



# Newsletter 1

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## ***WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT***



Welcome to the National Jewish Scout Association! We have just activated our organization. We are a not-for-profit corporation recognized by the IRS as a Section 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. All contributions to the NJSA are tax-deductible.

Our mission is two-fold:

1. We are a supporting organization of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting, providing financial support for its programs.
2. We are a home for Scouts, Scouters, alumni and supporters to interact and get to know each other.

You can help develop and enhance Scouting for Jewish Youth throughout the country and internationally by joining us and participating in our activities. We will send you an NJSA kippah and an NJSA pin when you join so you can let others know you support Jewish Scout activities.

We are going to have several newsletters each year to let you know what is going on in Jewish Scouting. In this, our first newsletter, we are going to introduce you to our first Scout member and to one of our Scouter members and we are going to show you Scouting Anniversary activity. Stay tuned for further information and activities.

## MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

If you are not yet a member, join us now. Membership fees are \$15 a year for Scouts, \$50 a year for Scouters, alumni and supporters and \$500 for a lifetime membership. You can pay direct at the National Jewish Committee on Scouting website: [JewishScouting.org](http://JewishScouting.org).



**JEWISH SCOUTS DO CAMP**

# WELCOME FROM THE NATIONAL JEWISH COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING



February 13, 2026

Dear Mr. Chudacoff,

It's an honor to be a Life Member of the National Jewish Scout Association, NJSA. I say this because membership in the NJSA is a way to support Jewish Scouting. The concept for the NJSA was developed at a meeting of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting, NJCOS, many years ago.

In 2022, both the NJCOS and the NJSA were incorporated as nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporations. The NJCOS was the last Faith-Based organization to leave the Boy Scouts of America, but it remained affiliated through a Memorandum of Understanding.

Joining the NJSA directly supports the NJCOS vision that Scouting for Jewish Youth will develop generations of caring, concerned, capable citizens and leaders who are guided by the Scout Oath, Scout Law and Torah.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Philip Sternberg'.

*Philip Sternberg, President  
National Jewish Committee on Scouting*

## WELCOME ELLIOTT W.



The National Jewish Scout Association is happy to welcome our first Scout member. Elliott W. has just become a Scout. Elliott is in good company. His great grandfather was an Eagle Scout and both his mom and his aunt were Gold Award Girl Scouts. Elliott's favorite subject is math, and he wants to go to MIT where he plans to study to be an engineer. Elliott is already a world traveler, having been to Punta Cana, Greece, Switzerland and Norway with more to come. His favorite food is sushi, and he would like to travel to Japan to eat it at its source. Elliott has been learning responsibility at home by caring for his pal, Kenneth the rabbit.

Welcome Elliott.



## SCOUT SHABBAT IN POMONA, CALIFORNIA



Temple Beth Israel, Friday, February 6, 2026. Troops 54, 214 and 818 and Packs 34 and 214 celebrated Scout Shabbat on the 116<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Scouting and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting.

### MEET JEFF GOLDSMITH



Jeff Goldsmith is vice chair of the Membership Subcommittee of the National Religious Relationships Committee and former Northeast Region Chair and Executive Vice Chair of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting . He is the immediate past Chair of Council Service Territory 13 and a former Council President of the Jersey Shore Council. Jeff is a member of various National

Committees, and has served extensively in Council, Area, Region, and National roles in membership, finance, commissioner service, and council support. Jeff is an Eagle Scout (and father of an Eagle Scout), a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow and has received the Silver Buffalo Award among others.

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**SHALOM!**

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