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Boy Scout Troop #61 Collection

[Jewish Community Archives]

1917-2001

.75 cubic feet

75th Anniversary commemorative book, scrapbooks, publications, printed materials and photographs concerning the sole surviving Jewish sponsored Boy Scout Troop in Kansas City.

HISTORY:

Boy Scout Troop # 61 was chartered in December 1925 at the congregation building of the Keneseth Israel-Beth Shalom Synagogue at 34th and Paseo. The first Scoutmaster was Arthur Herzmark. From the original group of eight scouts, the troop grew to a membership of 150 boys in 1939, gaining recognition as the largest Boy Scout troop in the world.

By 2013, over 300 scouts from Troop #61 have earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Over 500 members have joined the Tribe of Mic-o-Say, an honorary camping society. Congregation Beth Shalom continues to sponsor the troop at 142nd and Lamar, in Overland Park, Kansas. It is the only Jewish Boy Scout troop in the Kansas City area. With instruction from a Jewish perspective, and emphasis on Jewish values, the troop includes members of all faiths.

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DESCRIPTION:

The collection includes a commemorative 75th anniversary book, booklets, guides, publications, scrapbooks, and photographs.

INVENTORY:

BOX 001

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Folder 01 Commemorative 75th anniversary book, 2000

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Folder 1 Boy Scout Booklets and Guides, 1917 – 1925

Folder 2 Boy Scout Uniforms (copied from a 1920 catalog)

Folder 3 “Songs Scouts Sing,” c. 1920’s – 1930’s

Folder 4 Successful Course Completion Certificates awarded to Paul Bayzman 1929 – 1938

Folder 5 “The Troop in 1931”

Folder 6 Scrapbook by Paul Bayzman, Article Clippings from 1932 – 1952

Folder 7 Boy Scouts of America Troop Charters 1934 – 1960

Folder 8 Boy Scouts of America Silver Jubilee 1935

Folder 9 Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree, June 25 – July 11, 1937

Folder 10 Photo Album – The 1950 National Jamboree, Troop 61

Folder 11 The Second National Boy Scout Jamboree – Valley Forge, Pennsylvania (June 29 – July 6, 1950)

Folder 12 Clean Sweep Award 1960, 1963

- Folder 13 Binder Contents: Jewish Chapel on the H. Roe Bartle Reservation, Osceola, MO. Dedicated Sunday, June 27, 1965.
- Folder 14 Forty Years with Troop 61 at Beth Shalom
- Folder 15 Certificate of Recognition – “Follow the Rugged Road to Adventure,” December 17, 1965.
- Folder 16 Troop 61 Beth Shalom Synagogue Scrapbook Contents, 1966 – 1971
- Folder 17 Newspaper Articles, Clippings: 1966 – 2001
- Folder 18 50 Mile Hike, August 25 – 29, 1967
- Folder 19 Troop 61 Tribe of Mic-O-Say Reunion 1969 [binder contents]
- Folder 20 “Trail to Eagle: Six Decades of Scouting in Kansas City, 1910 – 1970”
- Folder 21 Correspondence: 1970, 1971
- Folder 22 Certificate of Appreciation – February 7, 1970
- Folder 23 Silver Beaver Award Materials: 1970, 1976
- Folder 24 Parents Night, Troop 61 – January 10, 1972 [photographs from binder]
- Folder 25 “A Scout is Reverent” Beth Shalom Congregation Scout Sabbath – February 14, 1975
- Folder 26 “Class of Eagle Scouts” Program, 1975 – 1981
- Folder 27 Troop 61 Anniversary Publications – 1975, 2000
- Folder 28 Banquets and Recognition Dinners 1976
- Folder 29 Tribe of Mic-O-Say 1986
- Folder 30 New Scouts Packet
- Folder 31 “Advancement in the Unit”
- Folder 32 Troop 61 Performs Color Guard Honors for Opening Ceremony at Arrowhead
- Folder 33 Charter Renewal – January 1996
- Folder 34 Troop 1061 Roster, Phone list – 1996
- Folder 35 Contract Renewal, Insurance Coverage, etc. 1997
- Folder 36 Troop 1061 Roster by Patrol; Phone list – 1999, 2001
- Folder 37 Boy Scouts of America card- D.S. Brockman, Chairman-Troop #61, December 31, 1945; Miscellaneous papers 1995-1996
- Folder 38 Photographs – 1940’s through c. 1970’s or 80’s

Folder 39 Floppy Discs 1 and 2 (Digital copy saved in computer inventory folder)