

CUB SCOUT JEWISH RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS



MACCABEE AWARD
Tiger, Wolf & Bear Cubs



ALEPH AWARD
Bear Cubs and Webelos

The Maccabee emblem is intended to involve the families of boys in first through third grades as partners in the experiences related to the award. To earn the Maccabee, a Cub Scout must complete requirements in six categories: Jewish personalities, holidays, vocabulary, symbols and objects, community helpers, and heroes.

The Aleph emblem is earned through a home-centered set of activities for Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts (third through fifth grades), centering on the Torah, prayer, holidays, American-Jewish heritage, the synagogue, and Eretz Yisrael.

Requirements and award application forms can be found at:
<http://www.jewishscouting.org/awards/religiousemblems.asp>

BOY SCOUT AND VENTURE JEWISH RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS



NER TAMID Award
6th-9th Grade Boy Scouts



ETZ CHAIM AWARD
Boy Scouts 14 until 18
Venturers 14 until 21

The Ner Tamid (Eternal Light) emblem provides an opportunity for Boy Scouts to enhance their knowledge of Judaism through advanced activities that strengthen the youth's relationship with his rabbi. Central to the Ner Tamid are service projects -- for the synagogue or other chartered organizations -- that are organized and completed by the Scout.

The Etz Chaim (Tree of Life) emblem is designed for Boy Scouts in high school and registered Venturers. The purpose of the award is to encourage young adults to explore adult Jewish roles in the context of family, community, and Jewish people.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Purpose

The Jewish Religious Emblems were created by the National Jewish Committee on Scouting to help Jewish Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts learn more about Judaism.

There are 4 Jewish Religious Emblems, 2 for Cub Scouts and 2 for Boy Scouts. Venture Scouts may earn the Etz Chaim Award for Boy Scouts 14 years and older and also the Ner Tamid if they work on both at the same time. Jewish Scouts are encouraged to earn each of the awards as they become eligible for them.

Requirements for each emblem are progressively more rigorous and take longer to complete as Scouts become more mature. So please plan plenty of time to meet all the requirements during the age/grade eligibility periods.

Counselors

Each Jewish Religious Emblem requires that the Scout have a Counselor, who is a Rabbi or a teacher at your Jewish religious school. It is recommended that you first attempt to work with the Rabbi of the Synagogue at which you worship, to strengthen your ties with the Synagogue and its congregants, or with a teacher at your religious school.

Rabbi Morris Allen, of the Beth Jacob Congregation in Mendota Heights has most graciously agreed to serve as Counselor for any Jewish Scout in the Eastern Twin Cities Metro area. His contact information is: 651-452-2226 (Synagogue office phone number)
info@beth-jacob.org (email)

If you live in a community that has no synagogue or rabbi, you may work with Rabbi Morris, or you may contact the National Jewish Committee on Scouting for assistance at 972-580-2171.

Requirements and Workbooks

Requirements for the Jewish Religious Emblems are on National Jewish Committee on Scouting web site:
<http://www.jewishscouting.org/awards/default.asp>
under "Religious Emblems Youth" at the top center of the page

Each of the Jewish Religious Emblems has its own workbook that the student must complete and review with the Counselor. Workbooks are NOT available at the Scout Shops.

Workbooks can be downloaded from the National Jewish Committee on Scouting web site:
<http://www.jewishscouting.org/awards/default.asp> .
under the tab for "Emblem Resources Youth" at the top center of the page

Applications

When all work is completed and has been reviewed with and approved by the Counselor, an award application must be completed and mailed in to P.R.A.Y in St. Louis. Award applications can be found at:

Maccabee:

<http://www.jewishscouting.org/awards/stuff/maccabeeapprev011009.pdf>

Aleph:

<http://www.jewishscouting.org/awards/stuff/alephapprev011009.pdf>

Ner Tamid:

<http://www.jewishscouting.org/awards/stuff/nertamidapprev011009.pdf>

Etz Chaim:

<http://www.jewishscouting.org/awards/stuff/etzchaimapprev011009.pdf>

Presenting Awards

When all work is completed and the emblem has been received from P.R.A.Y., it should be presented to the Scout at a ceremony for that purpose, such as Scout Sabbath in February, Chanukah, Bar Mitzvah, etc.