



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

## DENVER AREA COUNCIL

### Jewish Committee on Scouting

2015-01-22

#### Attendees:

Shawn Connelly – Present  
Greg Ostravich - Present  
Mike Shapiro – On-line  
Hyiam Reiffman - Present  
Stuart Zipper - Present  
David Reynolds - Present

#### Opening

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah – Hyiam

Bo – Plagues during the Exodus. Eighth plague. Connects how we will go with your young and old and the connection between the beginning and end of the verse. A lesson on life; how the ideal should be. The Youth follow the Elders eagerly in a way they want to learn from the Elders. The leaders welcome them and take them along. That's the holiday and the celebration because that's the way of life. The youth learn from the elders and they pass on the heritage. What a great way to relate to the scouting world. Programs are youth led but the adult leaders guide and pull the children along so that they can determine what they want to do in the program. Connection between Judaism, the Parshe, and scouting.

Review November 2014 meeting minutes – (Minutes posted on web Page, no meeting in December) – Any corrections? Moved to accept (Hyiam); Dave (seconded) – minutes approved.

#### Old Business -

##### Eagle Scouts

Recognition certificates – re-signed by Mike. Delivered? – Shawn brought them.

Looks great. Greg will get Zach his, and get Scott Geoff's at Round Table.

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Eagle projects in progress / pending.

Gavriel Asher Reiffman – update Hyiam – School stuff ; family trip to Israel ; Hyiam will prod him.

Mayer Reynolds– Last Sunday Mayer went to the Jewish War Veterans Meeting and spoke with James Barnard about the project. They're going through some changes and the Temple is going through a reconstruction. They agreed with the project and Mayer will get an Eagle Advisor for Centennial District. (Gary Musolet?) ; This project will be a continuation of Gavriel Asher's project. Mayer will follow-up with Gaveriel Asher. Hoping JCOS can help volunteer to do the project. Memorial Day – the Sunday before is Shavuot so that could be an issue. Maybe the week before? Could even be the Sunday before Shavuot or the Friday before Memorial Day in the morning/afternoon.

Council Camporee –Autumn 2015 -

**Update – Hyiam – No updates since the last discussion with Randy Bruns.**

Commissary would belong to the DAT Troop; not the Venture crew looking for a secluded area.

Lock box on the door; need a solar powered light or battery powered LED that's left on over Shabbat to light up the lock box.

National Jamboree – 2017 Update (anyone?) – Shawn will staff. Bruce Steiger is the Chairman of the Jewish Activities around the Jambo. Don't know who is heading up the Shomer Shabbos contingent. Shawn will support the Jewish contingent if he can. Greg will be a PASM mentor for the Denver Contingent. Dave Reynolds will help Greg with the Jambo booth and we'll get Mayer there too. What about sponsorship / scholarship? Can we get maybe a local religious organization to sponsor? Can we do it with King Sooper's Cards for the fund raising? Let's look at a way to help fund Gavriel Asher and Mayer's Jambo trip.

### New Business

JCOS succession planning – Mike/Shawn ; Need something more formal. Shawn has been filling in. As a staff advisor he can't be the person to fill that slot. Hyiam is willing to be the vice-chair. Mike will continue as chair. A more familiar structure helps.

Meeting Frequency – Continue monthly? Stuart suggestions we don't want to scale back to bi-monthly because that means we're scaling back on programming. Is the Camporee activity enough? Do we need another program that's centered around the JCOS? For Camporee will we put something on around Judaism? A booth and the scouts lead that? What's our staffing look like? For next month let's plan a discussion and invite the

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youth to plan a booth for the Scouts at Camporee that teaches about Judaism. Stuart suggests we need to find more Jewish Adults to volunteer and get more of the Jewish kids involved with JCOS activities. Maybe we put announcements out at the District Round Tables and have Jewish scouts interested in planning and staffing an event contact the JCOS. We'll meet again next month because with Camporee we have enough to fill our agenda. So let's keep meeting every month. Could we have non Shomer Shabbos scouts staff a booth during Shabbat? We can't ask them to do it; but if it's structured so anybody can staff it. Also we need to look at our numbers for a Minyan. September 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. The Shomer Shabbos kids will go up on Thursday and set up the Eruv and prepare for Shabbat. Hopefully the active boys and Hyiam will give us half. Shawn makes 6. Mayer and Dave Reynolds are 7 and 8. If Stuart can get there that's 9. Let's get the word out now. Do we want to put the word out asking for kids that are interested in forming a part of a Camporee Shomer Shabbat contingent? Have kids join the contingent. Kids can be flexible and just stop by too. Need Adult Leaders too; put that in the round table flyer too. Shawn Connelly will put together a flyer for Round Tables as well as get other info out through council. Shabbaton in conjunction with Council Camporee. Offer programming for the participants too. Concurrent programming for non observant participants? Come for services; come for Oneg; whatever you can do. There may be a Torah scroll written on Deer Skin that Mike Shapiro knows about. Mike may see if we can buy it. Mike will fill us in on it. That'd be great to have for our service. Draft by Monday from Shawn; if it looks OK we'll have it for the next round tables. Greg – Arapahoe District; Dave – Centennial District; Hyiam – Frontier; Stuart – Valley District (first Tuesday – Commerce City)? / Lakewood – First Thursday – Timberline District.

National Committee moving along with the Chaplain Training Program that Denver created becoming a BSA standard. May do something with this at the Fall Camporee as well.

Scout Show – booth for the JCOS? – Shawn will reserve that for us.

Next Meeting: - Date / Time / Location ?? February 26<sup>th</sup> 7-8 at DAT.

Closing (Scoutmaster's Minute) – Mike

Parshe – “This month will be for you the first of the months of the year.” ; Kiddush Hakodesh; Sanctification of the New Moon – first commandment to the Jewish Nation as a whole. One of only three commandments the Greeks prohibited. The other two were Shabbos and Brit Milah. Rosh Hodesh is essential. Everybody makes mistakes; when a person feels guilty he sees himself as a failure. In order to avoid this, we have to realize we can always reset. Start over again.

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