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Jewish Committee on Scouting

Minutes

11/29/12

Attendees: Hyiam, Scott, Stuart, Shawn, Mike (via Skype) and Greg

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah – Vayishlach – Hyiam

When Jacob was headed back to Esav – Rashi asked why it's important that Jacob was sharing that ; "I lived there with Esav, a non observant person, but kept the 613 commandments. He was able to follow the right path. Whether it was that bad influence or your bad influence I'll still follow G-d and do what's right. So even with the distractions about the bad things that happened in the past; let's do what's right and be steadfast.

Review Minutes from last meeting: Corrections noted: Spelling of Chanukah, and 2 hr 50min timing for Kinus. – Corrected and accepted.

Old Business

Jamboree 2013

Updates? Payments current? – Yes.

Hurricane Sandy Registration Impacts? Impacted NJ Shomer Shabbos Contingent.

Fall Kinus

Publicity – flyer was at Frontier Roundtable. Other R/Ts? Yes

Other Publicity? Yes – other Troop scout coming.

Program - Agenda

Religious award workshops –

1 hour? 30 minutes? Alternate activity needs to be created too. Same awards as last time: Greg will do Ner Tamid again; Shawn did the Cubbies (Macabee Award); Hyiam taught the Aleph; Scott taught the Etz Chaim. See if Zach and maybe Geoff can help with an alternate activity too. Maybe show the Jewish Denver History video instead so the scouts could participate in the award if they haven't started that yet. Stuart also mentioned a video about Jewish contributions to the Arts.

Hyiam said that Sunday morning there will be a Youth Program that ends by 9:45 AM and then there will be a football game. Should work well with our activity to not have any



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conflicts. Multipurpose room would work for us for the food. Cleaning crew will work Saturday night. If it's not clean we'll all chip-in to get it ready. Use the camp stove with the double-boiler for warming up the latkes. Picking up Gelt. Still need Sufganiot; King Soopers? Shawn will use the JCOS letter-head to request a discount. Register for Kinnus on Double Knot if you haven't! Have to coordinate the time to go shopping– Shawn and Hyiam will do that.

Religious award presentations

Certificate of Appreciation for Gavriel Asher Reiffman? Shawn has it.

Games finalized? Stuart will try and get the materials for the game finalized before he goes out of town. Need a speaker too – Rabbi Engel?

Food (Latkes & Donuts) – Shawn and Hyiam are handling these.
Cost : \$7

Final Patch design: Menorah or Chanukiah? Shawn has coordinated with the supplier and it will be a Chanukiah.

P/T 1613 Volunteer Staffing.

New Blood? Ryan Camire & Son? – New in the community; found Mike on the web somewhere and pinged Mike. He hasn't contacted Shawn or Hyiam yet. Ryan's son is old enough to be a Tiger but maybe we need to roll him into a Wolf den. Stuart has another Tiger cub for the same den. Let's follow-up to see if he can join us. Mike will re-forward that e-mail to Hyiam.

Camporee – Greg ran into John Grace; the idea of supporting DAT came from discussions around Wood Badge at either the breakfast or from being on course. Dana and others appreciative.

Chaplain's Aide training? Not mentioned at the last meeting for Jamboree and wasn't mentioned at the Contingent Dinner; another call coming up Tuesday Follow-up with Mike if they meet about this to let him know. Scott will mention it at the next Jamboree Conference call; Mike will give Amy McNeil a heads-up on that. She's the committee chair for the course. The next call is Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30 AM. If she contacts Jim Blair he'll put her on the call so she can present. Scott can give her the information for the call, but Jim has to put her on the agenda. FYI: Scott and Greg's Jamboree Troop Number is C207.

New Business

JTE Progress – "Journey to Excellence" – Mike reminded folks to close that out; Council will push it over the next month. This is the replacement for the "Quality Unit" award from the last few years. Shawn advises that Council needs e-mail addresses of registered adult scouters. Need 60%. Ping Sue Boot to see if they have your e-mail registered; that's part of the criteria. Scott is doing the "Friends of Scouting" – now known as "Investment in Character"



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presentations; have your Unit have Scott come out. Contact Scott to have him come to your troop.

IR for BMH-BJ – Loretta Cawelti was the IR at BMH and was the Executive Director – no longer there.

Shawn said on a related note that they've been meeting with Levy Brackman at Judaism of the Foothills to see if we can put together a Venture Crew. That's an Evergreen congregation. Hyiam said there's a connection to DAT and that Levy worked at DAT.

Maybe we should recruit some kids (even 14 or 15 is a good age where they can really click even though they are closer to 18)

Next Meeting: - Date / Time / Location: Thursday, December 20th ; 7:30 PM.

Note: Try Google Hangout to see if that works OK; we'll use that and video. We'll create a Hangout for that.

Closing – Scoutmaster's Minute – Mike – This week's and last week's Parshas were about working 7 years only to get the wrong wife; working another 7 years for the desired wife; then working for years to build up his herds; went to see his brother, his brother asks how he is doing? He says well, comfortable – he was satisfied with what he had. Esau was perhaps wealthier, but was looking for more, but Jacob was content – his perseverance in the face of adversity had borne success. Like a scout working on his eagle - it doesn't happen overnight. Perseverance is what it's all about.

Thanks for all you do and have a great Chanukah.