

# 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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## 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

- 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.  
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## 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.  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

# A P P L I C A T I O N

## CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that:

name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_

street \_\_\_\_\_

city \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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

name of organization \_\_\_\_\_

street \_\_\_\_\_

city \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

and is located in the \_\_\_\_\_ 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

Send the Aleph emblem kit to:  
(First, please print the following information.)

your name \_\_\_\_\_

street \_\_\_\_\_

city \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

phone (daytime) \_\_\_\_\_

All Aleph emblem applications are now being handled by Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.).

Once your son has completed all the activities and his rabbi or counselor has signed the certification, send the completed application along with \$11 (check or credit card) payable to P.R.A.Y. If paying by credit card, please provide the following information:

Circle one: MasterCard    Visa

Cardholder's name \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Account no. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. If the council has a local Jewish committee, send the application to the committee for final verification. Contact your council service center for the name and address of the person to whom it should be mailed.

local committee approval \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. If there is no local Jewish committee on Scouting in your council, mail the completed application and the check to:

National Jewish Committee on Scouting  
c/o P.R.A.Y.  
8520 Mackenzie Road  
St. Louis, MO 63123  
314-638-1017

Fax service is available for a \$4 charge; fax 314-638-7250.

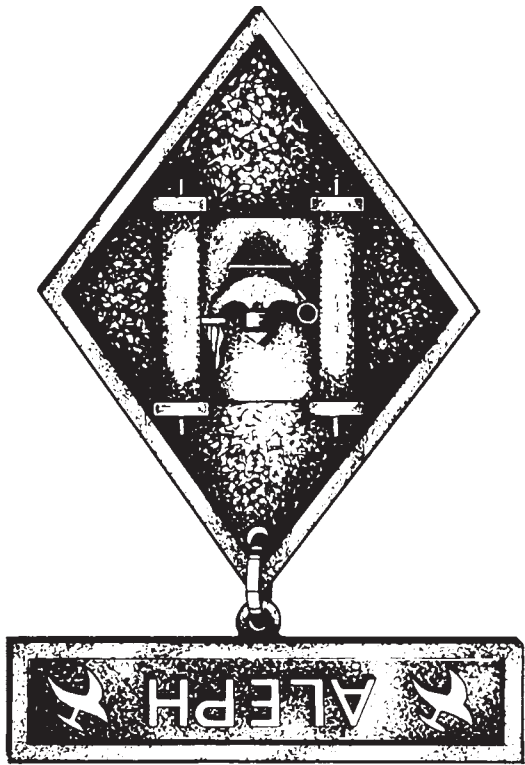
The emblem kit will then be mailed to the address at the top of the form. You and your son's Cub Scout or Webelos Scout leader should then determine an appropriate occasion during which to present the emblem.

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

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## 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?

You may begin to work on the Aleph emblem as soon as you enter the third grade. Most Cubs begin work on the Aleph emblem when they are working on their Bear or Webelos badge. All requirements must be completed while the Cub is a registered member of a Cub Scout pack and before he completes the fifth grade in school.

### 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 972-580-2171.
2. Start working on the activities (which are listed on the other side of this page) 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.