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34th Annual Traditional Jewish Scout Conclave

For BOTH
Boys &
Girls!



ZOOM – VIRTUAL CONCLAVE over Three Days

Sunday, December 27, 2020, 8:45 AM through
Tuesday, December 29, 2020, 9:15 PM

For ScoutsBSA with special programs for Cub Scouts
— It's via ZOOM, so participate in as much, or as little, as you like! —

Gathering BSA Scouts across the U.S., Israel, Australia, and Germany

34 Merit Badges, CPR, *Ner Tamid* & 11 Interpreter Strips

Livestream 'Field Trips' led by Troop 54 Eagle Scouts to:

- Israel Dog Unit — Search & Rescue Dogs and Aerial Drones
 - Nature Hike in the Australian Bush
 - Explore today's Jewish community of Berlin, Germany
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**Organized by Maimonides School's ScoutsBSA Troops 54
in the Spirit of Adventure Council
Brookline, Massachusetts**

The Traditional Jewish Conclave: Who, What, When, Where, How & Why!

★ **WHO:** Jewish Cub Scouts, ScoutsBSA Boys & Girls, and Venturers, gather, via ZOOM this year, from across the U.S., Israel, Australia, and Germany.

In past years, Scouts have come from Maine to Florida – ME, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, PA, DE, MD, VA, NC, GA, FL – and MI, TX, Ontario & Québec, representing over 40 Scout Councils.

Via ZOOM, this year, you can be involved from anywhere in the world — without even traveling!

CUB SCOUTS: Lions to Webelos join for special Cub Scout activities. Share the fun with **BSA Pack 613 in Tzefat, Israel**, who will join us on Dec. 27!

★ **WHAT:** 34th Annual Traditional Jewish Scout Conclave

A gathering for Scouting advancement, fun, and fellowship, while living and learning in a traditional Jewish environment.

The Conclave is hosted by Boys & Girls Troops 54 chartered to the Maimonides School in Brookline, MA. Boys' Troop Scoutmaster Dr. Spielman has run this program since its inception 34 years ago, with amazing support from Scout parents and other adults. For the past 20 years, Rabbi Avraham A. Witty from Boston, and now Toronto, Canada, has offered rabbinic guidance.

★ **WHEN:** 8:45 AM Sunday, December 27, 2020 to
9:15 PM Tuesday, December 29, 2020.

Three days following a special schedule. See pages 3–6, below.

★ **WHERE:** Usually held at a Scout Camp, or the Maimonides School, this year we're on ZOOM!

This year, log-in from the comfort of your own home!

★ **HOW:** Sleep at home this year. Sorry, no Winter Camping, skiing, or snowshoeing like last year; maybe in 2021! (Yes, the Coronavirus has had its impact.)

For 34 years, this Conclave has offered Scouts an opportunity to camp together in a traditional Jewish environment. "A Scout is Reverent" states the 12th Point of the Scout Law. We thus pause from our activities for Grace before and after meals and for thrice-daily services (*Shacharit, Minchah, and Maariv*). While individual youth and adults may have many different personal perspectives on prayer, as a community our Conclave has gathered as one. If *Shabbat* comes during the Conclave, of course, we observe *Shabbat*.

This year our participants will *daven* (pray) at home, eat all meals at home, and the Conclave begins after *Shabbat*. Still, we will have a *D'var Torah* each morning after Flag Raising, and *Limudei Kodesh* opportunities each evening.

★ **TRANSPORTATION:** In past years, some Scouts drove over 2,000 miles to come to this Conclave! Others took an airplane and were met at the airport by Troop 54 adults. This year, via Zoom, you can be teleported right into the Conclave from the comfort of your own home!

★ **WHY:** For Scout Advancement, work towards religious awards, and great fellowship.

Cub Scouts (Boys & Girls) have activities centered around three events this year:

1. Livestream demonstration by Troop 54 Eagle Scouts who work at the Israel Dog Unit, showing the training, handling, and skills of their search and rescue dogs, and their aerial drone with its night vision and searchlight. (This will also involve Cub Scouts from BSA Pack 613 in Tzefat, Israel !!!)
• Sunday, Dec. 27. 12:15–1:15 PM (U.S. Eastern Time)
2. Livestream nature hike with a Troop 54 Eagle Scout in the Australian bush.
• Monday, Dec. 28. 5:30–6:30 PM (U.S. Eastern Time)
3. Livestream visit from 'Timmy Tenderfoot' (really a Troop 54 Eagle Scout!) portraying a young Scout getting ready for his first camping trip.
• Tuesday, Dec. 29. 7:00–8:00 PM (U.S. Eastern Time)

Note: Cub Scout registrants in the Conclave will be notified of additional activities to be announced.

ScoutsBSA (Boys & Girls) work on Advancement to First Class and 34 different Merit Badges, with 10 on the Eagle-required list.

(Some may be earned completely, others demand a Scout come with skills or work done. Scouts can earn at least a 'Partial' to complete at home.) Begin work on the **Ner Tamid**, or be tested for a **BSA Interpreter Strip** in any of 11 different languages. See the complete listing on pages 3–5, and the schedule on page 6.

★ **REGISTRATION:** Space is limited in some activities.

EARLY registration assures you get first choice!
Activities fill on a 'First-Come, First Served' basis.

Go TO: <https://TJSConclave.Scoutcamp.info/>
Fill in all the information requested.

★ **COST:**

Cub Scouts (Boys & Girls): \$10.
ScoutsBSA & Venturers (Boys & Girls): \$20.
Adults register for FREE

EARLY-BIRD DEADLINE: 11:59 PM EST, DEC. 19, 2020

AFTER DEC. 19:

Cub Scouts (Boys & Girls): \$20.
ScoutsBSA & Venturers (Boys & Girls): \$40.
Adults register for FREE

REGISTRATION CUTOFF: 11:59 PM EST, DEC. 23, 2020

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International Covid-Virtual Conclave — December 27 – 29, 2020

CONCLAVE ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Merit Badge or Advancement Opportunity	No. of Sessions	Possible to Complete	Prerequisites, things to have, or things to do before the first Session. For ALL sessions: Have the requirements, preferably in hard copy, paper and pen.	Counselor	
1. Advancement to First Class	5	Yes	Have your Scout Handbook handy.	Staff	
2. American Cultures	2	Yes	Have the requirements, preferably in hard copy, paper & pen.	Dr. Beth Ginsberg	
3. American Heritage	2	Yes	Have the requirements, preferably in hard copy, paper & pen.	Mr. Dustin Good	
4. American Labor	2	Yes	If possible, finish ahead of time - requirements 5C or 5D.	Dr. Beth Ginsberg	
5. Architecture	3	Yes	Have the requirements, preferably in hard copy, paper & pen.	Mr. Peter Goldstein	
6. Aviation	4	Yes	Have the requirements, preferably in hard copy, paper & pen.	Lt. Col. Philip Sternberg	
7. Bird Study	1	No	Have the requirements, preferably in hard copy, paper & pen.	Mr. David Thumim	
8. Chess	1	No	Have the requirements, preferably in hard copy, paper & pen.	Mr. Avi Hoffman	
9. <i>Citizenship in the Community</i>	1	No	Have the requirements, preferably in hard copy, paper & pen.	Mrs. Lynn Posner	
10. <i>Citizenship in the Nation</i>	2	No	See Special Comments on p. 4, below.	Dr. Steve Richter	
11. <i>Citizenship in the World</i>	2	Yes	Have the requirements, preferably in hard copy, paper & pen.	Mrs. Peshia Tanny	
12. Collections	1	No	Have the requirements, preferably in hard copy, paper & pen.	Mr. Al Elefson	
13. <i>Communications</i>	2	No	Have the requirements, preferably in hard copy, paper & pen.	Mrs. Peshia Tanny	
14. <i>Cooking</i>	1	No	Must have completed First Class rank Cooking requirements. See Special Comments on p. 4, below.	Mr. Daniel Thumim	
15. Dentistry	2	Yes	Have the requirements, preferably in hard copy, paper & pen.	Dr. Rob Weber	
16. Digital Technology	2	No	Have the requirements, preferably in hard copy, paper & pen.	Mr. David Schectman	
17. Drafting	1	Yes	See Special Comments on p. 4, below.	Mr. Baruch Lev Kelman	
18. <i>Emergency Preparedness</i>	2	Yes	See Special Comments on p. 5, below.	Mr. Mike Hennefer	
19. Entrepreneurship	1	No	See Special Comments on p. 5, below.	TBA	
20. <i>Family Life</i>	1	No	Have the requirements, preferably in hard copy, paper & pen.	Dr. Diane Richter	
21. <i>First Aid</i>	3	No	Prerequisite: Complete ALL First Aid requirements for the Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks.	Rabbi Avraham Witty EMT	
22. <i>CPR</i> Letter for Aquatic & other MBs.	1	Yes	Borrow the largest doll you can find, to use as a CPR mannequin. See Special Comments on p. 4, below.	Rabbi Avraham Witty EMT	
23. Genealogy	1	No	If possible, finish ahead of time - Genealogy 3, 4B, 5.	Dr. Beth Ginsberg	
24. Law	1	No	Have the requirements, preferably in hard copy, paper & pen. If possible complete requirements 4, 6, and 7	Mr. Michael Geller Esq.	
25. Medicine	2	Yes	Have the requirements, preferably in hard copy, paper & pen.	Dr. Jerry Grodin	
26. Moviemaking	1	No	Have the requirements, preferably in hard copy, paper & pen.	Mr. "Jeep" Fortuna	
27. Music	1	No	Have the requirements, preferably in hard copy, paper & pen.	Mr. "Jeep" Fortuna	
28. Ner Tamid Award	1	No	See Special Comments on p. 5, below.	Mr. Avi Hoffman	
29. <i>Personal Fitness</i>	1	No	Have a copy of the Personal Fitness Merit Badge pamphlet, Have pencil/pen, paper. See Comments on p. 5.	Dr. Mark Chernin	
30. <i>Personal Management</i>	1	No	Optional extra Session for questions and discussion on Tuesday, 6:30–8:00 PM. See Comments on p. 5, below.	Dr. Jeffrey Houben	
31. Programming	2	No	Have the requirements, preferably in hard copy, paper & pen.	Mr. Bruce Pezzlo	
32. Public Speaking	3	Yes	Review the requirements and start preparing speeches! See Special Comments on p. 5, below.	Mr. Daniel Pessar	
33. Railroading	2	No	A few minimal req's to be done AFTER the Conclave.	Mr. Daniel Chazin	
34. Scholarship	1	No	Have the requirements, preferably in hard copy, paper & pen.	Mr. Jeffrey Cohen	
35. Scouting Heritage	1	No	Have the requirements, preferably in hard copy, paper & pen.	Mr. Al Elefson	
36. Sports	1	Yes	Can be completed at the Conclave ONLY if you have already participated on sports teams.	Mr. Avi Hoffman	

List continued on next page.

Merit Badges in *italics* are required to become an Eagle Scout.








Possible to complete: Many merit badges have requirements that cannot be completed at the Conclave, but which you can complete with the counselor in the weeks/months following.



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A BSA Interpreter Strip may be worn by any Scout or Scouter who can speak, read, and write another language. We have Counselors available to offer the test in the following languages:

Interpreter Strip Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/interpreter-strip/>

Merit Badge or Advancement Opportunity	No. of Sessions	Possible to Complete	Prerequisites: Items to have or things to do before the first Session.	Counselor	
37. Arabic Interpreter Strip	1	Yes	Bring your language skills, have fun, and be proud!	Mr. Baruch Lev Kelman	
38. Farsi (Persian) Interpreter Strip	1	Yes	Bring your language skills, have fun, and be proud!	Dr. Sarah N. Stillman	
39. French Interpreter Strip	1	Yes	Bring your language skills, have fun, and be proud!	Mrs. Pesha Tanny	
40. German Interpreter Strip	1	Yes	Bring your language skills, have fun, and be proud!	Mrs. Tamar Klompas	
41. Hebrew Interpreter Strip	1	Yes	Bring your language skills, have fun, and be proud!	Mr. Baruch Lev Kelman	
42. Italian Interpreter Strip	1	Yes	Bring your language skills, have fun, and be proud!	Mr. Baruch Lev Kelman	
43. Punjabi Interpreter Strip	1	Yes	Bring your language skills, have fun, and be proud!	Dr. Sarah N. Stillman	
44. Russian Interpreter Strip	1	Yes	Bring your language skills, have fun, and be proud!	Dr. Ilya Sokolinski	
45. Spanish Interpreter Strip	1	Yes	Bring your language skills, have fun, and be proud!	Mrs. Pesha Tanny	
46. Urdu Interpreter Strip	1	Yes	Bring your language skills, have fun, and be proud!	Dr. Sarah N. Stillman	
47. Yiddish Interpreter Strip	1	Yes	Bring your language skills, have fun, and be proud!	Mr. Avinoam Stillman	

Scouting Magazine: Show others you speak their language with a special patch for your uniform

<https://scoutingmagazine.org/2018/12/show-others-you-speak-their-language-with-interpreter-strips/>

[**Note:** One point in that article has been updated. It is fine to wear multiple Interpreter Strips, if one has earned them.]

Special Comments/Prerequisites for some Merit Badges, listed alphabetically:

Citizenship in the Nation:

- Have a copy of the merit badge pamphlet (digital or hard copy):
See: <https://www.troop109nj.com/app/download/5843724/Citizenship+in+the+Nation+Merit+Badge+Pamphlet.pdf>
- Have (print or digital) access to the Declaration of Independence and Constitution during the sessions.
- Some requirements cannot be done at the Conclave (e.g. study and/or visit sites, study a week's worth of National News, study a speech of historic importance, write a letter to a Congress Person or US Senator, etc.) If you do any of this before the Conclave, have your work ready to show and discuss. If you do not have this done, you can present it days, weeks, or months after the Conclave.

Cooking:

1. Only open to Scouts who have completed all First Class Cooking requirements.
2. Have experience cooking at home.
3. Prepare the menu and shopping list for requirement 4a and review with a parent before our session.
4. Scouts who complete the home cooking will be able to complete all requirements except 1b, 5, and 6.

CPR: This is not 'CPR Certification'. You will get an email to use for Scouting merit badges, indicating you learned CPR in a Zoom session. Borrow the largest doll you can find, to use as a CPR mannequin.

Drafting:

Technology has moved 'drafting' way beyond the T-square and drawing board and this session quickly follows that trajectory. From scale drawings on paper, you will move on to use free drafting software as you learn the visual language for communication in architecture, and everything mechanical and electrical.

- Download and begin reading the merit badge pamphlet: <http://raylin01.com/meritbadge/mbpamphlets/28376421.pdf>
- Download and explore the free CAD program: <https://www.sketchup.com/plans-and-pricing/sketchup-free>
- Order supplies for \$8.99: https://www.amazon.com/Mr-Triangular-Triangles-Architectural-Architect/dp/B072M8JZ8R/ref=sr_1_6?dchild=1&keywords=triangle+ruler&qid=1606801020&sr=8-6

Note: The 12" triangular architect's ruler in this set features 3 sides with 6 different scales and is used to read the output of CAD and manual systems.

- Have some sheets of 1/4" graph paper (4 squares per inch quadrille paper).

Emergency Preparedness:

To complete this badge by the end of the Conclave, plan time to have a family meeting between the two scheduled sessions where you will make an emergency plan, among other things. If you cannot do that during the Conclave, it is not a problem. You can get a 'partial' and finish up with the counselor later.

Entrepreneurship:

Our presenter founded his enterprise in 2005. It is now a diversified holding company that owns and manages businesses nationwide, across a variety of market sectors: consumer, industrial, food, healthcare, law enforcement and commercial real estate. As his business schedule may make it impossible to be with us 'in person' for our Conclave, he has agreed to video his session. While he was present in the *Shomer Shabbat* program at the Forestburg Scout Reservation in 2019, he offered a similar session to Scouts. That evening session received rave reviews from all Scouts and adults in attendance. Thus, while he may not be available to 'sign-off' merit badge cards after this Conclave session, anyone attending (youth and adults!) can expect a spectacular introduction to Entrepreneurship.

Ner Tamid:

Scouts who earn the Jewish religious award earn much more than an impressive medal for their ceremonial uniform, and an honored 'Square Knot' to wear every day. They also get quality time with the rabbi or teacher who their family finds appropriate for them — to build knowledge, and a connection with their Jewish faith, that can last a lifetime.

The goal of this session is to help every Jewish Scout feel comfortable and confident in making that appointment. You can do it, and we'll show you how!

Download the requirements and workbook. Save it, and get ready for some magical fun!

<https://www.jewishscouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Ner-Tamid-Religious-Emblem-Requirements-and-Workbook-Fillable-PDF.pdf>

Personal Fitness:

Read the 2020 REVISION of Personal Fitness Merit Badge Requirements: <http://www.usscouts.org/mb/changes/mb010-20.asp>

- Have a digital or print copy of the **merit badge pamphlet** (and, preferably, read it!) before the session:
Download a 2009 version: <https://www.troop109nj.com/app/download/5843743/Personal+Fitness+Merit+Badge+Pamphlet.pdf>
Or, better, buy the latest version from <https://www.scoutshop.org/mbp-4c-personal-fitness-641577.html>
- Be prepared to print about a half dozen sheets that will be sent by your counselor before the session.
- It would be helpful if you had a helper to hold down ankles, double check technique, time exercises, etc.

Personal Management:

Have a printed copy of the merit badge requirements, pen, and extra paper.

See: <https://www.troop109nj.com/app/download/5843784/Personal+Management+Merit+Badge+Pamphlet.pdf>

- Think about: Of the following six options, what interests you the most?
Organizational skills, banking, shopping, investments, budgeting your time, psychology of money.
- Prepare a provisional definition of 'management.'
- For Scouts interested in a more 'in-depth' discussion of this subject, or with further questions, an 'optional extra' session is available in Session #6 on Tuesday (6:30–8:00 PM).

Public Speaking:

Have a printed copy of the merit badge requirements, pen, and extra paper.

See: <http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Public-Speaking.pdf>

- It would be best to have a copy of the merit badge pamphlet:
See: <https://www.troop109nj.com/app/download/5844043/Public+Speaking+Merit+Badge+Pamphlet.pdf>
- Review the requirements and start preparing speeches — begin working on requirements 1 and 2.

Remember:

**Many merit badge counselors have set a maximum class size,
under the constraints of a Zoom program.**

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A 'Covid-Virtual' and 'International' Conclave — December 27-29, 2020

CONCLAVE SCHEDULE

All Times are U.S. Eastern Standard Time (EST)

	Sunday Dec. 27	Monday Dec. 28	Tuesday Dec. 29
8:45—9:00 AM	Logon	Logon	Logon
9:00—9:15 AM	Flag Raising / <i>D'var Torah</i> Announcements	Flag Raising / <i>D'var Torah</i> Announcements	Flag Raising / <i>D'var Torah</i> Announcements
9:15—10:45 AM Session #1	A. <i>Personal Fitness</i> (1 of 1) B. Law (1 of 1) C. Sports (1 of 1) D. Bird Study (1 of 2) E. <i>Cooking 'A'</i> (1 of 1)	A. American Cultures (1 of 2) B. <i>Personal Management</i> (1 of 1+) C. Chess (1 of 1) D. <i>Citizenship in the Community</i> (1 of 1) E. Entrepreneurship 'B' (1 of 1)	A. American Cultures (2 of 2) B. Drafting (1 of 1) C. Ner Tamid 'A' (1 of 1) D. Bird Study (2 of 2) E. <i>Family Life</i> (1 of 1)
15 Minute Break			
11:00—12:30 PM Session #2	A. <i>Communications</i> (1 of 2) B. Programming (1 of 3) C. Scholarship 'A' (1 of 1) D. Entrepreneurship 'A' (1 of 1) <i>Special Cub Scout Program</i>	A. <i>Citizenship in the World</i> (1 of 1) B. Programming (2 of 3) C. American Labor (1 of 2) D. Entrepreneurship 'C' (1 of 1) E. Advancement to 1 st Class	A. <i>Communications</i> (2 of 2) B. Programming (3 of 3) C. American Labor (2 of 2) D. Ner Tamid 'B' (1 of 1) E. Advancement to 1 st Class
45 Minutes for Lunch			
1:15—2:15 PM Session #3 Special Programs	Troop 54 Eagles @ Israel Dog Unit Search & Rescue K-9 Corps Dogs & Drones Livestream	Troop 54 Eagles around the World Field Trip — Livestream Visit the Jewish Community of Berlin, Germany	Troop 54 Eagles around the World (Details TBA)
2:15—3:45 PM Session #4	A. Architecture (1 of 3) B. <i>First Aid</i> (1 of 3) C. Aviation (1 of 3) D. Public Speaking (1 of 4) E. Advancement to 1 st Class <i>First Aid</i> (J. Cohen)	A. Architecture (2 of 3) B. <i>First Aid</i> (2 of 3) C. Aviation (2 of 3) D. Public Speaking (2 of 4) E. Advancement to 1 st Class	A. Architecture (3 of 3) B. <i>First Aid</i> (3 of 3) C. Aviation (3 of 3) D. Public Speaking (3 of 4) E. Advancement to 1 st Class <i>Dangers of Drugs and Alcohol & From the lab: Microscopic view of the body in health and disease</i>
15 Minute Break			
4:00—5:30 PM Session #5	A. Collections (1 of 1) B. <i>Citizenship in the Nation</i> (1 of 2) C. <i>Medicine</i> (1 of 2) D. Dentistry (1 of 2) E. Advancement to 1 st Class	A. American Heritage (1 of 2) B. <i>Citizenship in the Nation</i> (2 of 2) C. Railroading (1 of 2) D. Digital Technology (1 of 2) E. Music (1 of 1)	A. American Heritage (2 of 2) B. <i>Emergency Prep</i> (2 of 2) C. Railroading (2 of 2) D. Digital Technology (2 of 2) E. Moviemaking (1 of 1)
1 Hr. for Dinner			
6:30—8:00 PM Session #6	A. <i>Emergency Prep</i> (1 of 2) B. <i>Medicine</i> (2 of 2) C. Dentistry (2 of 2) D. Scouting Heritage (1 of 2) E. <i>Cooking 'B'</i> (1 of 1)	Troop 54 Eagles around the World Field Trip Livestream – Nature Hike in the Australian Bush <i>Cub Scout Program Included</i>	A. CPR (To use for BSA merit badges) B. Genealogy (1 of 1) C. Scholarship 'B' (1 of 1) D. <i>Personal Mgmt.</i> (Optional Extra) E. Public Speaking (4 of 4) <i>Cub Scout Timmy Tenderfoot</i>
15 Minute Break			
8:15—9:15 PM Session #7 <i>Limudei Kodesh</i> Virtual Campfire / Fellowship	Details TBA Program to include: A. Scouting Heritage (2 of 2)	Youth program TBA [Scoutmaster's Lounge] [For all registered Scouters]	Details TBA Program to include: ScoutsBSA Timmy Tenderfoot

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'A', 'B', and 'C' are duplicate offerings.

Note: Sequential sessions are found on the same row, on the next day, unless indicated by colored boxes and arrows above.

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