



**BIOGRAPHIES OF THE
NATIONAL JEWISH
COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING
CHAIRMEN/PRESIDENTS
(1926-2026)**



Dr. Cyrus Adler

1st Chairman of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting (1926-1935)

- Hebrew educator, author, librarian, scientist, philosopher, philanthropist, statesman, civic leader, humanitarian, generally recognized as spokesman or leader for American Jewry.
- Born Sept. 13, 1863, Van Buren, Ark. Brought to Philadelphia at age three.
- President of Dropsie College, Philadelphia and the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York.
- Appointed Smithsonian Institute librarian (1893). Later served a curator of historic archaeology and religion at the National Museum in Washington
- President of the American Jewish Committee.
- Chairman of the Army and Navy Jewish Welfare Board.
- Founder and president of the American Jewish Historical Society.
- A founder and leader of the Jewish Publication Society.
- Honorary chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the United Jewish Appeal.
- Co-chairman of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.
- Member of the board of governors of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.
- Leader in the Federated Jewish Charities of Philadelphia.
- President of the Free Library of Philadelphia.
- National trustee of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Editor of the Jewish Quarterly Review.
- Editor and contributor to the American Jewish Year Book and the Jewish Encyclopedia.
- Lecturer on Biblical archaeology in the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.
- Chairman of the Jewish Classics Committee.
- Governor of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.
- Wrote a biography of Jacob H. Schiff.
- April 8, 1940, Died, age 76.



Frank L. Weil 2nd Chairman of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting (1935-1957)

- Lifelong Involvement in all types of social, religious, and cultural organizations and activities.
- 1894 - Born in New York City. Graduated from DeWitt Clinton High School, N.Y.C.
- 1913 - Joined Troop 135, 92nd St. Y.M.H.A. of Manhattan. 1st. Jewish Troop. Assistant Scoutmaster (1914).
- 1915 - Graduated Columbia University, Law Degree (1917).
- 1932-1940 - President of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, N.Y.C.
- 1935 - B.S.A. National Committee on Relationships. Organized N.Y.C. Jewish Committee on Scouting.
- 1943-1948 - Vice-president of the Association of Youth Serving Organizations.
- 1940-1950 - Co-founder and director of the United Service Organizations (U.S.O.), Honorary President (1950-1957).
- 1940-1957 - National Executive Board Boy Scouts of America, Chairman and Director of Personnel (1940-1954).
- 1944 - New York State Commission Against Discrimination.
- 1946 - Awarded a Medal of Merit by President Truman.
- 1946 - National Advisory Panel to Study Juvenile Delinquency.
- 1946-1948 - United States National Commission on Unesco.
- 1946-1949 - Chairman of the National Executive Committee of the National Social Welfare Assembly (1946-1949), President (1949-1951).
- 1947-1957 - President of the World Federation of Young Men's Hebrew Association and Jewish Community Centers.
- 1948 - Chairman of President Truman's Committee on Religious and Moral Welfare and Character Guidance in the Armed Forces.
- 1948-1957 - Vice-chairman of the Board of Governors Hebrew Union College
- Director of the Lincoln Center for Performing Arts.
- 1952 - Chairman of the National Citizen's Committee for United Nations Day.
- 1957 - Died in New York City.



Jeffrey L. Lazarus 3rd Chairman of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting (1957-1963)

- Lifelong Ohio native.
- 1918 - Enlisted in the army.
- 1924 - Donated 350 acre Camp Ro-Fre-La to the Columbus Boy Scouts, dedicated to the memory of Mr. Lazarus' mother and father, Rose and Fred Lazarus.
- Renamed Camp Lazarus and open today.
- 1925 - Secretary, Ohio Retail Clothiers and Furnishers association, Columbus, Ohio.
- 1928 - Director, Regional Conference, Boy Scouts of America.
- 1928 - Director, Ohio Retail Clothiers and Furnishers association.
- 1928 - Attended 1st Pacific coast Annual Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America.
- 1929 - A founder of the Federated Department Stores, Inc., (with 262 stores in 1976, including Bloomingdales, New York).
- 1951 - President, The John Shillito Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 1959 - Silver Buffalo recipient, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 1963 - Chairman of the Board, The John Shillito Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 1964 - Chairman, the Committee on Jewish Relations, The Laymen's National Committee, Inc.
- 1965 - Member, B.S.A. National Council.
- 1976 - Died, age 82.



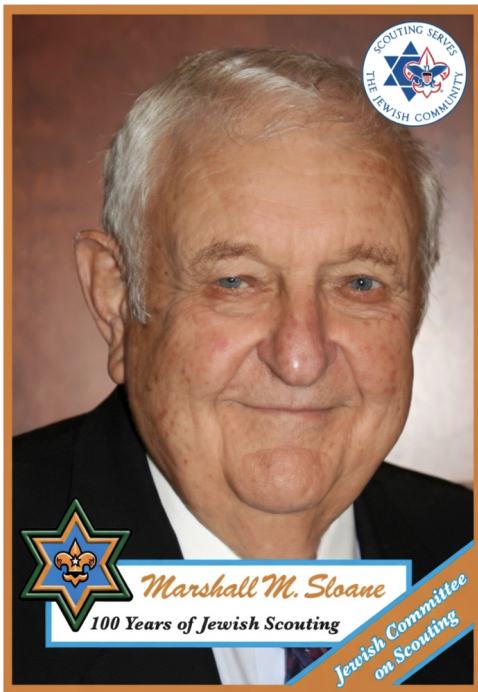
William L. Schloss 4th Chairman of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting (1964-1968)

- Longtime Indiana native and Indianapolis savings and loan banker.
- Born in Monmouth, Ill. Grew up in Indianapolis and graduated from the University of Michigan.
- 1922 - Member, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Indianapolis, Ind.
- 1923 - Member, Troop 65, Indianapolis.
- 1938 - Attended summer camp at Camp Whitley.
- 1942 - Donated \$15,000 craft shop to Camp Chgank- Tun-Ungi, Indiana Council, B.S.A.
- 1943 - Member, Indiana War Savings Committee, Indianapolis.
- 1947 - President, Indianapolis Morris Plan Corporation.
- 1952 - President, Central Indiana Council, B.S.A.
- 1958 - Member, Region 7 Executive Board.
- 1964 - Member, Indianapolis Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.
- 1964 - Recipient, Silver Antelope Award.
- 1966 - Member, National B.S.A. Executive Board.
- 1968 - Recipient, Silver Buffalo award, B.S.A.
- 1968 - Chairman of the Board, Indianapolis Morris Plan Corporation.
- 1969 - Member, League of Women Voters 50th anniversary celebration.
- 1989 - Died.



Melvin B. Neisner 5th Chairman of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting (1969-1981)

- 1914 - Born Rochester, New York.
- Son of the founder of the Neisner stores, among the largest variety store chains in the world
- 1935 - Member, Efficiency Club of Neisner's.
- 1935 - Manager, Neisner store, Endicott, N.Y.
- 1939 - Director, Neisner Bros., Inc.
- 1947 - Vice president, Neisner Brothers, Inc., operating a chain of 116 stores, located in 17 states.
- 1958 - President, Neisner Brothers, Inc.
- 1964 - Member, National Council, B.S.A., Rochester, N.Y.
- 1968 - President, Variety Stores Association.
- 1971 - Chairman, Region Two, B.S.A.
- 1972 - Area President, Upper New York State, B.S.A.
- 1991 - Died, age 77.



Marshall M. Sloane 6th Chairman of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting (1982-1984)

- Banker and philanthropist, Boston, MA.
- Born and raised in Somerville, MA.
- U.S. Navy during WW II.
- Trustee and supporter of Boston University, his alma mater.
- 1940s - Questrom School of Business.
- Member, BSA National Executive Board.
- 1962 - Trustee, Perkins Institute for the Blind, Boston, MA.
- 1969 - Founded Century Bank and Trust Company. Chairman. By 2019, had 27 offices in 19 cities around MA.
- 1980 - A founding member of the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine board of visitors.
- 1988 - Silver Buffalo award, B.S.A.
- 2019 - Died.
- 2019 - Marshall M. Sloane School of Business and Communication named after him.



Harry R. Rosen 7th Chairman of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting (1984-1986)

- 1926 - Born.
- Wife Shirlee, children Roger, Richard and Jan.
- Masters of Social Work degree at University of Pennsylvania.
- Employee, Jewish Community Center of Essex County, NJ.
- Executive Director of JCC's in Norfolk, VA, Toledo, OH, and Dallas, TX
- Author, "The Complete Guide for Building Your New Jewish Community Center."
- Founded Community Building Consultants where he consulted on the development of hundreds of new centers worldwide.
- President of the National Assn. of Jewish Center Workers.
- Volunteer activities included extensive work with United Way, the Jewish Federation.
- 2016 - Died.



Murry L. Cole 8th Chairman of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting (1986-1989)

- Noted Real estate, banking and commercial lawyer.
- 1922 - Born in Patterson, N.J.
- Wayne, NJ resident.
- Wife, Miriam. Sons, Jonathan and Peter.
- World War II veteran.
- 1937 - Eagle Scout recipient.
- 1943 - B.A., Williams College.
- Graduate, Williams College and Cornell Law School.
- 1949 - Admitted to bar.
- Partner, Cole, Morrill & Berman; and Cole, Geaney, Yamner & Bray.
- Trustee, New Jersey State Bar Association.
- President, Passaic County Bar Association
- Recipient of the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.
- Member of the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Director, United Jersey Bank (15 years).
- Vice Chairman of the American Bar Association Committee on Real Estate Contracts.
- Chair, Board of Trustees of Montclair State University,
- 1990 - Recipient, Silver Buffalo award.
- 1997 - Awarded the New Jersey Bar Foundation Medal of Honor.
- 2010 - Died, age 87.



Robert G. Kurzman 9th Chairman of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting (1989-1990)

- Attorney in estate planning, estate administration and estate litigation, New Rochelle, NY.
- 1948 - Eagle Scout.
- B.A. and J.D, Cornell University.
- B.A., Hofstra University.
- Founding Partner, Kurzman Eisenberg Corbin & Lever, LLP.
- Adjunct professor of law, New York University.
- Advisory Board, Southern Methodist University Law School, Estate Planning Institute.
- Fellow of the American College of Trusts and Estate Counsel.
- Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.
- President, Temple Israel of New Rochelle.
- Member, Northeast Region Executive board.
- 1969 - District Commissioner, Huguenot District, New Rochelle.
- President, Westchester-Putnam Council.



Shelly Weil

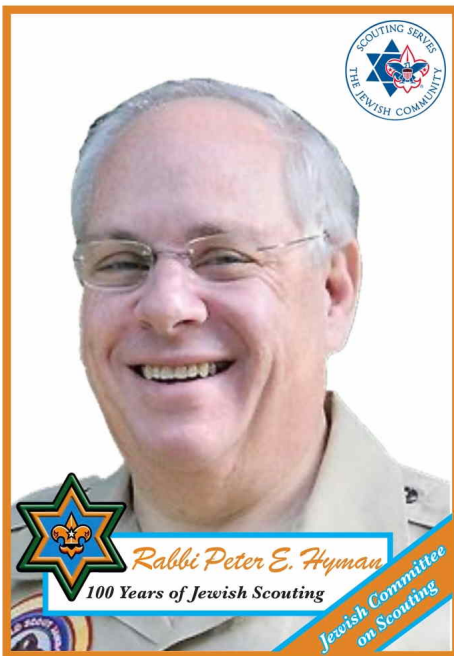
10th Chairman of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting (1990-1994)

- 1933 - Born Brooklyn, New York.
- Wife Cathy, Son Gary, daughter Dore.
- Attended PS 167, Erasmus High School, Brooklyn College graduate with a degree in Psychology.
- President of his Class, President of APO Service Fraternity at Brooklyn College.
- 1949 - Member, Saccaponac Chapter, Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge, O.A.
- 1951 - Eagle Scout.
- CEO, Miss Chocolate.
- Recipient, Silver Beaver (Nassau County, NY).
- Recipient, Silver Antelope (Northeast Region).
- Recipient, Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.
- Shelly was known world wide as K2BS, his Ham Radio Call.
- Regional Board Member, ADL.
- 1976 - Scoutmaster, Long Island, N.Y.
- 1986 - Lived at The Hamlet.
- 1999-2001 - Vice President, Hamlet Country Club.
- 2005-2007 - President, Hamlet Residents Association Board.
- Staffed 10 National and 10 World Jamborees.
- Received Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope, Distinguished Eagle, and Shofar awards.
- Active with the Friends of Israel Scouts since its inception 40 years ago. Hosted Friendship Caravan delegations for 22 years.
- 2014 - Died.



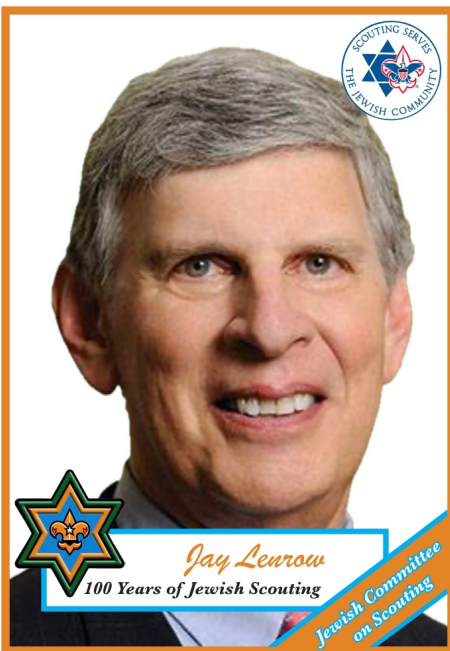
Jerrold “Jerry” L. Lockshin 11th Chairman of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting (1994-2001)

- 1928 - Born, Youngstown, Ohio.
- 1939 - Joined Boy Scouts.
- 1946 - Graduate, Lehman High School.
- 1950 - BS, Ohio State University.
- Manager, Fame Beverage Company.
- B.A., Ohio State University.
- U.S. Army Veteran (Korean War).
- Member, Jewish War Veterans.
- Wife Phyllis, sons Larry and Thomas, daughter Cathy.
- President, Buckeye Council, Canton.
- Vice President, Area 5, Central Region.
- Vigil Honor member, Order of the Arrow.
- Shofar Award recipient.
- 1999 - Retired from Ohio Bus Sales.
- 1996 - Silver Antelope award, Central Region.
- 2003 - Silver Buffalo recipient.
- Member, relationships and religious relationships committees, National Council, B.S.A.
- President, Canton Jaycees.
- President of the board, Shaaray Torah Synagogue (70 years).
- 2011 - Died, Age 81



Rabbi Peter E. Hyman 12th Chairman of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting (2002-2005)

- 1951 - Born in Hartford CT.
- Grew up in West Hartford CT. Lived in Old Lyme, CT, Jerusalem (1973), Maryland, Texas, West, Virginia, Pennsylvania. Has two sons, both Eagle Scouts.
- Cub Scout, Whitman Elementary School, West Hartford, CT.
- Member, Troop 49, West Hartford, CT.
- Eagle Scout.
- Received Aleph and Ner Tamid awards as a youth.
- Worked in father's jewelry store during college and high school in college.
- Graduated from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.
- 1980 - Ordained a rabbi.
- 1981-2019 - Attended all but one World Jamborees.
- Recipient, Silver Beaver Award, B.S.A.
- 2001 - Recipient, Silver Antelope Award, B.S.A.
- 2006 - Recipient, Silver Buffalo Award, B.S.A.
- 2021 - Recipient, Bronze Wolf Award, World Scouting.
- National Jewish chaplain for over 20 years.
- Head Chaplain at three World Jamborees.
- Father of two Eagle Scouts.



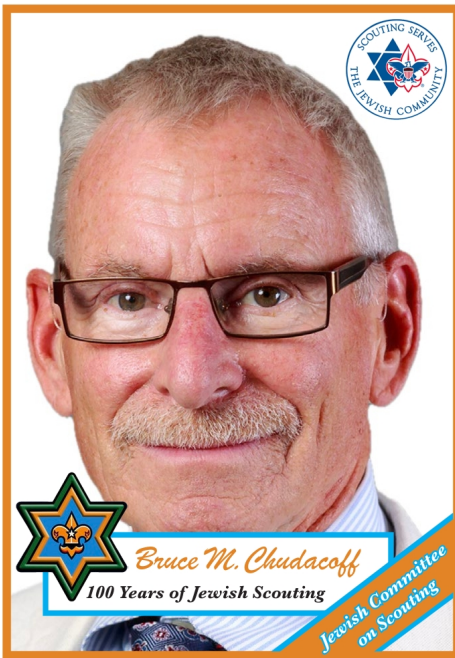
Jay Lenrow 13th Chairman of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting (2005-2009)

- Baltimore Attorney.
- Born in Hackensack, N.J.
- Lived in Bergen County, N.J. until college, River Edge, N.J., Bergenfield, N.J., Marlton, N.J., presently Baltimore, MD.
- Attended Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.
- Attended graduate school, Silver Spring, MD.
- Attended Law School, Silver Spring, MD
- Wife Ruth and Eagle Scout son Adam, daughter Elizabeth
- Cub Scout, Pack 177.
- Troop 261, Bergenfield. Assistant patrol leader, scribe, patrol leader, troop historian, assistant senior patrol leader senior, patrol leader, Junior Assistant Scout Master. Eagle Scout, age 15.
- Recipient, Ner Tamid Award.
- Attended Junior Leader training at Schiff Scout Reservation, NJ, where he met Norman Rockwell and appeared on the 1969 Boy Scout calendar.
- District Chairman, Council Endowment Vice- President, Council President, Area President. Executive Vice President, Northeast Region.
- Hired a website developer to create the first operable website for the National Jewish committee on Scouting.



A.J. Kreimer 14th Chairman of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting (2010-2013)

- Certified Public Accountant.
- Associate Professor of Practice, Fox School of Business and Management, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.
- Licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in Pennsylvania.
- CPA with the Philadelphia firm of Waldbaum, Rockower & Company.
- Licensed Pennsylvania Real Estate Broker.
- Northeast Region, B.S.A. Vice President and member of the Executive Committee.
- Member, National Membership Committee, National Religious Relationships Task Force.
- Member of the Global Board of Directors of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) where he serves on the Member Relations Committee, the Chapter Council and Student Initiatives Subcommittee, and as the board liaison to the Committee on Academic Relations.
- Area 5 President of the BSA's Northeast Region.
- President of the Burlington County Council (NJ).
- Member, Garden State Council's Board and a trustee of its Camp Corporation.
- 2008 - Silver Antelope Award, Northeast Region.



Bruce M. Chudacoff

15th Chairman, 1st President of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting (2014-2020)

- 46-years practicing lawyer and longtime Scouter from Bay Lakes Council, WI.
- Wife Nancy Lynn & children Tanya, Tamara, Joshua and six grandchildren.
- Grew up in Appleton, WI.
- Troop 8, Appleton, WI. Served in various positions, including Den Chief and JASM. Eagle Scout, 1959.
- Graduated University of Michigan (1966) and Harvard Law School (1969).
- Spent two years in the Army (Vietnam).
- Started practicing law in Appleton, WI. Radio personality.
- 1982 - Wisconsin Committee, AIPAC.
- 1984 - State-wide Committee Chairman, Wisconsin State of Israel Bond Organization.
- 1987 - Commander, Jewish War Veterans in Wisconsin. Member of the JWV National Constitution and Bylaws Committee.
- Bay Lakes Council Legal Counsel, Administration VP, Operations VP (35 years). In charge of family FOS program, Bay Lakes Council.
- Instituted programs for lone Jewish Scouts.
- Created BSA's calendar of religious observances.
- Established the NJCOS as a corporation independent from the BSA.
- Member of the National Religious Relationships Committee.
- Helped reorganize the International Forum of Jewish Scouts.
- Currently on the advisory boards at the Northeast Illinois Council and Bay Lakes Council.
- Held meetings on International scouting in Tel Aviv with the Israel scouts and in then France and with people in the UK.
- 2001 - Distinguished Eagle Scout.



Frank N. Youdelman 2nd President of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting (2020-2023)

- Financial Services Professional, Scottsdale, AZ.
- Wife Donna.
- Member, Congregation Bet Shalom, Tucson, AZ.
- BSBA, University of Arizona.
- 2010 - Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award.
- 2016 - Chairman, JCOS, Tucson and Southern Arizona.
- Assistant Scout Master, Troop 211, Tucson, AZ
- Director, Catalina Council, B.S.A. Arizona.
- Recipient, Shofar and Silver Beaver awards.
- Recipient, Cliff Dochterman Award, International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians.
- Member, Ducks Unlimited (Conservation group).
- 2022 - U.S. Representative, International Forum of Jewish Scouts.



Philip Sternberg, LtCol USAF (ret) 3rd President of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting (2023-2026)

- Scout, Troop 77, Bronx, NY. Eagle Scout (1959).
- 1960 - Graduate, Bronx High School of Science.
- 1964 - Graduate, New York University, BA in Chemistry and Math.
- 1959 - Aquatics Director, Camp Aquehonga, TMR, NY.
- 1961-1973 - Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 77, Bronx, NY.
- 1975 - Graduate, University of Missouri, Masters degree in Operations Research.
- 1964-1965 - Chief, Ranachqua Lodge OA, Bronx, NY. Vigil Honor (1965)
- 1969-1971 - Scoutmaster, Troop 41, Rome, NY.
- 1971-1972 - Scoutmaster, Troop 309, St. Louis, MO.
- 1984-1990 - Asst. Scoutmaster, Troop 1131, National Capital Area Council.
- 1991-2011 - Scoutmaster, Troop 1131, NCAC.
- 1996 - District Award of Merit.
- 2000 - Silver Beaver Award.
- 2006 - Present - Member, NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting.
- 2006 - OA Founder's Award.
- 2006 - International Scouter's Award.
- 2008 - National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award.
- 2010 - Shofar Award, National Jewish Committee on Scouting,
- 2015-2017 - Chairman, NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting.
- 2017-2022 - Chairman, Northeast Region Jewish Committee on Scouting.
- National Jamboree Staff - 1960, 1993, 1997, 2001, 2005, 2010, 2017, 2023.
- National Jamboree Scoutmaster, NCAC - 2001, 2005
- World Jamboree Staff - 2007, 2011, 2019.
- Philmont Crew Advisor, NCAC - 1991, 1995, 1998, 2007, 2014, 2016.
- Florida Sea Base Crew Advisor, NCAC-1993, 1994, 1996, 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015.
- Wood Badge Course Participant - 1995, 2009.
- James E. West Award, NCAC/Patriot - 2009, 2011.
- May, 2026 - National Duty to God Award.
- B-52 pilot during the Vietnam war. US Air Force Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters.
- Deputy Corporate Information Officer, Army Material Command.
- US Army Civilian Award of Merit.

Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the
National Jewish Committee on Scouting in 1926.

David M. Malatzky, author.