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Jewish Committee on Scouting

Agenda 11/30/17

Attendees: Mike Shapiro, Hyiam Reiffman, Greg Ostravich, Shawn Connelly

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance - done

Dvar Torah – Hyiam

Parshe: Vayishla - Jacob approaches Esau; says living with Lavan; The numerical value of the word “I lived” (garte) is 613 which is the number of commandments. Garti may not have been a mitzvah keeper but he could still follow the Torah when living with Garti. He’s done this before; and can do it again. Can survive in a different environment and follow the Torah. Jewish scouting is a drop in the pond; observant scouting is even smaller; as long as you know you can make it work. Yakov made it work. Strong in your beliefs you can be yourself and make it work. Be Prepared and you’ll be fine.

Review Oct meeting minutes. – No objections; minutes approved.

Old Business

Unit status

T1613 – people missed the meeting; need to try it again.

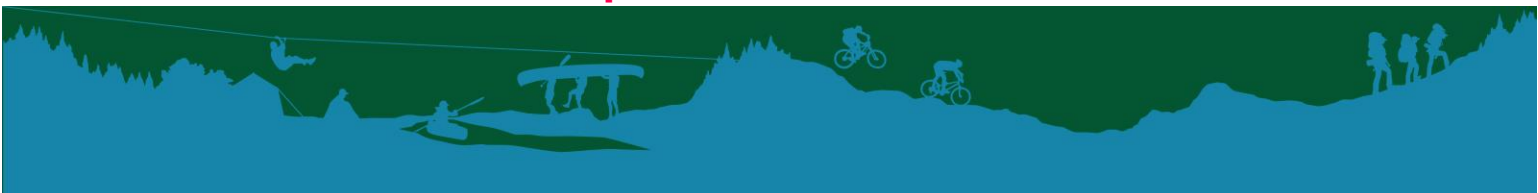
Reactivation status - P1613?

Need parents to take on leadership roles; needs involvement.

Eagle Scout candidates –progress / status updates?

Sam needs 2 nights of camping for the Camping Merit Badge, has a requirement on E-Prep; needs E-Science and maybe Communications.

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Programs – Next Kinus – Purim Theme – Doing what is right.

February 17th, 18th, and 19th (Drive up Saturday night; camp Saturday Night, Sunday Night, and do stuff Monday too.

We'll stay in Ft. Laramie which is near Shooting Sports. The women will stay at Gilwell Hall.

Should we put the word out that we're doing this? Open it up to Council?

Open it up to the Districts? See if Johnny Cordova wants to join us that weekend.

To Do: Shawn will follow up with the camp for reservations, (camping, shooting sports) and getting the event posted to the calendar as a Jewish event.

Do Sunday night as our "Purim Festival"

Costumes? – let's mull this over; maybe we'll do this.

Food? Not enough gear from DAT to cook for a large group.

Jewish Committee will register special so we'll have enough for the JCOS but each group will need to be responsible for their own food.

Games?

Hamentaschen (in Dutch ovens?)?

Grogger making? Use supplies on-hand; *Pioneering? Pine cones or pebbles in a container. Clackers? Use Scout Craft and Pioneering skills to create groggers (noise makers)

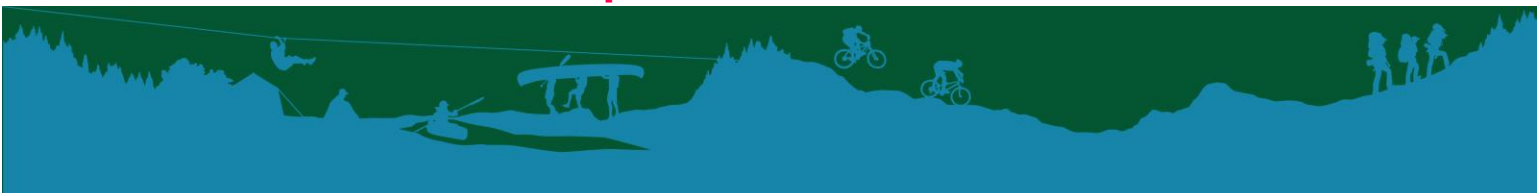
Read the Megillah – not the whole thing.

Talk about the story in English first. Then read some of the story that includes Haman so we can use our groggers.

Time for Religious Knot Study for those interested; ask on the sign-up form for which knot they want to earn.

Stepping up and doing the right thing; talk about how Esther had to talk to the King but it could have cost her her life. Loyalty, Trustworthy, et. al. **Greg – TODO: Put together a talk on how the Purim story matches up with Scouting.**

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Shooting at the range.

Tentative Schedule:

Saturday Night – set-up Camp

Halvdalah – Even though observant scouts had done it. Stories that bridge the transition from Holy to Mundane.

Campfire? It's on the other side of camp; still might do this.

Campfire Skits. BYOS (Bring Your Own Skit)

Cracker barrel

Bed time

Sunday Morning

Daven – (If Minyan do specific service)

Breakfast

Safety Class for Shooting

Shooting

Break for Lunch back at our Camp Site

Another round of Shooting

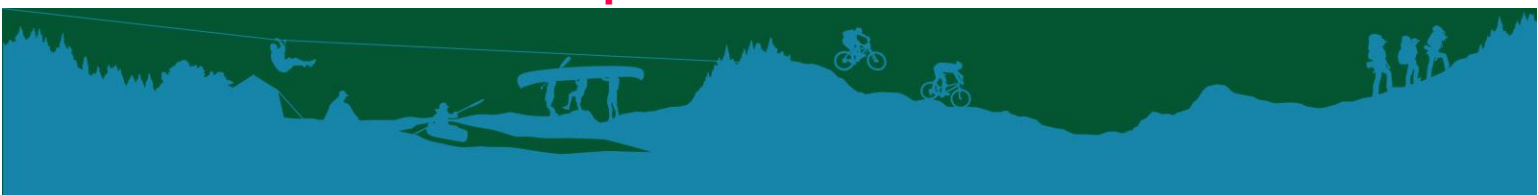
Mincha service (15 minutes before sunset at the latest so this time should work)

Cooking Hamantaschen (Prep the cookies, the Fire pit for the Dutch Oven) – Hyiam will check kashrut around multiple dutch ovens touching that are parve, diary, and meat. We could use the Gilwell kitchen for food prep. Shawn will ask for use of the kitchen (when he reserves Gilwell Hall we're good)

Make our Groggers

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Eat our Hamantaschen – Why on all other nights do we eat regular cookies but today we have triangle shaped ones?

Dinner

Maariv Service

Religious Knot Training at the new Conference Center

Monday

Daven (Shacharit)

Breakfast

Break Camp

Depart

Everything needs to be nailed down by December 31st which gives us a month lead time.

Publicity: No change. No marketing until we firm up our programs.

Religious awards

Etz Chaim - Aaron Levin T645, (Laverne Poturalski Unit Chaplain)

Status update – Greg – TODO for Greg – Check on Aaron's status.

Ner Tamid (?) CJ Mays says her Scout has downloaded the forms and is working with his Rabbi

Succession Planning – No change. Greg to assume Chair in Winter.

Shooting activity – @PV? MLK weekend (Sun-Mon) update anyone? → Moved to Purim Kinnus.

Recent changes to membership allowing females Scouts – status update

Female Dens and Male Dens

Next year after that: Male Patrols and Female Patrols.

Need leadership for YPT.

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JCOS Program @ Philmont in Summer 2018? - update / discussion

The Event is in July; Greg needs to follow-up again and cc: Shawn to see what the details are and how to sign-up. Question: Scholarship opportunity? TODO: Greg needs to contact Kathy Craig or Dave Whitner to see if the Denver Council has availability for that. Start with Dave.

New Business –

National JCOS Israel trip – general discussion – any interest?

During Spring Break on the East Coast – when the Jewish schools are out.

Not enough vacation time; looks like we won't be able to this year.

Calendar Planning for next year? Shawn will work with them for that.

Next Meeting? - Date / Time / Location ??

December 21st – 6 PM at DAT.

Closing (Scoutmasters Minute) – Mike

Esau's guardian angel; pick a fight with Yaakov. Why Yaakov and not Abraham or Isaac? Abraham represented acts of loving-kindness and obedience to God. Isaac represented Service to God, Prayer and Offerings. These are two pillars on which Judaism stands. Yaakov represented Torah, The third pillar, Torah, is the most crucial one for carrying out the Jews mission on Earth. The person who would rather do acts of kindness instead of sitting down to learn; then they think of all the things they have to do and have strayed. They need to stay focused, study, and live a more Torah focused life.

Summary of "TO DO" activities.

Shawn will follow up with the camp for reservations, (camping, shooting sports) and getting the event posted to the calendar as a Jewish event.

Greg will put together a talk on how the Purim story matches up with Scouting.

Greg needs to contact Kathy Craig or Dave Whitner to see if the Denver Council has funding availability to support a DAC JCOS attendee at Philmont this summer. Start with Dave.

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