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## DENVER AREA COUNCIL

### **Jewish Committee on Scouting**

Committee Meeting – April 26, 2012

Attendees: Stuart Zipper, Shawn Connelly, Hyiam Reiffman and Greg Ostravich

#### **Opening Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Dvar Torah - Hyiam**

Tazriah Mitzorah – Ritual impurity; leprosy (not really as in English; closest translation); physical form of a spiritual disease. People who have slandered; used words inappropriately. This can manifest in a physical form. Over two Torah portions are details about this physical manifestation. Details about how to purify yourself – isolation? How are you declared pure or impure?

Hyiam – There are some big laws that very little space is dedicated to – e.g. laying Tfillin is very short; but here we have so much detail about it. This is about improper speech. We are role models; same with scouts. We have to be careful what kids say because others pick it up. For example, clear speech, not defaming, no gossiping, et. al. because it's wrong for us to do it and our kids pick it up.

#### **Review Minutes from last meeting**

Minutes OK from last time.

#### **Old Business**

#### **“Boy Scout Barachot” - Greg O’s Ticket Project – Update – Greg / Shawn -**

It's done. Shawn put it onto an 8 ½ x 11 two sided; laminated for camp. Yeah!

Greg will take one to Medicine Man Scout Ranch.

Ellie Marks – the Regional JCOS rep will get a copy from Shawn.

Could we provide a framed copy for display as well as a laminated that people could have access to? Let's table that for another meeting agenda item. Great idea; add it to the chapels.

Maybe we also distribute more copies but not laminated for use at the camp?

Do we need to get a copy of it for the chaplain? Who do we contact?

**Israel Scouts – They will be here July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**

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We have a contract that we need to get back to them.

They have a show they do; it's a co-ed song and dance group.

They do this caravan across the country every year; about a dozen scouts.

This can be done on a council level. How many kids need to be housed? Can we provide non-Kosher meals or do they all keep Kosher? Let's contact them to clarify housing issues with the Scouts. We'll query them. We'll shoot for a performance in the afternoon – maybe a performance at Dick's Sporting Goods as a part of their visit? Shawn will ask; plus see if we can get them to do color guard for the game and then see if we can do a performance somewhere on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Ten total scouts; 5 males, 5 females. Probably 2 chaperones too.

Our deadline for a commitment is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Hyiam will touch base with the DAT administration because of the halachic requirement about women singing in front of men to see if they can participate.

The key is housing requirements since some of the committee cannot host if the scouts are religiously observant.

Note: Greg – add this to our calendar. (done)

We are agreed we will host; we need to figure out what to do about venue and a show if we decide to do that when they come. We could put them up at Peaceful Valley too! The JCC is across from PV.

### **Broncos Day for \$1000 sellers – update: Shawn**

Hyiam will contact the Broncos to schedule the tour.

### **Jamboree (Jul 7-24, 2013) Update – anyone?**

Scott and Greg's troop (92) still going great. Second meeting went well.

Mike will contact someone on the East coast about a Shomer Shabbos contingent.

### **Council Camporee (PV, Sep 21-23, 2012) – update – anyone?**

Greg's unit will go; talk to Tina Meyers at DAC. Scott can't make it because of his Wood Badge program at Philmont; we want to make sure we have a minyan if Hyiam's troop goes.

### **Troop 1613 – Second Court of Honor – Congratulations to the new Tenderfoots Scout!**

LA Kinnus – look at the stuff they've done for ideas for our next Kinnus. May 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Two nights; 3 days; \$60 per person; 5 Kosher meals.

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**Data Base Update – Jewish Scouts/Scouters – Cover next time**

**Fundraising for the Denver Jewish Contingent?**

Cover next time

**Training Update – We are good; paperwork went through. Hyiam is trained for every LDS position.**

**Next Meeting: - Date / Time / Location ; 5/24/2012 – 6:30 PM.**

**Closing (Scoutmaster's Minute) – Shawn – Sleeping well. Two major bodies of water; Sea of Gallilee – very lush. The other is the Dead Sea; nothing green; no life. All fed by the Jordan River. For every gallon that flows into the Sea of Gallilee flows out too; it takes and gives. The Dead Sea takes all water because of location; it stagnates and dies. Two kinds of people; those always giving; those always taking. Always try to give to your scouts.**

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