



**THE ALEPH EMBLEM  
FOR CUB SCOUTS  
AND WEBELOS SCOUTS  
For grades three-five**

## **INFORMATION ABOUT THE ALEPH EMBLEM**

### **What Is the Aleph Emblem?**

The National Jewish Committee on Scouting developed the Aleph emblem to help you, a Cub Scout or Webelos Scout who is Jewish, learn more about Judaism. Just as Aleph is the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, the activities you are about to start working on are among your first steps as a Scout that will lead you to understanding more about your religion. Working on the Aleph emblem also will help you get to know better your rabbi or religious school teacher. One of them will be your counselor and will help you along the way.

### **When May I Start Working on It?**

If you are working on your **Bear** badge you are still eligible to earn the Maccabee Award, if you have not yet earned it. (See the Maccabee Emblem for Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouts.) If you do not want to work on the Maccabee Award, you can start on the Aleph immediately.

If you are working on your **Webelos** badge, you can begin work on the Aleph Award immediately.

### **What Does the Aleph Emblem Look Like and Where Do I Wear It?**

The Aleph emblem is a medal worn over the left pocket of your Cub Scout uniform. It has a Torah and a Ner Tamid on it, to remind you that once you have earned it, others will depend upon you to teach them.

### **How Do I Start Working on It?**

Follow these simple steps.

1. Along with your mom and dad, talk to your rabbi or religious school teacher about being your counselor. If you live in a community that has no synagogue or rabbi, contact the National Jewish Committee on Scouting for assistance at 214-580-2119.
2. Start working on the activities (which are listed below) and keep a neat record of your work in a notebook.
3. As you finish each activity, discuss what you have done with your mom or dad or counselor.
4. When you have finished all the activities, have your mom or dad and counselor sign the page called "Certification" and one of them will send away for the emblem. The notebook is for you to keep and use. Also, contact your local council service center to advise the local Jewish committee on Scouting of your achievement.
5. You will soon receive your emblem at a Scout Sabbath service or at another important ceremony.

# ACTIVITIES FOR EARNING THE ALEPH EMBLEM

My Name \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. THE TORAH

- A Name the five books of the Torah.
- B Which of the Ten Commandments do you know best? Name five of the commandments.
- C In your notebook, tell what these five commandments mean.
- D In your notebook, try to copy one verse of the Torah as it is found in a Torah scroll, or write the meaning of the English verse in your own words.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. PRAYER

- A Recite the "Shema" in Hebrew.
- B In your notebook, tell what the words of the "Shema" mean to you.
- C Learn the Hebrew blessings over bread, wine, and fruit.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

- A Give the Hebrew names of six Jewish holidays observed during the year.
- B Describe how these six holidays are observed.
- C In your notebook, tell which of the Jewish holidays you like the most, and why.
- D On which holidays are the following objects used?

Shofar	Spice box
Menorah	Cup of Elijah
Haggadah	Megillah
Lulav (palm branch)	

- E Draw or paint two of these objects or make them out of cardboard, wood, or metal.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. BIBLE HERO

- A Tell the story of two of these Bible heroes: Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, Rachel, Joseph, Moses, Samuel, David, Solomon, Deborah, or Elijah.
- B In your notebook, tell why you chose these two heroes.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. FAMOUS AMERICAN JEWS

- A In your notebook, write a brief report on two great American Jews. Here are a few examples: Asher Levy, Haym Salomon, Francis Salvador, Judah Touro, Uriah P. Levy, Emma Lazarus, Jacob H. Schiff, Louis D. Brandeis, Albert Einstein, Henrietta Szold, and Rebecca Gratz.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. THE SYNAGOGUE

- A Attend sabbath services at least twice a month for three months and report on one Torah reading for each month.
- B In your notebook, draw pictures of the Ark and the Ner Tamid in your synagogue and describe what they mean to the Jewish people.

Mom or Dad sign here \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. THE JEWISH HOME

- A Which object on the outside of a house or an apartment tells us that Jews live there?
- B Draw this object or make it out of wood, plastic, cardboard, or metal.

Mom or Dad sign here \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 8. THE LAND OF ISRAEL

- A Read a book, magazine article, or news item about Israel and write a report on it in your notebook.
- B Tell what you know about two cities or places in Israel. Examples are: Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, the Negev, Haifa, the Kotel (Western Wall), Masada, Beersheva, and the Galilee.
- C Draw the flag of Israel or make it out of construction paper or cloth, and write a paragraph describing its meaning to Jews the world over.

Mom or Dad sign here \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# APPLICATION

## CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

a member of Pack number \_\_\_\_\_, which is chartered to:

Name of organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

and located in the **GREATER CLEVELAND** Council,  
has completed the Aleph emblem requirements.

We recommend that he be approved for this honor.

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Synagogue or school: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## TO THE PARENT

*(First, please print the following information.)*

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In the Greater Cleveland Council, all Aleph emblem applications are handled by the Cleveland Jewish Committee on Scouting, which covers the cost of the emblem and certificate. Once your son has completed all the activities and his rabbi or counselor has signed the certification, send the completed application and your son's notebook (which will be returned) for final verification to:

Stuart L. Woldman, Awards Chairman  
Cleveland Jewish Committee on Scouting  
4070 Eastway Road  
South Euclid, OH 44121  
(216) 381-3668

Local Committee Approval \_\_\_\_\_

You and your son's Cub Scout or Webelos Scout Leader, together with the Jewish Committee on Scouting, should then determine an appropriate occasion during which to present the emblem, such as at a Bar Mitzvah service, Scout Shabbat service, or Pack Meeting.