

Be prepared to enjoy Israel Scouts

The Jewish Federation of Collier County, New Hope Ministries, Moorings Park and Temple Shalom present the Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan in three free performances to which all are welcome:

■ **7 p.m. Monday, June 19**, at New Hope Ministries, 7675 Davis Blvd.

■ **2 p.m. Tuesday, June 20**, at Moorings Park, 120 Moorings Park Drive (reservations required as seating is limited; email rbialek@jewishnaples.org).

■ **7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20**, at Temple Shalom, 4630 Pine Ridge Road.

Out of 60,000 Tzofim (Israel Scouts) throughout Israel, only a few dozen are chosen annually for the summer caravans — groups of five girls, five boys and two caravan leaders —

that travel across North America giving performances.

The 16- and 17-year-old students go through extensive interviews and intensive preparation before coming to the U.S. They have proven leadership experience, a broad knowledge of Israeli and Jewish history, a high level of scouting achievement, fluency in English and strong communication skills. Most of all, they have a love for their country and their people and a desire to share that love through their singing, dancing and storytelling.

The Israel Scouts sent its first delegation of seven young people to the U.S. in 1958. ■

Tzofim Friendship Caravan groups consist of five girls and five boys ages 16 and 17.

