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DENVER AREA COUNCIL

Jewish Committee on Scouting

Agenda

January 26, 2012

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah – Parsha: Bo - Hyiam

Last of the plagues during the Exodus.

Interesting wording – lesson about respect.

Chapter 11, verse 5: About the first born Egyptians dying.

Once that happens “and all your servants will come and bow down to me (Moses) and say go, leave. We want you to go. → Chapter 12, Verse 30; And Pharo got up at night, there was a great cry, and he calls to Moshe and Aaron to go. Rashi says that he knew it would be Pharo, but to show respect Moshe says it was the servants.

Lesson on respect.

We’re all playing a role in the bigger scheme of things.

Supervisors that we may not feel deserve respect, do in fact deserve respect.

We must respect ALL of Hashem’s creations; regardless.

Review Minutes from last meeting

No changes; they look fine.

Motion accepted; Seconded; they’re accepted.

Old Business

Training Update -

Chaplain Aide - Next Course in Spring - no update

Nothing new to report. Looking for dates in the Spring. Maybe teach as 2 evenings.

ITOLS - Mike- status update?



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Still trying to find a date; any non-Saturday. Last date interfered with Rabbi's schedule. Campboree an option? Test out instead? Then they'll have the requirements met.

"Boy Scout Barachot" - Greg O's Ticket Project – Update

Rabbi asked for clarification about can be in the barachot so that it is not a profanity to dispose of it. Greg will e-mail a reminder to ask what is halachically OK.

Can the documents be bound books or laminated with instructions to contact us if they're no longer usable so they can be destroyed of properly?

Yes; let's do that instead.

We'll add something that says: "Return to Council office; attention JCOS (Jewish Committee on Scouting)" – Lamine the sheets too.

Greg will bring them in this form to the February meeting.

Jamboree – DAC Jewish delegation

Mike's been in touch with Howard Spielman in Massachusetts about this.

Cost for the DAC delegation may be a lot cheaper because the Denver Contingent will not be observant. If Rabbi arranges transportation to Pittsburgh or Charlotte and they'll get a ride to the Jambo site. Price will be around \$1000 for scouting to participate in Jamboree. (\$800-\$900) ; food, tent, campsite. Still may need to provide gear, et. al. Last time there were 5 Shomer Shabbos troops; about 200 scouts. Call Howard Spielman – 781-806-5450 to work out the details. HASpielman@aol.com ; Shawn will call Howard to see about logistics and what has to be done to support a Shomer Shabbos troop. Mike would like to go as an adult for the Shomer Shabbos troop and will also reach out to Howard about attending with the Shomer Shabbos contingent from Boston. He may be the lead scout.

Dates: July 7th – July 24th.

Scott and Greg will share the responsibility with Shawn for this.

Israel Scouts

Phone: 212-451-6271 caravan@israelscouts.org ; <http://israelscouts.org>

Ask Stuart if he wants to take up the lead on this?

He knows some people and has a connection; let's e-mail him to see if he can follow-up while he's there.



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Klondike

Rabbi's DAT troop is going to Klondike with some boys; and a few parents that are Youth Protection Trained. They have a cabin rented; Sunday AM JD Leonard will have some of the competitions re-run just for the DAT kids. On their own Sunday Afternoon.

Maybe do Tote and Chip training; Wood burning chit? Snow is hit or miss. Geocaching too? Talk to Mark Lymon (ranger) at Peaceful Valley. Call him at 303-440-4040. Call Mark to find out if they have GPS devices or if the scouts need to bring their own.

Going on 18th, 19th, and 20th. Shawn will be there with his brother-in-law who will be the Camp Master. (That's where you check-in);

Also borrow Okpik equipment on Sunday.

Menus figured out; boy led with some help from Stuart for Troop 700. Purchased some new dutch ovens; turkey fryer to boil the water.

Cold weather clothing: Rabbi's been preparing ; has instruction on that from the Scout Handbooks.

Broncos Day for \$1000 sellers

Jim Machamer has been talking with the Bronco's to do this on a Sunday; like Bronco's day. Tour; same prizes; Date not firmed up yet. Rabbi needs to make sure the parents have what they need; they didn't send the form because originally it was scheduled on Saturday. Shawn thinks they should be able to send it in. Maybe some 7th Day Adventists kids that are going too. Good to contact them about the ITOLS stuff as well. That's a District Level thing though which is why communication isn't as strong as it needs to be for this.

New Business

Summer Camp 2012 Kosher Camp opportunities.

Howard Spielman has a suggestion.

July 8th – July 22nd (2 sessions?) – Catskills?

Greg will send instructions to Rabbi on how to set-up Summer Camp for a Troop.



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National Order of the Arrow Conference coming up; no need for Shomer Shabbos group yet because we don't have Shomer Shabbos OA representatives yet. Requirements: 1st Class scout; 15 nights of camping under the stars ; voting. No more than 6 consecutive. Count the 2nd one just the weekend.

Shomer Shabbot Trek for middle of August; Andirondack Mountain Canoe Trip; 5 day, 50 mile canoe trip.

Matt Maranto – Council Campboree September 21-23 in 2012.

He invited the JCOS to sponsor a Saturday afternoon prayer. What are the committees thoughts on this? (Campboree is a small scale jamboree; 3,000 – 4,000 scouts. Next largest single camping event next to Jamboree for the United States. Usually just a district event; but this will be all 7 districts; council wide. Once every 4 years. Will be at PV. – Friday to Sunday. Set-up an Eruv for the troop. Registration costs per scout will be somewhere between \$15-\$25. Will be activities; Friday night to Sunday. Rabbi is not sure that will work ; it's really challenging within the framework of a halachically Kosher troop. Is there a way for us to have some sort of representation of Jewish service if the DAT troop can't go. Maybe Rabbi will take his scouts camping and have another troop join them and observe Shabbat.

Can Troop 1613 and Troop 700 attend and participate so the JCOS can sponsor a Mincha service on Saturday afternoon? If we can't make that work; then we won't try and sponsor a service. This meets with our Committee guidelines of meeting the needs of scouts for every level of observance. Is there something else we can do that doesn't support 1613 and 700 if they don't go, but does expose scouts to Judiasm. Maybe a Havdalah service? Maybe the Kosher scouts come up Saturday night and perform a Havdalah ceremony; camp through Sunday and do activities on Sunday. The LDS will leave Saturday night probably; but this will get other troops a chance to interact. There are two aspects of the Havdalah service.

* What's the Campfire Situation for Saturday night and the time frame so the scouts from 1613 and 700 can join in and have time to set-up camp as well. Maybe we do the Havdalah on Sunday AM? Or a Sunday morning service? "Scouts own" ; in addition to, not in lieu of. Jewish themed scouts own wouldn't have to be a Sunday Shacharit service; so it would be OK. Just not on Shabbat.

Set up Database: Jewish Scouts / Scouters - Shawn

No responses yet from the website. We need to reach out at our district meetings for this. ** Greg needs to e-mail Shawn with Lisa, Zach, and Sam's contact information for the database.

Mike will create a report of the JCOS and what we've accomplished since we've been meeting. Distribute to the District Executives, the Council Executives and District Commissioners.



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Next Meeting: - Date / Time / Location

February 23rd – DAT again – 7-9 ish.

Closing (Scoutmaster's Minute)

Skip because we're running late.