



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

## DENVER AREA COUNCIL

July 25, 2019

Location:

156 S Poplar Street  
Denver, CO 80230

Attendees:

Name	Present
Ariella Wells (remote)	No
Shawn Connelly	Yes
Dave Reynolds	Last minute schedule conflict – won't be here
Greg Ostravich	Yes
Jenna Wilkin	Yes
Joe Black	No – At World Jambo
Mike Shapiro	Yes
Harel Erez	No
Rebecca (Riky) Erez	No
Sonya Lipman	No

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### Parshat Balak (Numbers 22:2-25:9)

#### *Summary:*

Miriam and Aaron die; Moses and the Israelites must fight the Edomites, Canaanites, Emorites, and Amorites to continue toward's G-d's Promised Land. Each time G-d helps the children of Israel win. Balak, the king of Moab, summons the prophet Balaam to curse the people of Israel. On the way, Balaam is berated by his donkey, who

sees, before Balaam does, the angel that G-d sends to block their way. Three times, from three different vantage points, Balaam attempts to pronounce his curses; each time, blessings issue forth instead. Balaam also prophesies on the end of the days and the coming of Moshiach.

The people fall prey to the charms of the daughters of Moab, and are enticed to worship the idol Peor. When a high-ranking Israelite official publicly takes a Midianite princess into a tent, Pinchas kills them both, stopping the plague raging among the people.

*This wasn't commentary but was interesting and I found it while researching commentary so I'll read this instead:*

The story is told of Napoleon walking through the streets of Paris one Tisha B'av (the 9th day of the Hebrew month of Av, a day of fasting and mourning for the destruction of the two Temples). As his entourage passed a synagogue he heard wailing and crying coming from within; he sent an aide to inquire as to what had happened. The aide returned and told Napoleon that the Jews were in mourning over the loss of their Temple. Napoleon was indignant! "Why wasn't I informed? When did this happen? Which Temple?" The aide responded, "They lost their Temple in Jerusalem on this date 1700 years ago." Napoleon stood in silence and then said, "Certainly a people which has mourned the loss of their Temple for so long will

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survive to see it rebuilt!"

### Review June Meeting Minutes – Approved

#### Unit Status

Aish / HEA / Temple Sinai Update – Greg reached out to Michaela. Michaela is gone (July 12<sup>th</sup>) so we'll find a new contact. Tobin Truslow is the current contact.

Mike: No update but will talk to BMH about resurrecting a Pack. Denver Jewish Day School maybe too (DJDS) at Iliff & Wabash. Was Denver Campus of Jewish Education.

1613 – Jenna has been on her own; is stepping away from the unit. We need to find a local Pack she can plug into instead. Maybe Temple Emanuel in the Fall?

1874 – Greg reached out to Zach Rolf and Michaela. Will be meeting in August. Also Jenna would be willing to help out with Emanuel.

#### Programs:

Scout Shabbat (Observant Shabbos) at Council Camporee. – September 20-22, 2019. – Still interested? Where should we do this? -- Table until we have a unit to sponsor it.

#### Joint activities with Troop 120:

- Do we want to plug any units into their activities?
  - Troop 120 August Campout at Buckley - sounds good; still interested. Do they need help?
  - Troop 120 Thanksgiving Campout - sounds good; still interested. (Weekend following Thanksgiving)
- Let's put this on hold for now too. Maybe if we resurrect a pack or troop. Jenna may do an activity with Troop 120 and her family.

**Passover Patches?** Update? No; follow-up next month. Shawn has been busy with some things; was out on medical leave.

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### DAC Jewish Eagles

- Sammy Strear - Eagle update? Mike spoke to his dad; completed his Eagle Project but needs to do the write-up. Did the project with the athletes families or George Washington. He might have all merit badges but possibly one.

### Council Camporee for 2019 at PV - Updates (9/20-9/22)

- Same set-up as last time but this may vary based on headcount.
- We'll need to have the eruv set-up - let's see if we can include the campsite. Same as last time. Poles are in the trailer. Pull out the patrol boxes.
- Eruv includes the campsite we can go back and forth.
- Shul in the Commissary again.
- We need to nail down the activities, the times/agenda, the kosher food, et. al. Services Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday Afternoon and Evening, Kosher meals.
- What badges? (defer decision based on headcount)
- Siblings? Parents sleeping in tents?
- Archery? Shabbat restrictions but we can watch, then we can do stuff on Sunday we couldn't do on Saturday. Like the firing range for example.
- Greg needs to reach out to Tim Davies to discuss what we can have on Sunday. – Mike heard there will be shooting on Sunday.
- Camporee Pin -
  - 10 Commandments? (Tablets)
  - Samples from other pins to show the scouts
  - Chaim design? Yes; still interested.
  - Greg e-mailed David Short about the Jambo pin manufacturer. – Passed on to Shawn. Quality Lapel Pins. If we make 100 pins it would be around \$200. DAC could kick in 100; maybe we all kick-in \$25 to make the difference.
  - Could do a Nature Hike. Question: Backpacks OK? Probably not. We need to follow up with that. Watches OK; something on a necklace. Allergies stuff OK. Maybe somebody not observant can carry?

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- Shawn – post Jewish Observant Camping registration? Will get this for next time; needs to update what's already there. How do we get our numbers? Survey? Plug-in to the existing registration. Ask people to register with 1613. Should we reach out to Mark Zoller to promote? We'll reach out to those that sign up 1613.
  - Shabbos Dinner Friday Night in Commissary
  - Light breakfast at the campsite
  - Kiddush Luncheon
  - Cholent for Lunch
  - Mincha / Shalashudes / Havdalah – Sunday Shacharit.
  - Coldcuts or Shalshudes

### Shooting Event –

Plan shooting Event. Early August; we'll follow-up next month to lock down some dates. Potential locations: PV or the Cherry Creek Reservoir Range. My suggestion is Cherry Creek so we don't need RSOs and Instructors. Greg could take Lisa's car and has a State Park Pass for some.

### Last Month's TODO items – Updates:

Shawn

- Correct May Minutes – even vs event - DONE
- Check records of what we charged for the last Camporee

Greg

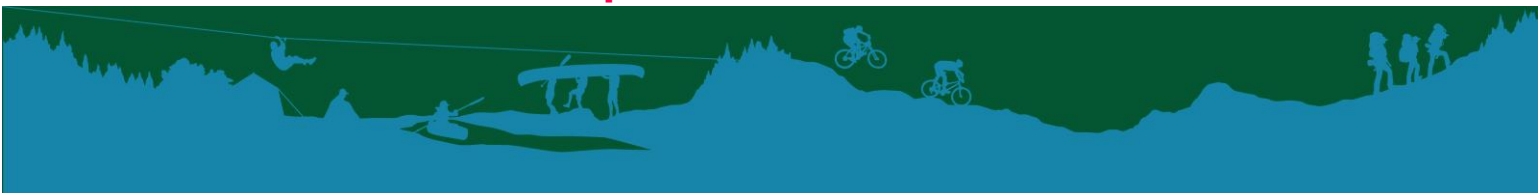
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### Next Meeting:

August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM here at Jenna's? FYI: Greg will be out of town; somebody else could take over? Pick a different date? I could do August 22<sup>nd</sup> or September 5<sup>th</sup>.

August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM at Jenna's again.

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### Scoutmaster Minute

A collection of quotes to consider:

Eleanor Roosevelt: No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

Albert Einstein: We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them

Unknown: If you always do what you always did, you'll always get what you always got.

Franklin Roosevelt: Never underestimate a man who overestimates himself.

Abraham Lincoln: Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.

Abraham Lincoln: Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.

Menander: The character of a man is known from his conversations.

Jack London: A bone to the dog is not charity. Charity is the bone shared with the dog, when you are just as hungry as the dog.

Eddie Rickenbacker: Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared.

John Wayne: Courage is being scared to death - but saddling up anyway.

Mark Twain: Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear - not absence of fear.

Ralph Waldo Emerson: A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is braver five minutes longer.

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