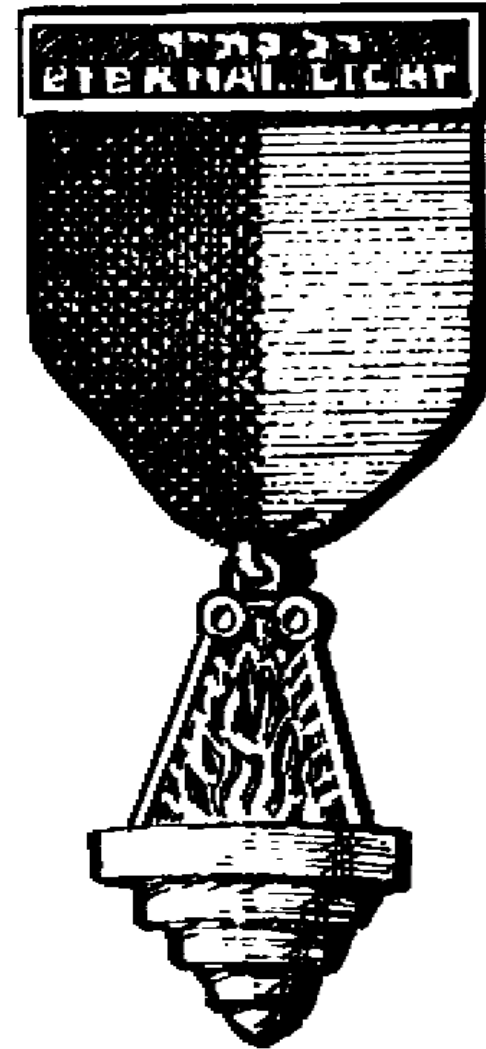


SERVICE PROJECTS

(Put a circle around the number of the three projects you select in fulfillment of requirement D-1. under Requirements for the Ner Tamid Program.)

1. Serve as usher in synagogue - at forums, celebrations, etc.
2. Serve as patrol leader, den chief, or assistant in any Scouting activity.
3. Act as monitor or as leader of club in religious school.
4. Help in office of synagogue, Jewish center, religious school, social service agency, or Jewish organization.
5. Serve as cantor, choir member, reader, or in some other active capacity in junior congregation.
6. Help with the enrollment of pupils in religious school - distributing letters and leaflets, bringing friends to the school, etc.
7. Decorate the synagogue, religious school, Jewish center, or home for the holidays and other special events.
8. Participate in the collection of clothing, food, books, etc., for tzedakah.
9. Plant and care for shrubs, trees, and flowers around the synagogue, religious school, or Jewish center.
10. Assist in library of synagogue, religious school, or Jewish center.
11. Make and distribute posters and announcements for synagogue, religious school, etc.
12. Help with construction and painting of scenery for plays presented in the synagogue, religious school, or Jewish center.
13. Build and decorate a sukkah for the home, synagogue, Jewish center, or religious school.
14. Write for or help get out paper for religious school or Jewish center.
15. Help another Scout with his Ner Tamid program as a junior counselor.
16. Coach other students who need tutoring in Hebrew.

Other services of similar standard may be submitted for service credit if approved by the rabbi or counselor.



NER TAMID PROGRAM APPLICATION For grades six - eight

Information about the Ner Tamid Emblem

A Scout is Reverent

As a Scout you know that *learning by doing* is a basic principle of Scouting. Just as you keep yourself physically strong by camping, hiking, and other outdoor healthful activities, so also you build yourself spiritually and morally by practicing your religion. The Ner Tamid (Eternal Light) program will help you grow spiritually. It will aid you to practice duty to God, to be reverent, and to be *faithful in your religious duties*.

To help you in this phase of your Scouting experience, the National Jewish Committee on Scouting has developed the Ner Tamid program for boys in grades six through eight. The requirements found in this record book have been approved by the National Jewish Committee on Scouting. Similar programs have been developed by the Protestant and Catholic committees on Scouting. All Scouts are eligible to work in the distinctive religious programs of their faith, and every Scout will be proud to achieve this high honor.

As a Scout, you may work on the Ner Tamid program whether your unit is connected with your own synagogue, community center, school, or with some other organization. You carry on your Scout program in your troop while you fulfill the Ner Tamid requirements under the guidance of your rabbi or Ner Tamid counselor. If you live in a small or isolated Jewish community, contact for assistance.

Now read the description of the Ner Tamid emblem and then follow the steps in earning the Ner Tamid emblem beginning below. Good luck!

Description of the Ner Tamid Emblem

The Ner Tamid emblem is a pendant representing the Eternal Light that hangs in front of the Holy Ark in the synagogue. It is attached to a blue and white ribbon and a bronze bar pin that carries the inscription "Ner Tamid" in Hebrew letters and "Eternal Light" in English.

The Ner Tamid in the synagogue of our own day goes back to the seven-branched menorah described in the Bible (Exodus 27:20; Numbers 8:2). The center light, from which the other six were kindled, is the Ner Tamid. The lamp burned continually, symbolizing the Jewish people's eternal devotion to God and His teachings.

The Boy Scouts of America has authorized the Ner Tamid emblem to be worn over the left breast pocket at the left of the Eagle badge or, when the Eagle badge is not worn, centered above the flap of the left breast pocket.

Steps in Earning the Ner Tamid Emblem

1. Fill out the application in this pamphlet. Be sure you read carefully the instructions heading each section of the Ner Tamid requirements.
2. Get in touch with your rabbi (or religious schoolteacher) and discuss the requirements. He or she will be glad to serve as your Ner Tamid counselor. If you do not live near a synagogue that has a rabbi, contact the National Jewish Committee on Scouting for assistance.

Please keep a neat record of all your work in a notebook that you can review with your counselor. You will find a list of books in this pamphlet that will help you tackle the requirements. A good Jewish encyclopedia can also prove helpful. You can find most of these books in your synagogue library, or resources can be sent to you if you have no access to necessary materials.

3. As you fulfill the requirements, put a circle around the number of each one you complete. From time to time, ask your counselor to check your knowledge of the requirements. He or she will initial each section as you complete it.
4. When all requirements have been completed to the satisfaction of your counselor, take the record book to the Greater Cleveland Council service center for approval, then contact the Cleveland Jewish Committee on Scouting.
5. The Cleveland Jewish Committee on Scouting will then order the Ner Tamid Emblem and certificate, and arrange for their presentation.. Your Ner Tamid emblem will be presented to you at some impressive occasion, such as Scout Sabbath in February, Chanukah, Bar Mitzvah, Confirmation, etc.

Reference Books

You can usually find many of these books in your synagogue library. Consult your rabbi or counselor for additional help, or contact the National Jewish Committee on Scouting.

- A. HOME OBSERVANCE
Donin, Hayim Halevy, To Be a Jew
Gersh, Harry, When a Jew Celebrates
Trepp, Leo, The Complete Book of Jewish Observance
- B. SYNAGOGUE WORSHIP
Donin, Hayim Halevy, To Pray as a Jew
Milgram, Abraham E., Jewish Worship
Rossel, Seymour, When a Jew Prays
- C. JEWISH STUDY
Chiel, Arthur, Pathways Through the Torah
Noveck, Simon, ed., Creators of the Jewish Experience in Ancient and Medieval Times
Trepp, Leo, A History of the Jewish Experience
- D. THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY
American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Yearbook
Kenvin, Helene S., This Land of Liberty: A History of America's Jews
Zwerin, Raymond, F., For One Another: Jewish Organizations That Help Us All
- E. WORLD JEWRY
American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Yearbook
Elon, Amos, Understanding Israel
Segal, Abraham, Israel Today (revised)

Requirements for the Ner Tamid Program

- A. HOME OBSERVANCE Living the Jewish Life at Home
Do the *first* requirement and choose *one* of the other three.
 1. a. Tell how the Sabbath should be observed and the meaning of this observance.
 - b. Tell how the following High Holy Days and festivals are celebrated and the meaning of these observances to you: Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Pesach, Shavuot, Chanukah, Purim, and Tishah b' Av.
2. a. Study a Hebrew calendar (luach) and tell how it differs from the general calendar.
- b. Give the names of the Hebrew months.
- c. Give the Hebrew dates of the High Holy Days and festivals.
3. a. Give the titles of at least five Jewish books that every Jewish home should have. Include books for study, prayer, and reading.
- b. Read a book of Jewish interest approved by your rabbi or counselor and write a book report of at least 200 words.
4. a. Read and explain the following verses in the Bible, which contain some of the sources for the observance of kashrut: Leviticus 11; Deuteronomy 12:16, 23; Genesis 32:33; Exodus 23:19, 34:26; and Deuteronomy 14:21.
- b. What reason does the Torah give for the observance of kashrut?
- c. Tell how you could observe kashrut while camping.

Section A Completed

Date

Rabbi or Counselor

The Scout is to fill out the following application:

Application

Print name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Age _____ Rank _____

Unit No. _____ Meeting place _____

Council name _____ No. _____

Headquarters City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Rabbi or counselor _____

Name of Organization _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Certification

This is to certify that

Name (Print)

has fulfilled the requirements of the Ner Tamid program. He is worthy of the emblem.

Date _____

Unit Leader

Parent or Guardian

Rabbi or Counselor

Cleveland Jewish Committee on Scouting

Certification by the local council

To Order the Emblem

In the **Greater Cleveland Council**, all Ner Tamid 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

You and your son's 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 Court of Honor.

Checklist

1. Is the application section completed?
2. Have all necessary signatures been obtained?