

# Stitch For All Time National 9-11 Flag makes a poignant stop at the West Bloomfield JCC.

Local First Responders usher in the flag with the presentation of arms by the honor and color guard made up of local fire, police and military first responders.

**A**mid the dramatic lighting on the stage of the Berman Center for the Performing Arts at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield, local citizens took turns adding a stitch in the National 9-11 Flag.

The July 10 event started by honoring local service heroes, who added their stitches, followed by more than 400 community members over three hours who stood

quietly in line waiting to add their own.

The massive flag, a composite of an American flag from 9-11 plus fragments of flags from each state, is touring the country before coming to rest in the National September 11 Memorial Museum in New York. The New York Says Thank You Foundation, based in New York, organized the tour. ■



Shari Lebo of Novi and her children Jack and Samantha and family friend Nicholas Holman of New York



JCC board members Marty and Terri Hollander of West Bloomfield participate in the stitching event.



Carolyn Deters, flag tour event manager, prepares the flag for the stitching process.

## Badges In The Woods Adat Shalom Boy Scouts spend a week in the wild learning new skills.

**Solomon Kahn**  
Special to the Jewish News

**N**ine scouts from Boy Scout Troop 364, chartered by the Men's Club of Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills, spent the first week of summer vacation at Cole Canoe Base in Alger. Twelve other troops were there from other places in Michigan, Ohio and even Maine to enjoy camping, outdoor activities and earn merit badges.

At Scout camp, we sleep in tents. I had brought my own

tent, which, fortunately, didn't leak despite more than 4 inches of rain that week. Most people don't like the rain, but I think it just contributed to new adventures and fun.

Activities included river tubing, morning swims, canoeing, ultimate Frisbee, campfires — yes, even in the rain — and the lumberjack competition. This competition included throwing tomahawks, shooting muzzle-loading rifles and cutting logs with big two-person saws.

I worked on various merit badges, which are patches you earn for learning various skills. I completed swimming, emergency preparedness, environmental science

and my favorite, rifle shooting. That is a lot in one week.

Some parents came by for a few days at a time to support Scoutmaster David Lerner of West Bloomfield, who was there the entire week. We had a great time: At camp, there were no strangers, just friends we had not yet met. □



Solomon Kahn, 12, of Oak Park will be an eighth-grader at Hillel Day School of Metropolitan Detroit.



Daniel, 15, and Alan Chandross of West Bloomfield



Ethan Gross helps Adam Cooper, 12, both of West Bloomfield, learn to put on tefillin for his bar mitzvah.



Justin Sherman, 12, of Birmingham chats with a Scouting Heritage merit badge counselor.