

3. Suggested Jewish Celebration

Resources to Use when Planning a Scout Shabbat Celebration

Friday night service:

Use excerpts from *Time to Pray* – the Friday night prayer book available through the NJCOS website, www.Jewishscouting.org, in the Scout Store or use your regular Friday night prayer book.

- Have Scouts lead the service.
- Have a Scout or the rabbi give a D'var Torah demonstrating that Judaism and Scouting have the same values.
- Presentation of Religious Emblems and Patches or recognize the Scouts present and those who have earned religious emblems
- Create (in advance) a Scout display such as a model campsite or photos about the program.
- Wear your full uniform.

Saturday morning service:

- Use your regular Shabbat morning prayer book.
- Have Scouts lead all or part of the service.
- Have a Scout or the rabbi give a sermon demonstrating that Judaism and Scouting have the same values.
- Recognize the Scouts present and those who have earned religious emblems
- Wear your full uniform.
- Create (in advance) a Scout display such as a model campsite or photos about the program.

Scout Shabbat Observance

The observance can be held on a Friday night or a Saturday morning. The service itself will be the regular service held at a synagogue, temple or Chabad House with these modifications:

- Scouts should be encouraged to conduct those parts of the service that they are familiar with.
- The “sermon” will be a short discussion of Scouting and its benefits.
- A recitation of the Scout Oath and Scout Law with Jewish citations will be added. This will be most effective if it is done responsively between the service leader and the Scouts standing in front of the congregation.
- A presentation of religious emblems earned during the year or a recognition of them will be made.
- In large communities there can be more than one Scout Shabbat observance at different religious institutions.

Planning:

- Contact the spiritual leader of a synagogue, temple or Chabad House in your community immediately after Sukkot to propose a Scout Shabbat observance at the house of worship. It does not have to be on the BSA date if scheduling is an issue. Most spiritual leaders will be willing to host a Scout Shabbat even if you can't get them to start a new unit.
- Recruiting:
 - You may want to invite the Girl Scouts to participate in the service. If there are Jewish units in the council, they can be recruited to participate. It may be possible to establish a rotating schedule of units to take charge of the service.
- Publicity:
 - Use the synagogue bulletin to advertise the event.
 - Use Roundtables or other council resources to reach out to all Scouts.
- Set-up:
 - Bring Scout flags to put up if the synagogue has an American flag and an Israeli flag.

- If the synagogue normally has an *oneg* or reception following the service, help prepare it. If there can be cookies, can they reflect a Scout theme?

Scout Shabbat Observance Suggested Formats

Suggested Scout Shabbat Friday Night Service (outline):

Procession with American flag, Israeli flag and unit flag (or place them before the service)

Shalom Aleichem

Welcoming Reading

Kabbalat Shabbat (Choose from Psalms 96, 97, 98, 29, 92)

L'kha Dodi

Call to Worship (Barchu)

Blessings before Shema

K'riat Shema

Blessings following Shema

Hatzi Kaddish

Amidah

Scouting Talk

Recognition of Religious Emblem Recipients

Kaddish Shalem

Kiddush

Alenu

Mourner's Kaddish

Adon Olam

Suggested Scout Shabbat Saturday Service (outline):

Procession with American flag, Israeli flag and unit flag (or place them before the service)

Preliminary Service

Shacharit

Torah Service

Scouting Talk

Recognition of Religious Emblem Recipients

Musaf

Concluding Prayers

Havdalah Service: (Go to www.JewishScouting.org – Jewish Activities, Shabbat/Havdalah)

Begin with procession with American flag, Israeli flag and unit flag (or place them before the service)

Recognizing Jewish Values in Scouting

The Scout Law and Judaism



A Scout is Trustworthy.

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

A Scout is Loyal.

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

A Scout is Helpful.

“Love your fellow as yourself.” (Leviticus XIX:18)

A Scout is Friendly.

“Can two walk together unless they agree?” (Amos III:3)

A Scout is Courteous.

“Honor your father and your mother.” (Exodus XX:12)

A Scout is Kind.

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

A Scout is Obedient.

*“Apply your mind to discipline and your ears to wise sayings.”
(Proverbs XXIII:12)*

A Scout is Cheerful.

“A joyful heart makes for good health.” (Proverbs XVII: 22)

A Scout is Thrifty.

“Precious treasure and oil are in the house of the wise man, and a fool of a man will run through them.” (Proverbs XXI: 20)

A Scout is Brave.

“Be strong and of good courage.” (I Chronicles XXVIII:20)

A Scout is Clean.

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

A Scout is Reverent.

“He has told you O man, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk modestly with your God.” (Michah VI: 8)