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# 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Traditional Jewish Scout Conclave

For BOTH  
Boys &  
Girls!



**CONCLAVE IN MASSACHUSETTS — FOUR DAYS / THREE NIGHTS**

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Sunday, December 25, 2022, 2:00 PM  
through  
Wednesday, December 28, 2022, 1:00 PM

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Hosted by Maimonides School's Boys & Girls Scouts BSA Troops 54  
in the Spirit of Adventure Council

With field trips around the Greater Boston area, Conclave is based at:

Maimonides School  
34 Philbrick Road  
Brookline, MA 02445

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

★ **WHO:** Jewish youth, age 9–17, who want to explore *Shomer Shabbat* Scouting. This includes current Webelos Scouts, ScoutsBSA and Venturers. **BOTH Boys & Girls, gather — as individuals or with their Scout unit — coming from across the U.S.**

In past years, Scouts have come from **Maine to Florida** – ME, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, PA, DE, MD, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL – and OH, MI, IL, TX, Ontario & Québec — over **45** Scout Councils.

**WEBELOS:** Youth age 9–10 (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Webelos) are invited to attend with an adult partner for special activities.

★ **WHAT:** **36<sup>th</sup> Annual Traditional Jewish Scout Conclave**

A gathering for Scouting advancement, fun, and fellowship, while living and learning in a traditional Jewish environment. Hosted by Troop 54, chartered to the Maimonides School. Our Scoutmaster, Dr. Spielman has run this program since its inception, 35 years ago. As in past years, able support is being offered by Troop 54's Troop Committee, including Committee Chair Dr. Ely Stillman and Rabbi Avraham A. Witty.

★ **WHEN:** **2:00 PM Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022 to**  
**1:00 PM Wednesday, December 28, 2022.**

Four days and three nights.

★ **WHERE:** **Maimonides School, Brookline, MA**

Set your GPS for **34 Philbrick Road, Brookline, MA**. Park in the bus turnoff in front of the school. After unloading, please quickly move your car to the designated parking area.

★ **HOW:** **Using Maimonides School as 'base-camp,'**

Saval Auditorium for activities, the school kitchen and shul for kosher food and davening, classrooms for sleeping (bring your foam pad & sleeping bag) and the gym locker room for showers. Field Trips are planned for Skiing/Snowboarding, Rock Climbing, Rifle Shooting, and to Harvard University.

The Conclave offers Scouts an opportunity to 'camp' together in a traditional Jewish environment. (Please **do not** bring any other food, drinks, or snacks.) "A Scout is Reverent" states the 12<sup>th</sup> Point of the Scout Law. We thus pause from our activities for Grace before and after meals and for daily services (*Shacharit, Minchah, and Maariv*). While individual youth and adults may have many different personal perspectives on prayer, as a community our Conclave will gather as one.

★ **WHY:** **For Scout Advancement, progress on Aleph, Ner Tamid & Etz Chaim Awards, and great fellowship.**

**Boys and Girls new to Scouting** are warmly welcomed to share in the fun and get an orientation to the Scout program.

**Webelos Scouts** work on Advancement to Arrow of Light.

**ScoutsBSA** work on Advancement to First Class & Merit Badges.

Some Merit Badges may be earned completely, others demand a Scout come with some skills or some work done. Scouts can earn at least a 'Partial,' to complete upon their return home.

**Interpreter Strip** tests can also be available for 13 languages.

★ **MERIT BADGES:** Merit Badge and other Advancement options evolve in the days before each Conclave. Upon your arrival, you will have a complete list, with time to make your choices. CPR Training is currently scheduled.

**Merit Badges** that have been offered in the past include:

(Note: Badges in **bold** are on the Required List for Eagle.)  
American Business, American Heritage, American Labor, Archery, Architecture, Art, Aviation, Bugling, Cinematography, **Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World**, Coin Collecting, Collections, **Communications**, Computers, Crime Prevention, Digital Technology, Disabilities Awareness, Drafting, Electricity, Electronics, **Emergency Preparedness**, Energy, **Family Life**, Fingerprinting, Fire Safety, **First Aid**, Genealogy, Geocaching, Geology, Horsemanship, Indian Lore, Medicine, **Personal Fitness, Personal Management**, Photography, Plumbing, Public Health, Public Speaking, Pulp & Paper, Radio, Railroad, Safety, Scouting Heritage, Skating (Ice), Snow Sports (Alpine Skiing, Cross-country Skiing, Snowboarding, & Snowshoeing), Stamp Collecting, Textile, & Weather.

Scouts get inspired to work toward the **Ner Tamid** and **Etz Chaim** Jewish religious awards, completed with their own rabbi or teacher.

★ **FIELD TRIPS** outside of the Maimonides School.

For fun, fitness, and to support some Merit Badges.

— **MONDAY, DECEMBER 26: (Pick ONE of three)**

- **Skiing or Snowboarding:** Wachusett Mountain Ski Area, Princeton, MA. Up near the New Hampshire border, its 1,000 foot vertical drop and 28 trails offers a challenge for all levels. An introductory package will get you skis & poles (or board), boots and helmet, as well as a lift ticket, and an instructional class to get you started.

Notes: (a) On the slopes, all Conclave participants will wear a helmet.

(b) The Lift Ticket for skiers/boarders with a lesson, will NOT get you 1,000 feet up the mountain, but will get you to where you can have lots of fun, safely learn to ski and snowboard, and safely come down — again and again! Do not pay in advance. Bring cash to pay when you arrive.

Cost:	Lift Ticket Only (Bring your own gear.)	Equipment Rental (Includes Helmet)	Equipment with Helmet, Lift Ticket, & Lesson
Age 12 & Under	\$45.	\$31.	\$111.
Over Age 12	\$50.	\$36.	\$111.

Anyone skiing/boarding will need a Waiver signed by a parent. You will get the form after sign up.

- **Rock Spot Climbing Gym:** in Boston/Dedham. With 9,000 sq. ft. of climbing, 35 top rope walls, and 100 bouldering challenges, you will get a (warm!) controlled and fun environment. In a program geared for Scouts, you will get climbing shoes to use and the staff will teach you climbing and bouldering and lead some games.  
Cost: \$30. Do not pay in advance. Bring cash to pay when you arrive.  
Anyone climbing will need a Waiver signed by a parent. You will get the link after sign up.
- **Rifle Shooting:** With a U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel (retired) you will learn important issues in safety and responsibility as you prepare to do target shooting at a private shooting range. As he has done with our Scouts in past years, you will get to learn about, handle, and shoot, a variety of different .22 rifles. Participants must be age 11 or over.  
Cost: \$20. Do not pay in advance. Bring cash to pay when you arrive.  
Anyone shooting will need a Waiver signed by a parent. You will get the form after sign up.

## **The Traditional Jewish Conclave: What to bring, how to register & get there!**

## FIELD TRIPS (CONTINUED)

**TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 27:** (We'll all attend!)

## Field Trip to Harvard University —

**Harvard Museums of Science & Culture (HMSC).**

The mission of HMSC is to foster curiosity and a spirit of discovery in visitors of all ages, enhancing public understanding of and appreciation for the natural world, science, and human cultures.

This will address requirements for some Conclave merit badges, and inspire you to work on others. We will visit the:

- [Harvard Museum of Natural History](#)
- ◆ [Mineralogical and Geological Museum](#)
- ◆ [Museum of Comparative Zoology](#)
- [Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology](#)
- [Harvard Museum of the Ancient Near East](#)  
Formerly called: Harvard Semitic Museum

**Cost:** Included in Conclave Fee.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR AN OPTIONAL EXTRA:

## WILDERNESS FIRST AID (WFA) CERTIFICATION:

(For Adults and 1<sup>st</sup> Class Scouts age 13+)

Taught by a former U.S. Army Medic and BSA Camp Ranger, with certification through ECSI (Emergency Care & Safety Institute). Certification requires also completing the **FREE** CPR course that will be offered at the Conclave.

Every Philmont Trek, and every Jamboree Troop, needs at least two members with this certification. For the First Aid Merit Badge requirements that are covered, in this WFA course, Scouts will be able to get a 'partial' First Aid Merit Badge card.

**Cost:** \$65.00 for Textbook & Certification. [This can cost \$200 – \$475 elsewhere.]  
Do not pay in advance. Bring cash (or check) to pay when you arrive.

**★ BRING:** Come prepared for the weather — especially if you plan to ‘hit the slopes’!

- If you have a Scout uniform, wear it!
- Bring a backpack/duffel with personal gear, a foam pad, and sleeping bag.
- Bring ‘brown-bag’ lunch/beverage for Sunday. All other food is supplied including lunch before the trip home on Wednesday. **Inform us of food allergies when registering.**
- Extra mittens and socks are useful to bring.
- Bring **BATHING SUIT & TOWEL, & SHOWER FOOT-WEAR.**
- Bring an inexpensive wristwatch.
- Bring digital camera for Photography Merit Badge.
- Scouts over *Bar Mitzvah* are encouraged to bring *Tefillin*.

★ **TRANSPORTATION:** Scouts from each Troop make individual travel/car-pool arrangements. See your Scoutmaster for details.

**★ FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

- **Dr. Howard Spielman, Scoutmaster** 781 806-5450  
Troop 54, Brookline, MA: [HASpielman@aol.com](mailto:HASpielman@aol.com)
- **Dr. Ely Stillman, Troop Committee Chairman**  
Troop 54, Brookline, MA: [IsaacEly@gmail.com](mailto:IsaacEly@gmail.com) 617 277-6533

**★ PROGRAM COST:** Youth: \$200. Adults: \$100.

**Pay online with registration.** The only additional cost is for the Monday Field Trip option that you select (see above), and if you wish to earn the ECSI Certification for Wilderness First Aid.

— Parents are welcome to bring children under age 9, but need to be responsible for them, as the Conclave has no formal program for that age. Call Dr. Spielman for details — 781 439-5250.

★ **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Midnight, Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022  
or up to the limit of participants, whichever comes  
first.

**★REGISTRATION:** Space is limited in some activities. **EARLY** registration assures you get first choice!

**① Go ON-LINE To:**

**[TJSConclave.ScoutCamp.info/](http://TJSConclave.ScoutCamp.info/)**

**Deadline: Midnight, Tuesday, December 20, 2022.**

**Fill in all the information requested.**

## ② MAKE PAYMENT ONLINE:

**③ PREPARE THREE FORMS for EACH adult & youth:**

(Yes, yes, yes! We need these **THREE** (3) different forms!)

## 1. Emergency Information & Waiver Form:

**Found on the last page of this announcement.**

**Be sure it is COMPLETED & SIGNED by a parent!**

## 2. BSA Medical Form: Go to —

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_AB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf)

**NOTE: ONLY PARTS A & B ARE REQUIRED.**

**Parent/guardian MUST SIGN on pages A AND B2.**

**There is no need for a doctor's signature.**

**BUT IF** you attended Scout Camp in 2022

**AND IF** you have a copy of your Medical Form,

**THEN** bring all three parts (A, B, & C).

**3. Prepare a photocopy of both sides of the Health Insurance card** for each youth & adult.

**④ BRING:** Before driving to the Conclave, each driver should have **ALL THREE FORMS ABOVE** for everyone in their car, both youth and adults!

1. **Set GPS to 34 Philbrick Rd. Brookline, MA.**
2. **For Emergency Use Only —**  
**Emergency contact phone during Conclave: 781 439-5250**

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**Complete the form below. The adult leader/driver needs to bring to the Conclave:**  
**(1) This Emergency Information & Waiver Form (Signed!), (2) Medical Form Parts A & B (Signed!)**  
**& (3) Photocopy of both sides of Medical Insurance Card — FOR EACH YOUTH & ADULT IN THEIR CAR.**

## **2022 Registration, Emergency Information & Waiver** **36<sup>th</sup> Annual Traditional Jewish Scout Conclave**

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Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022 at 2:00 PM through Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022 at 1:00 PM.

- This form **MUST** be submitted by **EACH SCOUT & EACH ADULT** for proper Conclave registration.
- In transit to/from the Conclave, the **Scoutmaster or activity leader should carry a copy for each Scout & Adult.**

**Scout or Adult's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Scout or Adult's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Unit No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of the benefits to be derived, and in view of the fact that the Boy Scouts of America is an educational institution, membership in which is voluntary, and having full confidence that every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety and well being of my child/ward, named above, on the activity named above, I agree to his/her participation and waive all claims against the leaders of this trip, officers, agents, and representatives of the Boy Scouts of America, and the Charter Partner.

In the event of an emergency, the Troop unit leader of the activity named above has my permission to obtain medical treatment for this Scout/adult at the nearest hospital or doctor, at my expense. I also give permission to the adult staff of this activity to dispense non-prescription medication including, but not limited to, Tylenol & Advil.

- ☐ I am checking here to indicate my interest in joining other adult volunteers on this activity.  
(Both male & female adults are accommodated.) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of parent/guardian or adult) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

**PRINT Parent or Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **EMERGENCY INFORMATION:**

During this activity, I can be contacted at the following phone(s):

( ) \_\_\_\_\_; ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

This participant is highly allergic or sensitive to (foods, bees, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

What, if any, medication is being taken? \_\_\_\_\_

Any special instructions with this medication? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want the unit leader to hold/administer the medication? Yes ☐ No ☐

Date of the most recent tetanus shot/booster \_\_\_\_\_.

Participant's Doctor is: \_\_\_\_\_ Doctor's Phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

### **MEDICAL INSURANCE INFORMATION:**

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number (Control No. if Group Policy): \_\_\_\_\_

**Are there any points of additional information, any comments, or any explanation of other problems of which the activity unit leader should be aware?**

☐ Check here if you are adding any more information on an additional sheet.