

# ACTIVITY & FINANCIAL REPORT

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## 1. Introduction

This report presents a detailed overview of the activities, celebrations, public participations, and financial expenditures carried out by the Salesian Scouts and Guides – Bethlehem during the Christmas season 2025 and the beginning of 2026.



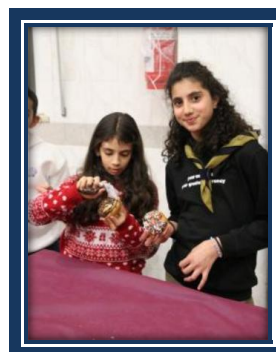
Despite the difficult political and economic circumstances affecting Bethlehem, the scout group continued its mission of education, faith formation, and community service. Through its activities, the group aimed to provide safe spaces for children and youth, strengthen their sense of belonging, and maintain an active presence in religious and public life.

## 2. Christmas Celebration for Cubs and Brownies

A special Christmas celebration was organized for Cubs and Brownies, reaching a total of 155 children.

The celebration included:

- A theatrical performance, generously funded by a local benefactor.
- Hospitality and refreshments for all participating children.
- A creative activity where children decorated donuts.
- A joyful gift distribution session with Santa Claus, which created a festive and joyful atmosphere.



This celebration offered children a moment of joy, creativity, and togetherness, especially important after a prolonged period marked by stress, uncertainty, and limited communal activities.



### 3. Musical Instruments and Equipment

In order to support the increasing number of musicians and ensure high-quality performances, the group invested in musical instruments, percussion equipment, and accessories, in addition to maintaining existing instruments.



These purchases and services were sourced from specialized local suppliers and contributed significantly to strengthening the musical units' readiness for public and religious events.

### 4. Scout Uniforms – Improvements and Developments

Important improvements were made to scout uniforms during this reporting period, in response to the significant growth in the number of group members and the resumption of public and ceremonial participation.

□ **Cubs' Caps Renewal**

In previous years, Cubs wore green caps in a single size, which did not suit all children properly. During this period:

- All Cubs' caps were replaced with newly tailored ones.
- The new caps are **navy blue**, matching the official scout uniform.
- Two different sizes were produced:
  - One suitable for younger Cubs.
  - One suitable for older Cubs.
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The tailoring and purchase of fabrics for these caps were fully funded by a local benefactor from Bethlehem, reflecting strong local community support for the group and its mission.

□ **Tailoring of New Scout Uniforms**

In addition to the cap renewal, the group carried out a major initiative to tailor new scout uniforms for members across all age groups.

Approximately 200 new scout uniforms were produced during this period. Each uniform consists of a scout shirt and trousers, tailored according to the official Salesian Scout specifications.

This initiative aimed to:

- Equip new members who joined the group during the past period and did not previously have a uniform, and
- Replace uniforms for existing members whose sizes changed due to growth, ensuring comfort and proper appearance.



Providing updated and well-fitted uniforms allowed all members to take part confidently in activities, parades, and official events, and contributed to a unified, dignified, and disciplined presence of the group in public celebrations.

### 5. Participation of the Musical Units

The musical units played an active role in several important events during the reporting period.

#### Salesian Christmas Tree Lighting – 7 December 2025

The scout musical band participated in the Salesian Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Bethlehem.



The band delivered a distinguished performance, including:

- Marching musical pieces.
- Opening the ceremony with the Palestinian National Anthem, reinforcing national identity and pride.

### 6. Christmas and Epiphany Public Celebrations

During the Christmas season, the scout group and musical units participated in three major public events:

- **24 December 2025 – Christmas (Western Calendar)**

The group participated in the Patriarch’s reception on the occasion of Christmas according to the Western calendar.

This event marked the largest and most prominent participation of the Salesian Scouts and Guides – Bethlehem among all participating scout groups.

Approximately 330 scouts and guides took part in this procession, representing all sections of the group, and demonstrating discipline, unity, and a strong scouting spirit.



- **5 January 2026 – Epiphany (Western Calendar)**

The group participated in the reception of the Custodian of the Holy Land on the occasion of the Feast of the Epiphany according to the Western calendar.

This participation included the drum corps and group leadership, with around 80 participants, contributing to the solemn and festive atmosphere of the celebration.



- **6 January 2026 – Christmas (Eastern Calendar)**

The group also participated in the Patriarch’s reception for Christmas according to the Eastern calendar.

This event witnessed the participation of the entire scout group, from Cubs and Brownies to older scouts, leaders, and all musical units, highlighting continuity, inclusiveness, and the unity of the scouting family.



## 7. Financial Overview

Below is a summary of the main expenses incurred during the reporting period. All expenses are supported by official invoices and receipts attached to this report.

Expense Category	Description	Amount (NIS)
Children’s Gifts	Christmas gifts for Cubs and Brownies	2,816
Musical Instruments	Purchase & maintenance	20,000
Musical Equipment	Percussion instruments	2,800
Food & Hospitality	Bakery items for Cubs	750
Scout Uniforms	Tailoring and fabrics	12,305
<b>Total</b>		<b>38,671</b>

*Note: Some uniform-related items and caps were additionally supported by local benefactors.*

## 8. Conclusion

The activities and initiatives implemented during this period played a vital role in sustaining the educational, spiritual, and social mission of the Salesian Scouts and Guides – Bethlehem.

Through celebrations, public participation, musical development, and uniform improvements, the group succeeded in:

- Providing safe and joyful spaces for children and youth.
- Strengthening faith, discipline, and a sense of belonging.
- Maintaining a visible and dignified presence in the religious and public life of Bethlehem.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all donors, benefactors, and supporters whose generosity made these activities possible and helped sustain the scouting mission during challenging times.

## 9. Annexes

Annex A: Financial Invoices and Receipts

Annex B: Photo Documentation of Activities and Events

Annex C – Letter of Appreciation

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This report is submitted with full responsibility and transparency, reflecting the activities and expenditures of the Salesian Scouts and Guides – Bethlehem during the reporting period.

We confirm that the information provided is accurate and supported by official documentation attached to this report.

Fuad Anton Salman

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