A JEWISH RELIGIOUS SERVICE FOR SCOUTS AND EXPLORERS



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FOREWORD

Scout leaders have long felt the need for a brief, inspiring Jewish religious service which they could use at Boy Scout camps. The service contained in this booklet is intended to fill that need. Scout precepts and the eternal ideals of Judaism are skillfully linked to the end that Scouts may have a better understanding of the Scout Oath and Law. Additional prayers and songs will be found in the back of the booklet.

The service may be conducted by a rabbi or a Scout leader. For Friday evening or Sabbath services, it is recommended that the material in this booklet be used in conjunction with the regular prayerbook of the synagogue. The camp director will want to contact the council Jewish relationships committee on Scouting or one of the local rabbis to help in planning the religious service.

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Leader reads.

Ever-living God, we raise up our voices in thanksgiving for the blessings we enjoy. We are thankful for the consideration, kindness, and love of parents. Help us, O God, to be worthy of the opportunities we are given. May we always show appreciation for all the sacrifices made for our sake. Teach us to play fairly and to learn and practice the ways to advance the cause of the oppressed and to lift the hands of the weak. Help us to express our thanksgiving, not only in words, but also with deeds of goodness and truth. Amen.

Prayer for the Soul

Leader and Scouts read.

Teach me, dear God, that the soul which you have given me is pure and good. You have created it that I may live and do the work which is pleasing to You. Help me, dear God, to keep my soul clean and true. May no act of mine ever mar its beauty. While Your spirit lives in me, I will worship You, Master of all the living, and Lord of all souls. Amen.

A Scout Is Reverent

Read responsively.

LEADER: "The Torah is a tree of life to them that hold fast to it."

SCOUTS: Because a Scout is reverent—he strives to be true to God, to study the Torah, and to live according to its commands.

LEADER: "Seek the peace of the city and pray unto the Lord for it; for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace."

SCOUTS: Because a Scout is reverent— he is loyal to America and its ideals of religious liberty to all.

LEADER: "All Jews are mindful of the well-being of one another."

SCOUTS: Because a Scout is reverent—he is loyal to the Jewish people and is ready to help his fellow Jews everywhere.

LEADER: "Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land."

SCOUTS: Because a Scout is reverent—he is a devoted and loyal son to his parents.

LEADER: "Oh, how good it is, and how pleasant, for brothers to dwell together in unity."

SCOUTS: Because a Scout is reverent—he strives to be a good Scout, a good Jew, and a good American at all times.

Congregation rises.

Leader reads.

בָּרְכוּ אֶת־יְיָ הַמְבֹרָךְ׃

Bor-chu es Adonoy ha-me vo-ruch.

Scouts and leader read.

בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְבֹרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד׃

Bo-ruch Adonoy ha-me vo-ruch le-olem vo-ed.

Congregation is seated.

Congregation rises.

LEADER: Praise ye the Lord, to whom all praise is due.

ALL: Praised be the Lord, to whom all praise is due forever and ever.

Congregation is seated.

Psalm 23

Leader and Scouts read.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He guideth me in straight paths for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou has anointed my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Leader and Scouts sing.

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה | אֶחָד׃

Sh'mah Yisroel, Adonoy Elohenuh, Adonoy Echod.

בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד׃

Bo-ruch shem ke-vod mal chuso le-olum vo-ed.

וְאָהַבְתָּ אֵת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל־לְבָבְךָ
וּבְכָל־נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל־מְאֹדֶךָ׃ וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים
הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוְּךָ הַיּוֹם עַל־לְבָבֶךָ׃
וְשִׁנַּנְתָּם לְבָנֶיךָ וְדִבַּרְתָּ בָּם בְּשִׁבְתְּךָ בְּבֵיתֶךָ
וּבְלֶכְתְּךָ בַדֶּרֶךְ וּבְשָׁכְבְּךָ וּבְקוּמֶךָ׃
וּקְשַׁרְתָּם לְאוֹת עַל־יָדֶךָ וְהָיוּ לְטֹטָפֹת
בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ׃ וּכְתַבְתָּם עַל מְזוּזוֹת בֵּיתֶךָ
וּבִשְׁעָרֶיךָ׃

Leader and Scouts read.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One.

Praised be His name whose glorious kingdom is forever and ever.

Leader and Scouts read.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart. Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt speak of them when thou sittest in thy house, when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. Thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. Thou shalt write them upon the doorposts of thy house and upon thy gates: That ye may remember and do all My Commandments and be holy unto your God.

Leader reads.

As Thou has redeemed Israel and saved him from arms stronger than his own, so mayest Thou redeem all who are oppressed and persecuted. Praised be Thou, O Lord, Redeemer of Israel.

Praised by Thou, O Lord our God, God of our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, great, mighty, and exalted. Thou bestowest loving-kindness upon all Thy children. Thou rememberest the piety of

the fathers, and in love Thou bringest redemption to their descendants for the sake of Thy name. Thou art our King and Helper, our Saviour and Protector. Praised be Thou, O Lord, Shield of Abraham.

I Believe

Read responsively.

LEADER: I believe with a perfect faith that the Eternal is the creator and governor of all that has existed, does exist, and ever will exist.

SCOUTS: I believe with a perfect faith that God is One; that there is no unity like His unity.

LEADER: I believe with a perfect faith that nothing can be likened unto God.

SCOUTS: I believe with a perfect faith that God is the first and the last.

LEADER: I believe with a perfect faith that it is to God alone we should address our prayers.

SCOUTS: I believe with a perfect faith that the great message of our prophets is true.

LEADER: I believe with a perfect faith that the law of Moses is our greatest treasure.

SCOUTS: I believe with a perfect faith that God knows all the thoughts and actions of man.

LEADER: I believe with a perfect faith that God rewards those who observe His Commandments and punishes those who transgress them.

SCOUTS: I believe with a perfect faith that God's great age of peace will come, and do daily pray for it.

LEADER: I believe with a perfect faith that the soul is eternal and returns to God when our days on earth are over.

Sermonette

A brief inspirational talk given by a guest, the leader, a Boy Scout, or Explorer.

A Prayer for America

Congregation rises, leader reads.

Almighty God, bless with health, courage, vision, and high purpose the President of the United States and all leaders of our country that they may govern wisely and justly. Grant that America continues to be the land of freedom; that each one regardless of race and religion may have equal opportunity to live a full, complete, and happy life. Imbue us with respect for law and responsibility for our fellow men. Strengthen the bonds of friendship and understanding among all the people, that we may all work together to end ignorance and hatred, to improve health and learning, to seek beauty, truth, and goodness. May our country always strive to establish world peace and justice for all. Amen.

Congregation rises.

עָלֵינוּ לְשַׁבֵּחַ לַאֲדוֹן הַכֹּל לָתֵת גְּדֻלָּה
לְיוֹצֵר בְּרֵאשִׁית. שֶׁלֹּא עָשָׂנוּ כְּגוֹיֵי הָאֲרָצוֹת
וְלֹא שָׂמָנוּ כְּמִשְׁפְּחוֹת הָאֲדָמָה. שֶׁלֹּא שָׂם
חֶלְקֵנוּ כָּהֶם וְגוֹרָלֵנוּ כְּכָל־הֲמוֹנָם. וַאֲנַחְנוּ
כּוֹרְעִים וּמִשְׁתַּחֲוִים וּמוֹדִים לִפְנֵי מֶלֶךְ
מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא.

וְנֶאֱמַר. וְהָיָה יְיָ לְמֶלֶךְ עַל־
כָּל־הָאָרֶץ בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יִהְיֶה יְיָ אֶחָד וּשְׁמוֹ
אֶחָד:

Congregation is seated.

קדיש יתום

See page 18.

Announcements

Closing Prayer

Congregation rises, leader and Scouts sing.

Let us adore the ever-living God, and render praise unto Him who spread out the heavens and established the earth, whose glory is revealed in the heavens above and whose greatness is manifest throughout the world. He is our God; there is none else.

We bow our heads in reverence, and worship the King of Kings, the Holy One, praised be He.

Congregation is seated.

Mourner's Kaddish

See page 18.

Closing Hymn — En Kelohenu
(Or A-don O-lom, page 20)

En ke-lo-he-nu
En ka-do-ne-nu
En k'mai-ke-nu
En k'mo-shi-e-nu

Mi che-lo-he-nu
Mi cha-do-ne-nu
Mi ch'mal-ke-nu
Mi ch'mo-shi-e-nu

Node le-lo-he-nu
Node la-do-ne-nu
Node le-mal-ke-nu
Node l'mo-shi-e-nu

Bo-ruch el-lo-he-nu
Bo-ruch ad-lo-ne-nu
Bo-ruch mal-ke-nu
Bo-ruch mo-shi-e-nu

At-to-hu-elo-he-nu
At-to-hu-ado-ne-nu
At-to-hu-mal-ke-nu
At-to-hu-mo-shi-e-nu

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS AND SONGS

Sabbath Prayer

Leader and Scouts read.

Master of the Universe, we ask Thy guidance as we are assembled here on this holy Sabbath day. We give thanks to Thee for having cast our lives in the pleasant places of this good land. We pray to Thee for strength that we may do our share in keeping this wonderful country free as our forefathers made it for us. May we exemplify in our lives the numerous opportunities for service, which are the heritage of every American citizen. May our reverence for Thee be shown in the manner of a Scout—may we be swift as eagles and bold as lions as we live up to the Oath and Law as we grow from Scouthood into manhood, and throughout the rest of our lives. Amen.

Kiddush for Sabbath Evening

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם.
בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגָּפֶן:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם.
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְרָצָה בָּנוּ. וְשַׁבַּת
קָדְשׁוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן הִנְחִילָנוּ זִכָּרוֹן
לְמַעֲשֵׂה בְרֵאשִׁית. כִּי הוּא יוֹם תְּחִלָּה
לְמִקְרָאֵי קֹדֶשׁ זֵכֶר לִיצִיאַת מִצְרָיִם. כִּי־
בָנוּ בָחַרְתָּ וְאוֹתָנוּ קִדַּשְׁתָּ מִכָּל־הָעַמִּים
וְשַׁבַּת קָדְשְׁךָ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן הִנְחַלְתָּנוּ.
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ. מְקַדֵּשׁ הַשַּׁבָּת:

שָׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם

שָׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם מַלְאֲכֵי הַשָּׁרֵת מַלְאֲכֵי עֶלְיוֹן.
מִמֶּלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא:
בּוֹאֲכֶם לְשָׁלוֹם מַלְאֲכֵי הַשָּׁלוֹם מַלְאֲכֵי עֶלְיוֹן.
מִמֶּלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא:
בָּרְכוּנִי לְשָׁלוֹם מַלְאֲכֵי הַשָּׁלוֹם מַלְאֲכֵי עֶלְיוֹן.
מִמֶּלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא:
צֵאתְכֶם לְשָׁלוֹם מַלְאֲכֵי הַשָּׁלוֹם מַלְאֲכֵי עֶלְיוֹן.
מִמֶּלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא:

Sho-lom A-lay-hem

Sho-lōm a-lay-hem mal-a-hay ha-sho-rays mal-a-hay el-yōn,

Mi-me-leh ma-l'hay ha-m'lo-heem, ha-ko-dōsh bo-ruh hu;

Bō-a-hem l'sho-lōm, mal-a-hay ha-sho-lōm, mal-a-hay el-yōn,

Mi-me-leh ma-l'hay ha-m'lo-heem, ha-ko-dōsh bo-ruh hu;

Bo-r'hu-nee l'sho-lōm, mal-a-hay ha-sho-lōm, mal-a-hay el-yōn,

Mi-me-leh ma-l'hay ha-m'lo-heem, ha-ko-dōsh bo-ruh hu;

Tsay-s'hem l'sho-lōm mal-a-hay ha-sho-lōm mal-a-hay el-yōn,

Mi-me-leh ma-l'hay ha-m'lo-heem, ha-ko-dōsh bo-ruh hu.

Happy Is the Man

Read responsively.

LEADER: Happy is the man that reveres the Lord,
That delights greatly in His Commandments.

SCOUTS: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
The judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

LEADER: Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in His holy place?

SCOUTS: He that is clean of hands and pure of heart,
Who does not take God's name in vain,
And does not swear deceitfully.

LEADER: Who has no slander on his tongue,
And does not harm his fellow man.

SCOUTS: Who walks uprightly and works righteousness,
And speaks the truth in all sincerity.

LEADER: Consider and see that the Lord is good;
Happy is the man that takes refuge in Him.

SCOUTS: Blessed is he that considers the needy;
In days of evil will the Lord deliver him.

LEADER: Hate not your brother in your heart;
Love your neighbor as yourself.

SCOUTS: Harden not your heart to the helpless in your midst,

Nor shut your hand to your brother in his need.

LEADER: But open unto him your hand,
And give him aid sufficient for his needs.

SCOUTS: The generous heart shall be enriched;
Who helps his brother shall himself be satisfied.

LEADER: You shall deal your bread to the hungry,
And bring to your house the poor that are cast out.

SCOUTS: Pursue the peace of your society,
For in its welfare you will find prosperity.

LEADER: Heed, my son, the guidance of your father,
Do not neglect the teaching of your mother.

SCOUTS: Honor your father and your mother,
That your days may be prolonged upon the earth.

LEADER: Fear not what the multitude will say;
Be not silent when you should speak forth.

SCOUTS: With bravery contend for every truth,
And the Lord will set firm your righteous cause.

LEADER: You have been told, O man, what is good,
And what the Lord does require of you.

SCOUTS: Only to do justly, and to love mercy,
And to walk humbly with your God.

LEADER: Teach us Thy way, O Lord, to walk by Thy truth,
That single-heartedly we may revere Thy name.

קדיש יתום

Mourner. יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.
בְּעָלְמָא דִּי־בְרָא כִרְעוּתֵהּ. וְיַמְלִיךְ
מַלְכוּתֵהּ בְּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְּי־
כָל־בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל בַּעֲגָלָא וּבִזְמַן קָרִיב.
וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

Cong. and Mourner. יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ
לְעָלַם וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.

Mourner. יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאַר
וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדַּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלַּל
שְׁמֵהּ דִּי־קֻדְשָׁא. בְּרִיךְ הוּא. לְעֵלָּא מִן־
כָּל־בִּרְכָתָא וְשִׁירָתָא תֻּשְׁבְּחָתָא וְנֶחֱמָתָא
דַּאֲמִירָן בְּעָלְמָא. וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן־שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ
וְעַל־כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

עֹשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם בִּמְרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם
עָלֵינוּ וְעַל־כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

A-don O-lom

A-dōn ō-lom a-sher mo-lah,
b'te-rem kol y'tseer niv'ro.

L'ays na-a'so v'hef-tsō kōl,
a-zye me-leh sh'mō nik-ro.

V'a-ha'-ray ki-h'lōs ha-kōl,
l'va-dō yim-lōh nō-ro.

V'hu ho-yo, v'hu hō-ve,
v'hu yi-ye b'sif-o-ro.

V'hu e-hod v'ayn shay-nee
l'ham-sheel lō l'hah-bee-ro.

B'lee ray-shees b'lee sah-lees,
v'lō ho-ōz v'ha-mis-ro.

V'hu ay-lee v'hye gō-a'lee,
v'tsur hev-lee, b'ays tso-ro.

V'hu ni-see u-mo-nōs lee,
m'nos kō-see b'yōm ek-ro.

B'yo-dō af-keed ru-hee,
b'ays ee-shan v'o-ee-ro.

V'im ru-hee g'vi-yo-see,
A-dō-noy lee v'lō-ee-ro.

אֲדוֹן עוֹלָם

אֲדוֹן עוֹלָם. אֲשֶׁר מָלַךְ
בְּטֶרֶם כָּל־יְצִיר נִבְרָא:

לְעֵת נַעֲשָׂה בְחֶפְצוֹ כֹּל
אֲזַי מֶלֶךְ שְׁמוֹ נִקְרָא:

וְאַחֲרֵי כִּכְלוֹת הַכֹּל
לְבַדּוֹ יִמְלוֹךְ נוֹרָא:

וְהוּא הָיָה. וְהוּא הֹוֶה.
וְהוּא יִהְיֶה בְּתִפְאָרָה:

וְהוּא אֶחָד. וְאֵין שֵׁנִי
לְהַמְשִׁיל לוֹ לְהַחְבִּירָה:

בְּלִי רֵאשִׁית בְּלִי תַכְלִית.
וְלוֹ הָעֹז וְהַמִּשְׂרָה:

וְהוּא אֵלִי. וְחַי גּוֹאֲלִי.
וְצוּר חֶבְלִי בְּעֵת צָרָה:

וְהוּא נִסִּי וּמָנוֹס לִי.
מְנָת כּוֹסִי בְּיוֹם אֶקְרָא:

בְּיָדוֹ אַפְקִיד רוּחִי.
בְּעֵת אִישַׁן וְאָעִירָה:

וְעִם־רוּחִי גְּוִיָּתִי.
יְיָ לִי וְלֹא אִירָא: