgum@gmail.com](mailto:1topgum@gmail.com).

Past trek participants have come from throughout the country and have had a wide variety of Jewish backgrounds. Space is filling up fast. To express your desire to join the trek, visit [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1m-GecumacZ6mmpFKpl3mpEgqKUXTLumJD5o92lN\\_xf](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1m-GecumacZ6mmpFKpl3mpEgqKUXTLumJD5o92lN_xf)

## Jewish Religious Emblems

The National Jewish Committee on Scouting offers Religious Emblems for Scouts of all ages. Here are the age/grade brackets for each of the religious emblems:

- Aryeh - Lions and Cubs through grade 1
- Maccabee - Lions & Cubs through grade 3
- Aleph - Cubs & Webelos through age 11
- Ner Tamid –
  1. Scouts BSA through age 14 or through 9th grade, whichever is later.
  2. Scouts BSA through age 20 if they also obtain the Etz Chaim and it is presented at the same time.
- Etz Chaim - Scouts BSA aged 14 to 20

Do you have a Scout that wants to earn an emblem but doesn't know where to find a counselor to work with? The NJCOS has you covered. If you are a Jewish Scout interested in earning one of our religious emblems, but you live far from a synagogue or Counselor, what can you do? Contact the NJCOS Chaplain, Rabbi Art Vernon ([shaarayrabbi@gmail.com](mailto:shaarayrabbi@gmail.com)), and he will help you connect with a Rabbi or Counselor via Zoom! This is particularly important for the Ner Tamid and Etz Chaim medals which require a

knowledgeable person to guide and assist. In the age of technology, distance is no longer an issue. Attached to this newsletter is a document describing the Jewish Religious Emblems. For detailed requirements for the emblems and an application form, you can visit the NJCOS website at <https://www.jewishscouting.org/> and click on "Emblems & Awards" at the top of the page.

The Northeast Region Jewish Committee wishes to commend all who have earned a Jewish religious emblem between October and November 2024.

Baltimore Area Council

- Hailey Nussbaum

Cradle of Liberty Council

- Noah Marcus

Greater Hudson Valley Council

- Harris Silby
- Noah Cohen

Greater New York Council

- Bruce Field
- Zachary Finkelstein
- Harrison Rosenhaus

Twin Rivers Council

- Ezra Wind
- Spencer Wind



## Chanukah Program Helps for Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leaders

The National Jewish Committee on Scouting has developed Chanukah program helps for Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leaders. The document includes the Story of Chanukah, games and activities, Chanukah songs, Dramatizations, Readings, Food Recipes, and Ceremonies.

The program helps, developed by the NER JCOS Chaplain Rabbi Tobesman, are available at:

<https://www.jewishscouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Chanuka.pdf>

## Northeast Region JCOS Conference

The 2025 Northeast Region JCOS conference is scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Baltimore Area Council's Broad Creek Scout Reservation - Camp Spencer.

The goal of the conference is to help you provide a vibrant and exciting program for our Jewish Scouts.

The conference is open to participants from across the country. Kosher Food is included in the conference fee. And, Saturday night accommodations are available for those who desire to stay overnight.



Camp Spencer is 1 Hour Northeast of Baltimore, 1 Hour 45 minutes from Philadelphia, 2 hours 45 minutes from West Orange, and 3 Hours 30 minutes from Queens

The Theme of the 2025 conference is "Executing our Vision". This will be a Day of Training, Discussion & Camaraderie with sessions to help you provide a strong Jewish Scouting program. Learn from the experts and get your questions answered. Sessions will cover everything from Camping on Shabbos to Creative Scout Shabbat Services to Jewish-Sponsored Scouting Events in the Northeast Region available to your units.

The registration form and information are included at the end of this newsletter. Be sure to put this event on your calendar! Accommodations are available for those who wish to arrive on Saturday evening.

The following is the draft conference program (session topics and times may change as the event draws closer).

- 8:00 am check-in
- 8:20 am – Minyan
- 9:00 am Opening - Sounding of the Shofar
  - Scout Color Guard: Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath and Law

- Invocation - Rabbi Art Vernon
- Welcome and Introductions - Mr. Barry Hantman, NER JCOS Chair
- Mr. Ken Miller, Scout Executive, Baltimore Area Council
- Overview of NJCOS Virtual Training Events
- 9:40 am Morning Presentations
  - Nusach – Lori Weber
    - Nusachs are the style of prayer, the chosen hymns, the way the tunes sound. This session will provide an introduction to the Nusach in Jewish Worship*
  - NJCOS 100th Anniversary Plan – Speaker: David Malatzky
    - This presentation will describe the progress being made in the planning for the NJCOS 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2026 and the events/activities planned to commemorate the anniversary.*
  - 10:30 am Break
  - 10:40 am NJCOS Initiatives and Q&A with the NJCOS President – Mr. Phil Sternberg
    - This session will provide an overview of some of the new initiatives at the National level and will answer questions from the audience*
  - 11:10 am Break to move between buildings
  - 11:15 am Breakout Sessions
    - Jewish Religious Emblems – Speaker: Cheryl Cooperstein
      - This session will provide an overview of all of the Jewish Religious Emblems and then provide detailed information, including lesson plans, for teaching the Maccabee, Aleph, and Ner Tamid Emblems.*
    - Jewish Worship in the Outdoors (i.e., how to conduct Jewish prayer when at camp or on the trail) – Speakers: Rob Weber & Lori Weber
      - This session will provide tips for conducting Jewish Worship Services when at camp and when on the trail in the backcountry, especially when those participating are from different branches of the Jewish faith*



*(Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, etc.). The session will be based on real-life examples.*

- Creative Scout Shabbat Services & Scout Shabbaton Weekends  
*This session contains two presentations. The first presentation will provide examples of creative Scout Shabbat/Havdalah Services that have been conducted in the Northeast Region. The second presentation will describe a successful Scout Shabbaton weekend held in the Northeast Region. These presentations are meant to provide ideas for providing a meaningful and interesting event for your Scouts that will increase attendance.*
- 12:00 pm Lunch – Dining Hall
  - D'Var Torah - Rabbi Rachmiel Tobesman
  - Buffet Lunch
  - Birkat haMazon (bentching)
- 1:15 pm Group Photo
- 1:30 pm Breakout Sessions
  - Year-round Jewish activities for Troops –  
Speakers: Leah Romeo & Susan Beiter  
*Although the Western New York Council has no Jewish-sponsored units, the Council JCOS has developed a program to ensure that Jewish-focused opportunities are available to Scouts across the Council. This session will describe the program of Jewish-focus activities that the local JCOS conducts to instill Judaism into the Scouts BSA program.*
  - JCOS High Adventure Activities – Speaker: Rob Weber  
*For several years, the NJCOS has sponsored treks to Philmont and SeaBase. This session will describe the high adventure treks planned for 2025 at Northern Tier. It will also provide initial information about the NJCOS plans for 2026 the National Jamboree Plans, and 2027 World Jamboree*
  - Group Discussion - Camping on Shabbat –  
Moderated by Joel Straus *This session will be an open discussion regarding camping on shabbat. It will cover subjects such as building an eruv and other concerns for Shabbos camping.*

- 2:15 pm Break to move between buildings
- 2:20 pm Breakout Sessions
  - Hosting an Interfaith Seder, Speaker: Howard Prager - *This session will provide a description of a successful Interfaith Seder and provide instruction for hosting a similar event in your Council*
  - Annual Jewish Events in the Northeast Region for Jewish Units - Speaker Joel Straus *This session will describe some of the annual Jewish Scouting Events held in the Northeast Region that can be included in your unit planning calendar. These include a Kosher Klondike, NER JCOS Kinus, Kit Kat Camporee, and the Kosher Summer Camp*
  - Q&A Session - Ask the Experts - *This session is a chance to seek the advice of the JCOS experts. Bring your questions and concerns for the experts to address.*
- 3:15 pm Break & Mincha
- 3:45 pm Awards and Presentations
  - Chai Awards
  - Shofar Awards
  - Special Recognitions
- 4:15 pm Closing Ceremony
- 4:30 pm Closing Prayer for Safe Travel



## **38th Annual Traditional Jewish Scout Conclave**

The Annual Traditional Jewish Scout Conclave, Organized by Friends of Shomer Shabbat Scouting (FoSSS), will be held at Reeves Lodge, Alpine Scout Camp in Alpine, NJ on December 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Open to both male & female Scouts ages 9 to 17 (and Scouters too), the Conclave is a place for Scouting advancement, fun, and fellowship, while living and learning in a traditional Jewish environment. The conclave includes the opportunity to earn merit badges and work on Jewish Religious Emblems.

For more details and registration information, please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

## NJCOS Chai Awards

The Northeast Region Jewish Committee on Scouting presents Chai Awards to deserving Leaders during the Annual Conference. There are three separate Chai Award Levels: Bronze, Gold and Silver. Individuals, local JCOS or BSA Councils may submit nominations for these recognitions. Submissions are then subject to approval by the NER JCOS Awards Sub-committee. The recipient of the award must be present at the Annual NER JCOS conference to receive the award (no awards will be presented to those not physically present at the conference).

- **Bronze CHAI Award:** The nominee must have served at least two years on the local Jewish Committee on Scouting or on the Region or National Committees. Work should be of an outstanding and exemplary nature. All volunteers and professional BSA personnel who have done exemplary work toward the betterment of Scouting within the Jewish Community over a two-year period are eligible.
- **Gold CHAI Award** The Gold CHAI award is given to a deserving individual who has received the Bronze CHAI at least two (2) years earlier and continued to provide worthy service to Scouting and the Jewish Community.
- **Silver CHAI Award** The Silver CHAI award is presented to an individual who has received the Gold CHAI at least two (2) years previously and has now rendered at least six years of service to Scouting and the Jewish Community.

Please see the Chai Award application attached to this newsletter for complete details.



## Trading Post Items

The Northeast Region JCOS has a variety of Trading Post items available for purchase.

- Bolo Ties - \$15 (plus shipping)
- Kippot – Leather Embossed \$10, Leather with Embroidered Logo \$15, Knit \$15 (plus shipping) – Various Colors Available
- Patches – The Trading Post has a variety of patches from past JCOS events. The Trading post also has 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary patches for \$5.

See the trading post flyer in this newsletter for pictures and ordering information.

## NJCOS 100th Anniversary

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary patches have been received! The patch was designed by Scout Tal Kaufman of Tenafly, NJ who won the competition to design the logo for the NJCOS 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Tal is the webmaster and Assistant Patrol Leader in his Troop.



The patch, shown here, can be ordered from the NJCOS website ([jewishscouting.org](http://jewishscouting.org)) or from the Northeast Region trading post ([neregion@jewishscouting.org](mailto:neregion@jewishscouting.org)). Patches are \$5 plus postage (typically \$1).

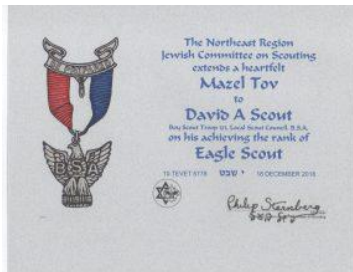
Be one of the first to have this special patch commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting in 2026. Stay tuned for special 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events!



## Certificates For Eagle Scouts

The Northeast Region Jewish Committee on Scouting provides certificates for presentation to those who earn the rank of Eagle Scout. These certificates are excellent for presentation at Eagle Courts of Honor. If you need a certificate for someone who is earning their Eagle rank, please send a letter to our NER JCOS Scribe, Ted Severe via US Mail (Northeast Region Jewish Committee on Scouting, Eagle Recognition Certificate, c/o Mr. Theodore E. Severe, 3218 McElderry Street, Baltimore. MD 21205-2819). Please send Ted:

- The full name of the new Eagle Scout
- Unit type (troop or crew) and its respective number
- The name of his/her Scout Council
- The date of his/her Eagle Court of Honor
- Address to which the certificate should be mailed
- Scout's preferred pronouns (to ensure appropriate certificate wording)
- Contact information (phone number, email address) in case there are questions regarding the certificate request



If more than one Eagle Scout is being honored at the same Eagle Court of Honor, please provide the same information as above for each additional new Eagle Scout (these additional Scouts may not be Jewish but, by tradition, the Northeast Region will honor ALL Eagle Scouts at a single Eagle Court of Honor regardless of their individual religious faiths).

In addition, the National Jewish Committee on Scouting (NJCOS) provides an Eagle Kit, consisting of a letter & certificate, for Jewish Eagle Scouts. Details and the application form can be found on the NJCOS website at <https://www.jewishscouting.org/eagle-scouts/>

## Scholarships for Jewish Eagle Scouts

In 2024, the National Jewish Committee on Scouting awarded \$10,000 in College Scholarships to four outstanding Jewish Scouts. In 2025, that amount will double to \$20,000! We will be offering four \$5000 scholarships. For details and application forms, please visit <https://www.jewishscouting.org/eagle-scout-scholarships/>. In 2024, the NJCOS received nine scholarship applications which means the odds of receiving an NJCOS scholarship are much higher than many other scholarships.



## National JCOS Virtual Seminars

The National Jewish Committee on Scouting hosts quarterly virtual seminars to assist local JCOS committees in providing a quality program. These 1-hour seminars are conducted via zoom and are provided free to all who want to participate. The Seminars are held on Sunday evening at 8:00PM Eastern Time, 7:00PM Central Time, 6:00PM Mountain Time, and 5:00PM Pacific Time. The upcoming seminars are (exact dates TBD):

- March 2025 – Scouting in Israel: Tzofim, BSI, IFJS, Israeli Caravan
- June 2025 – Building a Strong local JCOS
- Sept 2025 – Roundtable Discussion of issues & Problems - Panel Discussion
- Nov 2025 – High Adventure Programs for Jewish Youth in 2026

You should receive registration information via email approximately 1 month prior to the seminar. Please direct any questions to Barry Hantman, at [neregion@jewishscouting.org](mailto:neregion@jewishscouting.org).



## Calendar of Religious Holidays

The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God, but it is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward religious training. Its policy is that the home and the organization or group with which the member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life.

There are certain holidays that individual Scouts and Scouters of different faiths celebrate each year. These holidays are not always on the same date on the calendar and may not be familiar to everyone. In order to respect the traditions of all Scouts and Scouters, care must be taken in scheduling Scouting activities.

The Boy Scouts of America has developed a religious holiday calendar for the use of local units, councils and others in scheduling Scout-related activities. It provides a brief description of each holiday and an indication of the significance of each. The calendar is continuously updated to provide a two-year holiday schedule.

Please remember that certain holidays begin on the night before the actual day of the holiday as shown on the calendar.

The BSA Religious Holiday Calendar is here: <https://www.scouting.org/resources/relationships/religious-observances/>

Please share this calendar with your council, district, and those planning Scouting events.

## Jewish Eagle Scout Project in Baden Powell Council

On October 16, the Baden-Powell Council Jewish Committee on Scouting was present in the Ithaca suburbs at Congregation Tikkun v'Or for their Sukkot festivities at which a brand-new Eagle Scout Project was unveiled. Logan Murphy of Troop 48 in Lansing, NY, led the project to build a brand new, durable sukkah that will be erected every year for Sukkot. "I chose this project because I have family members who worship

with the congregation and the current sukkah is in disrepair," Logan explained. "I have been helping to build the sukkah for over 10 years. It holds a special place in my heart; the holiday falls each year on the anniversary of my grandmother's passing and we (my family) honor her memory, by erecting the sukkah."



The Baden-Powell Council Jewish Committee on Scouting presented Logan with a framed certificate recognizing his efforts and thanking him for his project that will go to great use enhancing Sukkot celebrations at Tikkun v'Or for many years to come. Logan proudly displayed the certificate in the sukkah throughout these festivities, which also included a campfire that Logan put his Scout skills to use building to have warmth as we welcomed in Sukkot, apple cider making, and more. Thank you, Logan!

## Scout Shabbat

This is the time of year when we start planning annual Scout Shabbat services (typically held in February). If your council or synagogue is hosting a Scout Shabbat or Scout Havdalah service, please let us know about it so that I can include it in the upcoming events section or the next newsletter and help you publicize the event.



If you wish to order JCOS patches for your service, you have a few choices. You will soon be able to order patches on the JCOS website ([jewishscouting.org](http://jewishscouting.org)). Or, if you want patches customized for the Northeast Region (as shown in the picture), these are available from the NER JCOS Trading Post (send email to [neregion@jewishscouting.org](mailto:neregion@jewishscouting.org)).

## The Chanukah Flame of Faith

*A Chanukah story by NER JCOS Chaplain, Rabbi  
Rachmiel Tobesman*

After the death of Alexander the Great, two powerful Greek Empires emerged in the Middle East: The Ptolemies in Egypt and the Seleucids in Syria. The Land of Israel was the border between these two warring Empires. At first, the Jewish people were under the control of the Ptolemies, who were curious about Jewish beliefs and philosophies and had the TaNaCh translated into Greek. A miracle occurred, the seventy sages charged with the translation all presented the same work – verbatim. As the Ptolemies grew weak they were overcome at the Battle of Panias in 198BCE, Israel found herself in the domain of the Seleucids and their king, Antiochus.

It would be wrong to view the conflict as purely Greece versus the Jewish people. Very strong socio-political elements within the Jewish community contributed significantly to the conflict. Many of the Hellenized Jewish supporters of the Seleucids took it upon themselves to “help” those who wished to keep their faith and way of life “dragging” them away from what they perceived was their primitive beliefs into the “modern” world of Greek culture. (This pattern has repeated itself many times throughout Jewish history.) To aid them in their endeavor, these Hellenized Jews recruited the help of their Greek allies, ultimately bringing the king himself, Antiochus IV Epiphanes, into the conflict.

Chanuka is a celebration of Yiddishkeit/Judaism. The lights that were kindled at Sinai have burned in the Jewish heart and soul to this day. Every challenge to “modernize” and abandon our beliefs, culture and lifestyle has been unsuccessful. We have endured wars, disputations, pogroms, exile and still can be true to the faith of our fathers.

When we light the menorah, we affirm our freedoms, our triumphs and the future.

## JCOS Golf/Polo Shirts

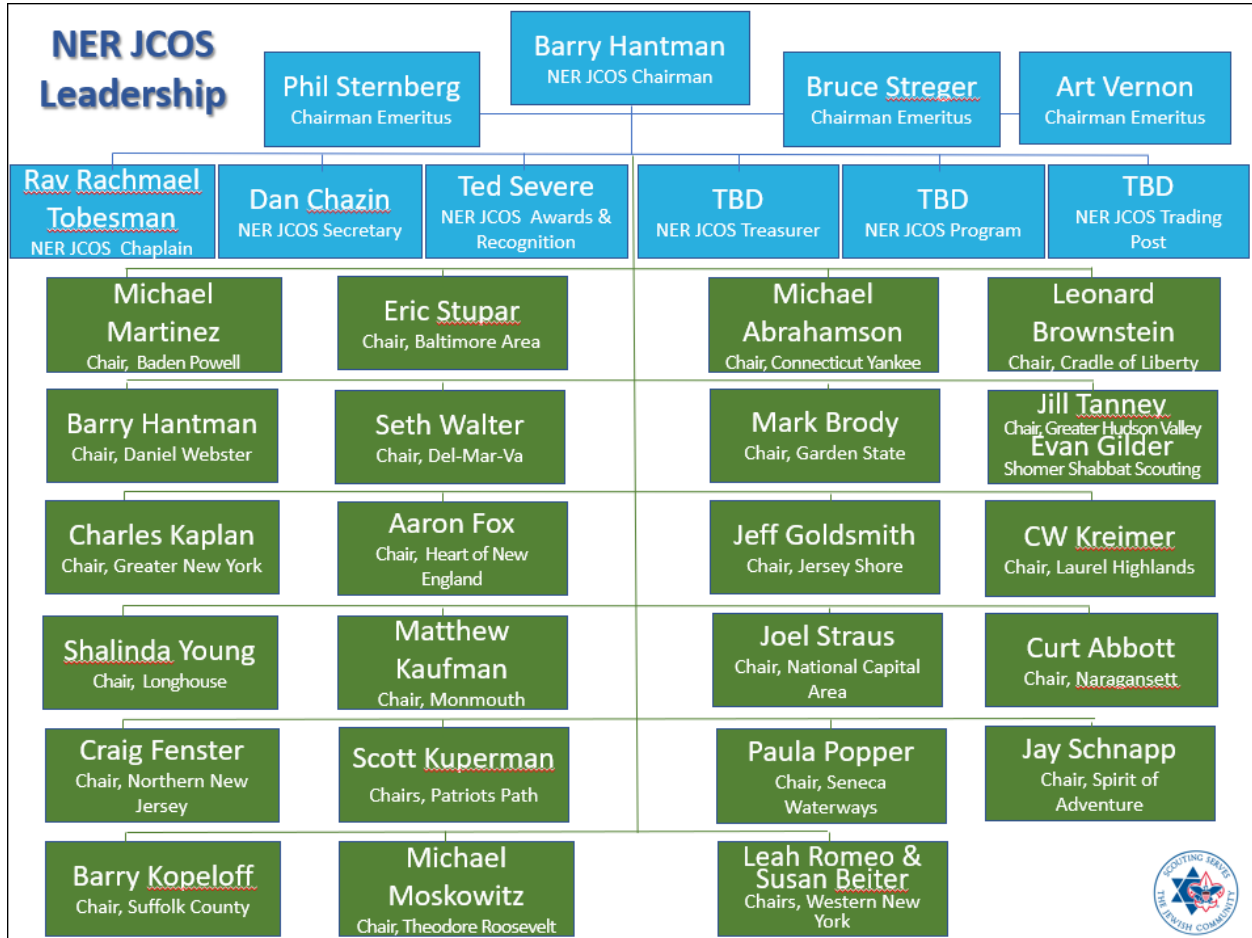
Were you aware that the Jewish Committee on Scouting sells Golf/Polo shirts with the JCOS logo? The short-sleeve shirts are Royal Blue with White embroidery of the JCOS logo and “Jewish Committee on Scouting” in both Hebrew and English on left breast. Your first name can be embroidered on right breast if desired. An order form is provided at the end of this newsletter.

Want to save on shipping costs? Shipping costs can be avoided if you pick up the shirt at the Annual Conference in March. We'll have it waiting for you when you arrive if you order before February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025!

## Upcoming Events

- December 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - Annual Traditional Jewish Scout Conclave, Reeves Lodge, Alpine Scout Camp in Alpine, NJ
- February 2025 - Kosher Klondike over President's Day Weekend
- February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – Baden Powell Council Scout Shabbat at Temple Israel in Vestal, NY. To register, send email to [BJCOS@gmail.com](mailto:BJCOS@gmail.com)
- March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Daniel Webster Council and Spirit of Adventure Council Scout Shabbat at Temple Emanu-El in Haverhill, MA. This service will also be available via zoom for those who wish to participate remotely. Send email to [neregion@jewishscouting.org](mailto:neregion@jewishscouting.org) for information and registration.
- March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Northeast Region Jewish Committee on Scouting Annual Conference at Camp Spencer in Maryland.
- May 2025 – Northeast Region JCOS Kinus over Memorial Day Weekend.
- September 2025 – Kit Kat Camporee over Labor Day Weekend
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 National Scout Jamboree
- July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2027 – World Scout Jamboree





Please let provide any updates for this chart to Barry Hantman, [neregion@jewishscouting.org](mailto:neregion@jewishscouting.org)



# NER JCOS Photo Gallery



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**Suffolk County Council Y JCC Flag Retirement Ceremony**



**Send us your event photos!**



◀ ▶ **Theodore Roosevelt Council 10 Commandments Hike**



WE DISCUSSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS.

**Send us your event photos!**



◀ ▶ **Baden Powell Council 10 Commandments Hike**



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**Congratulations to Logan Murphy of Baden Powell Council who completed his Eagle Scout Project which entailed building a Sukkah for his Temple**



# NER JCOS Photo Gallery (Continued)



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**Scouts in Baltimore Area Council participated in a Jewish Religious Emblems**



**Send us your event Photos!**



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**Scouts in Laurel Highlands Council participated in a 17th Annual Ten Commandment and World Faiths Hike**



**Send us your event Photos!**



# Northeast Region Jewish Committee on Scouting 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference



Sunday, March 30, 2025

Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation, Camp Spencer  
3773 Peach Orchard Rd, Street, MD 21154

Join the Northeast Region Jewish Committee for a day of  
Training & Camaraderie

Sunday March 30, 2025

9AM-4:30PM (doors open at 8AM)

Camp Spencer, Street, MD

(Just south of the Maryland/Pennsylvania boarder)

- Informative Training Sessions <sup>1</sup>
  - Jewish Worship in the Outdoors
  - Creative Scout Shabbat Services
  - Camping on Shabbat
  - Hosting an Interfaith Seder
  - Jewish Scouting Events in the Northeast Region
  - Year-round Jewish activities for Scouts
  - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning
  - Upcoming JCOS High Adventure Treks
  - And Much More!
- Kosher Breakfast & Lunch
- Jewish Committee Award Presentations
- Jewish Scouting Trading Post
  - Kippot
  - Bolo Ties
  - Patches



**\$45 per person if paid by March 1<sup>st</sup> (\$10 additional after 3/1/25)**

Lodging available Saturday Night, March 29, 2025 on a space available basis

*See attached registration form*

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary program agenda. Subject to change.

# The 37th Northeast Region Jewish Committee on Scouting Conference Registration



(Participants of all faiths and all Scout Regions welcome)

**Where:** Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation, Camp Spencer, 3773 Peach Orchard Rd, Street, MD 21154

**When:** Sunday, March 30, 2025, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM  
(lodging available Saturday Night, March 29, 2025)

**Conference fee:** **\$45.00 per participant if paid by Mar 1, 2025**

**After Mar 1, 2025, the fee increases to \$55.00 per participant.**

*Fee includes breakfast, lunch, patch, conference program, and handouts.*

*Those with a financial need should contact Barry Hantman (email address below.)*

## **Registration Information:**

Cub Scout Leader,  Scouts BSA Leader,  Venturing Leader,  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 JCoS Committee Member, Council: \_\_\_\_\_  JCoS Committee Chair  
Primary Scouting Position and Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 1<sup>st</sup> Time Attendee? Who encouraged your attendance? \_\_\_\_\_  
Last NER JCoS Conference attended (year): \_\_\_\_\_

## **Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address (please print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Breakfast includes bagels, spreads, fruit, coffee, tea and juices. Lunch includes cold cuts and tuna sandwiches, salad, fruit, and drinks (maybe Chinese Food). All food is kosher. If you have specific dietary requirements, please let us know:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **Lodging:**

I request accommodations at Camp Spencer (bunk beds). Cost \$50.00/person. Bring your own bedding.  
Beds are 4 to a room with separate rooms for male & female attendees

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: NER JCoS Chairman, Barry Hantman <neregion@jewishscouting.org>

Mail this registration form and your check to

**NER JCOS, c/o Barry Hantman, 52 Justin Drive, Danville, NH 03819**

Make your check out to "**NER JCOS**" and write "**2025 NER JCOS Conference**" on the memo line

Venmo & Paypal accepted. Please enquire for details.

## Northeast Region Jewish Committee on Scouting

# CHAI Award Application

(  Bronze,  Gold or  Silver)

Instructions: Please print out this page and neatly print the information requested. The Award Nomination form should be signed by the local council Scout Executive, the local council JCoS chairman and another member of the committee. Please mail or email (PDF) the application at least Twenty One (21) days prior to the Northeast Region JCoS Conference to:

**Barry Hantman, NERJCoS Chairman**  
**52 Justin Dr., Danville, NH 03819**  
**Email: neregion@jewishscouting.org**

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### Person being nominated:

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Current Position in Scouting: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Council Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I nominate this person for the [  ]Bronze, [  ]Gold, [  ]Silver Award

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### Person making the nomination:

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Phone #: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Approvals:

Scout Executive: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Council JCoS Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Local JCoS: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SEE COMPLETE AWARD REQUIREMENTS ON NEXT PAGE**

**Northeast Region Jewish Committee on Scouting  
CHAI Awards Requirements**

There are three levels of awards - Bronze, Gold and Silver. Individuals, local JCOS or BSA Councils may submit nominations for these recognitions. Submissions are then subject to approval by the NER JCOS Awards Sub-committee. The recipient of the award must be present at the Annual NER JCOS to receive the award (no awards will be presented to those not physically present at the conference).

**Bronze CHAI Award**

The nominee must have served at least two years on the local Jewish Committee on Scouting or on the Region or National Committees. Work should be of an outstanding and exemplary nature. All volunteers and professional BSA personnel who have done exemplary work toward the betterment of Scouting within the Jewish Community over a two-year period are eligible. On the back of the application form describe in detail the work done by the nominee. Please include dates, places, and most importantly, accomplishments.

**Gold CHAI Award**

The Gold CHAI award is given to a deserving individual who has received the Bronze CHAI at least two (2) years earlier and continued to provide worthy service to Scouting and the Jewish Community. Indicate on the application when and where the individual received their Bronze Chai. On the back of the application form describe in detail the work done by the individual after receiving their previous award.

**Silver CHAI Award**

The Silver CHAI award is presented to an individual who has received the Gold CHAI at least two (2) years previously and has now rendered at least six years of service to Scouting and the Jewish Community. Indicate on the application when and where the individual received their Gold Chai. Describe in detail the work done by the individual after receiving their previous award. On the back of the application form describe in detail the work done by the individual after receiving their previous award.



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*The NER JCOS Trading Post also has a variety of patches from Jewish Scouting Events (NER JCOS Conferences, Scout Shabbat, National Jamborees, etc.) with prices starting as low as \$1 each*

**To order, please send email to [neregion@jewishscouting.org](mailto:neregion@jewishscouting.org)**

*Shipping cost is additional  
(to avoid shipping costs, items may be picked up at the Annual NER JCOS Conference)*



# Jewish Committee on Scouting Golf Shirt

## *Specifications:*

- Color: **Royal Blue**
- Design: **White embroidery of detailed JCOS logo with "Jewish Committee on Scouting" in both Hebrew and English on left breast. Your first name on right breast if desired.**
- **Short Sleeves**
- Sizes available: **Medium (M); Large (L); Extra Large (XL); Two Extra Large (2XL); Three Extra Large (3XL), etc.**
- Fabric: **Poly-cotton Knit** (this is a "performance" fabric)
- Cost: **\$45.00 per shirt ordered** (if other "performance" fabrics are desired, the extra cost is \$15.00)
- **USPS Priority Mail postage \$15.00 to have shirt mailed to you.** You can also have the shirt delivered at the next NERJCOS Conference to save on the postage.

## *Directions for ordering your JCOS Golf Shirt:*

Fill out this form with all requested information. Provide a check for the number of shirts desired made out to either "Theodore E. Severe," "Ted Severe" or "Rebecca Severe" and indicate on the check's memo line "JCOS Golf Shirt"

If you have any questions *before ordering*, please do not hesitate to contact **Pinky or Ted Severe** at 410-276-2686, via email at [severefamily@verizon.net](mailto:severefamily@verizon.net) or via mail, 3218 McElderry Street, Baltimore MD 21205-2819.

## ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size/Quantity Desired: M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ 2XL \_\_\_\_\_ 3XL \_\_\_\_\_

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# 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Traditional Jewish Scout Conclave



For Boys & Girls  
Adults, too!

**THREE DAYS /  
TWO NIGHTS**

**Tues. Dec. 24, 2024, 12:30 PM — Thurs. Dec. 26, 2024, 1:00 PM**

**Held at Reeves Lodge, Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine, NJ**

Just off the Palisades Parkway,  
only 15 minutes north of the George Washington Bridge

**Organized by Friends of *Shomer Shabbat* Scouting (FoSSS)  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF  
Greater New York Councils, Scouting America**

**FoSSS**, a 501(c)(3) organization serving Jewish youth with Scouting, has a two-fold primary mission:

1. **Introduce *Shomer Shabbat* families to the wonderful world of Scouting America;**
2. **Allow them to experience the opportunities for personal growth and learning that fully support and complement the traditional practices of Jewish life.**

Only after such an introduction, and first-hand experience, can many Rabbis and parents in this constituency 'be prepared' to become registered in **Scouting America**.

**FoSSS** organizes this Conclave for boys and girls, age 9–17, registered in Webelos, Arrow of Light, and ScoutsBSA, as well as registered adult Scouters.

**FoSSS also invites** youth (age 9-17) and adults who are not currently involved in Scouting, to experience what *Shomer Shabbat* Scouting can offer them. Before attending, these adults take the 72-minute, on-line, Youth Protection Training Course, and submit their 'Certificate of Completion'.

# The Traditional Jewish Conclave: Who, What, When, Where, How & Why!

★ **WHO:** Jewish youth, age 9–17, who want to explore *Shomer Shabbat* Scouting. This includes **WEBELOS, ARROW OF LIGHT, AND SCOUTSBSA BOTH Boys & Girls**, gather — as individuals or with their Scout unit — coming from across the U.S.

In past years, Scouts have come from: **Maine to Florida** — ME, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, PA, DE, MD, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL — and OH, MI, IL, TX, Ontario & Québec — over 45 Scout Councils.

**WEBELOS/AOL:** Youth age 9–10 (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade) attend with an adult partner.

★ **WHAT:** **38<sup>th</sup> Annual Traditional Jewish Scout Conclave**  
A gathering for Scouting advancement, fun, and fellowship, while living and learning in a traditional Jewish environment. Hosted by 'Friends of *Shomer Shabbat* Scouting,' a 501(c)(3) organization serving Jewish youth with Scouting. Dr. Spielman, Scoutmaster of Troop 54, chartered to the Maimonides School in Brookline, MA, has run this program since its inception, with ongoing support, over the years, from a number of other volunteers on his team. Rabbi Avraham A. Witty is Rabbinic Advisor.

★ **WHEN:** **12:30 PM Tuesday, December 24, 2024 to  
1:00 PM Thursday, December 26, 2024.**

★ **WHERE:** **Alpine Scout Camp.** Set your GPS for:  
"Reeves Lodge, Orbach Way, Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine, NJ".

★ **HOW:** **Reeves Lodge Conference Center** serves as base camp with a dining area, workshop/seminar rooms for Scout Advancement, and heated bathrooms with flush toilets. Sleep in heated cabins on bunk beds with mattresses — surrounded by 500 acres of woods and fields. The Conclave offers Scouts an opportunity to 'camp' together in a traditional Jewish environment. (Please **do not** bring any other food, drinks, or snacks.) "A Scout is Reverent" states the 12<sup>th</sup> Point of the Scout Law. We thus pause from our activities for Grace before and after meals and for daily services (*Shacharit, Minchah, and Maariv*). While individual youth and adults may have many different personal perspectives on prayer, as a community our Conclave will gather as one.

**Food:** Strictly Kosher, brought in from caterers/restaurants in the Teaneck/Englewood area. (Chinese anyone?)

★ **WHY:** **For Scout Advancement, progress on Aleph, Ner Tamid & Etz Chaim Awards, and great fellowship.**

**Boys and Girls new to Scouting** are warmly welcomed to share in the fun and get an orientation to the Scout program.

**Webelos & Arrow of Light** work on Advancement.

**ScoutsBSA** work on Advancement to First Class & Merit Badges. Some Merit Badges may be earned completely, others demand a Scout come with some skills or some work done. Scouts can earn at least a 'Partial,' to complete upon their return home.

**Interpreter Strip** tests have been offered for 13 languages.

★ **MERIT BADGES:** Merit Badge and other Advancement options evolve in the days before each Conclave. Upon your arrival, you will have a complete list, with time to make your choices. CPR Training is currently scheduled.

**Merit Badges** that have been offered in the past include:

(Note: Badges in **bold** are on the Required List for Eagle.)  
American Business, American Heritage, American Labor, Archery, Architecture, Art, Aviation, Bugling, Cnematology, **Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World**, Coin Collecting, Collections, **Communications**, Computers, Crime Prevention, Digital Technology, Disabilities Awareness, Drafting, Electricity, Electronics, **Emergency Preparedness**, Energy, **Family Life**, Fingerprinting, Fire Safety, **First Aid**, Genealogy, Geocaching, Geology, Horsemanship, Indian Lore, Medicine, **Personal Fitness, Personal Management**, Photography, Plumbing, Public Health, Public Speaking, Pulp & Paper, Radio, Railroad, Safety, Scouting Heritage, Skating (Ice), Snow Sports (*Alpine Skiing, Cross-country Skiing, Snowboarding, & Snowshoeing*), Stamp Collecting, Textile, & Weather.

Scouts get inspired to work toward the **Ner Tamid** and **Etz Chaim** Jewish religious awards, completed with their own rabbi or teacher.

★ **BRING:** **Come prepared for the weather!**

- If you have a Scout uniform, wear it!
- Bring a pack/duffel with personal gear and a sleeping bag. (Bunks have a mattress, but bring a foam pad if you like.)
- Bring a 'brown-bag' lunch/beverage for Tuesday, and eat it before you arrive. All other food is supplied, including lunch for the trip home on Thursday.  
**Inform us of food allergies when registering.**
- Extra mittens and socks are useful to bring.
- Bring a wristwatch and a flashlight or headlight.
- Bring digital camera for Photography Merit Badge.
- Scouts over *Bar Mitzvah* are encouraged to bring *Tefillin*.

★ **TRANSPORTATION:** Scouts from each Troop make individual travel/car-pool arrangements. See your Scoutmaster for details.

★ **PROGRAM COST:** Youth: \$180. Adults: \$90.

- Pay online with registration
- Parents MUST be responsible for youth under age 9, as the Conclave has no 'official' program for that age. **HOWEVER**, we can link families together to plan age-appropriate Cub Scout activities. Call Mr. Dan Allen for details — 914 391-0092.

★ **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Midnight, Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024 or up to the limit of participants, whichever comes first.

★ **REGISTRATION:** See next page for details.

★ **FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

- Dr. Howard Spielman, Scoutmaster 781 439-5250  
[HASpielman1@gmail.com](mailto:HASpielman1@gmail.com)
- Rabbi Avraham A. Witty, Rabbinic Advisor  
[WittyAvrahamA@gmail.com](mailto:WittyAvrahamA@gmail.com)

# CONCLAVE REGISTRATION PROCESS

Deadline: Midnight, Wednesday, December 18, 2024

STAGE

- ① **A. All Youth\*\* and Adults who ARE registered in Scouting America (BSA):**  
Find your Scouting ID# and go to Stage ②.
- B. All Youth\*\*, under age 18, who ARE NOT currently registered in Scouting America:**  
If under age 11, you must be accompanied by an 'Adult Partner'.  
If over age 11, you will need an adult 'Host' at the Conclave, who you know. (A Host could be a parent/relative, Scout Leader, or an Adult friend.) With your parent's permission, get the name and cell phone number of your 'Partner' or 'Host', and go to Stage ②.
- \*\* Note on Youth below age 9:** As of this announcement, we have no 'official' program for youth below age 9. **However,** if parents are prepared to work together to deliver such a Cub Scout program, we are prepared to help facilitate that!!! If you would like to be involved in this, contact Mr. Dan Allen, at 914 391-0092. (There are Cub Scout activities for grades K-3.)
- C. All Adults, over age 18, who ARE NOT currently registered in Scouting:**  
(a) Go Online to <https://my.scouting.org/>, (b) Click "Create Account" and fill in your information, (c) Click on: "Visit Training Page" (d) Click to take the Youth Protection Training, (e) Print your 'Certificate of Completion' to use in the next stage and to BRING with you!  
**THEN, go to Stage ② to register for the Conclave.**

② **To Register for the Conclave! Go On-Line at: [TJSConclave.ScoutCamp.info/](https://tjconclave.scoutcamp.info/)**  
Fill in all the information requested and make payment online.

③ **PREPARE THREE (or Four) FORMS for EACH adult & youth:**  
(Yes, yes, yes! We need these THREE (3) [or 4] different forms!) PLEASE check this list carefully!

- 1. Emergency Information & Waiver Form:** Found on the last page of this announcement.  
➡➡ Be sure it is completed and signed by a parent!
- 2. BSA Medical Form: Go to — [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_AB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf)**  
**NOTE: ONLY PARTS A & B ARE REQUIRED.**  
➡➡ Parent/guardian **MUST SIGN** on pages **A AND B2**. — There is no need for a doctor's signature.  
**BUT IF** you attended Scout Camp in 2024, and you have a copy of your 2024 Medical Form, **THEN** bring all three parts (A, B, & C).
- 3. Prepare a photocopy of both sides of the Health Insurance card** for each youth & adult.
- 4. Youth Protection Training Certificate of Completion.**  
This **MUST** be brought by any **NEW ADULT**.

④ **BRING:** Before driving to the Conclave, each driver should have all three (or four!) forms above for everyone in their car, both youth and adults!

- 1. Hanukah Sameach!! Bring a Menorah and two candles for Wednesday night!**
- 2. Set GPS to: Reeves Lodge, Orbach Way, Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine, NJ.**  
GPS Coordinates: 40.980672, -73.920324

**Safe travels!**

## For more information, Contact:

Conclave

Registration Software  
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Mr. Dan Allen

[DanTAllen@gmail.com](mailto:DanTAllen@gmail.com)

914 391-0092

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**Complete the form below. The adult leader/driver needs to bring to the Conclave:**  
**(1) This Emergency Information & Waiver Form (Signed!), (2) Medical Form Parts A & B (Signed!)**  
**& (3) Photocopy of both sides of Medical Insurance Card — FOR EACH YOUTH & ADULT IN THEIR CAR.**

## **2024 Registration, Emergency Information & Waiver** **38<sup>th</sup> Annual Traditional Jewish Scout Conclave**

For Webelos, Arrow of Light, Scouts BSA, & Venturers, at Alpine Scout Camp, 441 Route 9W, Alpine, NJ 07620  
Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2024 at 12:30 PM through Thursday, Dec. 26, 2024 at 1:00 PM.

- This form **MUST** be submitted by **EACH SCOUT & EACH ADULT** for proper Conclave registration.
- In transit to/from the Conclave, the **Scoutmaster** or activity leader should carry a copy for **each Scout & Adult**.

**Scout or Adult's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Scout or Adult's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Unit No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of the benefits to be derived, and in view of the fact that the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is an educational institution, membership in which is voluntary, and having full confidence that every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety and well being of my child/ward, named above, on the activity named above, I agree to his/her participation and waive all claims against the leaders of this trip, officers, agents, and representatives of the BSA, and the Charter Partner.

In the event of an emergency, the Troop unit leader of the activity named above has my permission to obtain medical treatment for this Scout/adult at the nearest hospital or doctor, at my expense. I also give permission to the adult staff of this activity to dispense non-prescription medication including, but not limited to, Tylenol & Advil.

I am checking here to indicate my interest in joining other adult volunteers on this activity.  
(Both male & female adults are welcome.) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of parent/guardian or adult) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

**PRINT** Parent or Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### **EMERGENCY INFORMATION:**

During this activity, I can be contacted at the following phone(s):  
(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_; (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

This participant is highly allergic or sensitive to (foods, bees, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

What, if any, medication is being taken? \_\_\_\_\_

Any special instructions with this medication? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want the unit leader to hold/administer the medication? Yes  No

Date of the most recent tetanus shot/booster \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Doctor is: \_\_\_\_\_ Doctor's Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### **MEDICAL INSURANCE INFORMATION:**

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number (Control No. if Group Policy): \_\_\_\_\_

**Are there any points of additional information, any comments, or any explanation of other problems of which the activity unit leader should be aware?**

Check here if you are adding any more information on an additional sheet.

## Friends of Shomer Shabbat Camping

### The Shofar Award

(For Adults)

The Shofar Award was created to recognize outstanding service by adults in promoting Scouting among Jewish youth. The Shofar (Ram's Horn) calls people to the service of G-d.

The Shofar Award recognizes individuals who who serve Jewish youth in Scouting.

Current requirements can be found at: <http://www.jewishscouting.org/awards/#shofar>



The Talmud Torah Award is presented by the Suffolk County JCOS to Scouts who have earned all of their Jewish religious Emblems. Both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts may apply. Contact the Suffolk County JCOS for an application or Email

[wb2adf@gmail.com](mailto:wb2adf@gmail.com)

### As a Scout, how do I start working on my Religious Emblems?

Starting work on a religious Emblem is simple. Start by downloading the current requirements from the National Jewish Committee on Scouting website,

<http://www.jewishscouting.org>, and ask your parent, Rabbi or Religious school teacher/educator to serve as your counselor.

As you work on the activities/requirements, keep a record of your work in the workbook, and discuss what you have done with your counselor.

When you have completed all the activities and/or requirements, your counselor signs and submits the application form. The notebook is for you to keep, to use, and to display. The Emblem presentation should be made at a service in your synagogue, unit meeting, or other appropriate event.

### The National Jewish Committee on Scouting

The National Jewish Committee on Scouting (NJCOS) promotes Scouting among Jewish youth, helps Jewish institutions, Regional and Local Councils and Jewish Committees, provides Scouting opportunities for Jewish youth, and promotes Jewish values in Scouting through the BSA, and Religious Emblem programs.



For additional information on NJCOS: <http://www.jewishscouting.org>

For additional information on Religious Emblems and other Awards: <http://www.jewishscouting.org/awards>

Contact either your local council Jewish Committee, or your Regional Jewish Committee for additional information on Religious Emblems and other Awards. <http://www.jewishscouting.org>

The NJCOS website is a good resource related to Jewish Scouting.

Visit the website "Store" where you can purchase patches and other items.

Kippahs, Bolos and other items can also be purchased from the Northeast Region JCOS.

Eagle Certificates are available and special. Chai Awards are available in each region.

For questions and other Award Certificates, check with the **Regional JCOS** to learn more.

CENTRAL - [ceregion@jewishscouting.org](mailto:ceregion@jewishscouting.org)  
 NER - [neregion@jewishscouting.org](mailto:neregion@jewishscouting.org)  
 SOUTHERN - [soregion@jewishscouting.org](mailto:soregion@jewishscouting.org)  
 WESTERN - [weregion@jewishscouting.org](mailto:weregion@jewishscouting.org)

### "A Scout is Reverent"

#### JEWISH RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS

For ALL levels of Scouting

Lion Scouts  
Aryeh Emblem



Cub Scouts

Aleph Emblem



Tiger Cubs  
Maccabee Emblem



Scouts BSA,  
Explorer, Venturers  
Ner Tamid Emblem



Older Boy Scouts & Venturers  
Etz Chaim Emblem



Adults

Shofar Award



Chai Awards



Bronze, Gold,  
Silver, Diamond

Learn how **YOU** as an Adult, can play an important part in Jewish youth character and leadership development. And learn how your organization can sponsor a Jewish Unit. Contact the NJCOS and let the fun begin.

## Friends of Shomer Shabbat Camping

### The Aryeh Emblem



For Jewish Lion Scouts in Kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> grade

The young Lion is a traditional Jewish symbol of curiosity, energy and power. The Aryeh Emblem challenges the youngest Scouts to learn. The requirements are fun, and for the beginner, with help from a parent, religious leader or counselor, they will learn some of the basics of the Jewish Faith such as their Hebrew name, what Shalom means, what a mezuzah is, Minyan, Jewish games and more.

<https://www.jewishscouting.org/cub-scout-emblems/#aryeh>

### The Maccabee Emblem

For Jewish Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouts, grades 1-3



The Maccabee Emblem takes its name from Judah Maccabee and his brothers, who led the military and the religious struggle against the Syrian King, Antiochus, who attempted to suppress the practice of Judaism. Their revolt ended in victory with the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem in the year 167 B.C.E. which is celebrated during the holiday of Chanukah (known as the festival of lights).

#### What are the requirements?

Requirements can be started at any time. All requirements must be completed prior to completing the third grade. The requirements are subdivided into six categories: Jewish names, holidays, terms, symbols and objects, community helpers and heroes.

These categories should be sufficiently simple for the first graders to manage and should appeal to youngsters of diverse interests. Virtually all of the requirements should lend themselves to fulfillment at home with the active assistance of a parent. The total assignments should be completed within a nine-month time frame or sooner.

Current requirements can be found at:

<https://www.jewishscouting.org/cub-scout-emblems/#maccabee>

### The Aleph Emblem

For Jewish Cub Scouts and Webelos, grades 3-5

Just as Aleph is the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, the activities of the Aleph Emblem are among the first steps that a Scout will learn to understand more about the Jewish faith. Working on the Aleph Emblem will help the Cub Scouts get to know his or her Rabbi or religious educator who will be the Scout's counselor and guide along the way.

#### When do I start earning the Emblem?

A Cub Scout may begin to work on the Aleph Emblem as soon as he or she enters the third grade. All requirements must be completed with the Cub Scout as a registered member of a Cub Scout pack and before he or she completes the fifth grade.

#### What does the Aleph Emblem look like?

The Aleph Emblem is a medal with a Torah and a Ner Tamid on it as a reminder that once you have earned the Emblem, others will depend on you to teach them.

Current requirements can be found at:

<https://www.jewishscouting.org/cub-scout-emblems/#aleph>



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JEWISH YOUTH

THE NATIONAL JEWISH  
COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

### The Ner Tamid Emblem

For Jewish Scouts BSA, Venturers and Explorers, grades 6-9

Learning by doing is a basic principle of Scouting. The Ner Tamid (Eternal Light) program will help a Scout grow spiritually. It will help the Scout practice *Duty to G-d*, be *Reverent* and to be *faithful in his or her Religious duties*. Counselor's assistance is required.

The Ner Tamid Emblem represents the Eternal Light that hangs in front of the Holy Ark in every synagogue. The pendant is attached to a blue and white ribbon and a bronze bar pin that carries the inscription "Ner Tamid" in Hebrew letters and "Eternal Light" in English.

Requirement areas include:

- \* Home observance
- \* Synagogue worship
- \* Jewish Study
- \* The American Jewish community
- \* World Jewry

Current requirements can be found at:

<https://www.jewishscouting.org/scouts-bsa-emblems/#nertamid>

### The Etz Chaim Emblem

For Jewish Scouts, ages 14-17 and Venturers ages 14-20

The Etz Chaim (Tree of Life) Emblem is to encourage the young adult to explore Jewish roles in the context of family, community, world and the Jewish people. The requirements can be completed in six months with a counselor's assistance.



Current requirements can be found at:

<https://www.jewishscouting.org/scouts-bsa-emblems/#etzchaim>