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## DENVER AREA COUNCIL

January 30, 2020 - Agenda

Location:

Jenna Wilkin's House

Address is 156 South Poplar St. Denver CO 80230

Attendees:

Name	Present
Ariella Wells (remote)	No
Shawn Connelly	Yes
Dave Reynolds	Yes
Greg Ostravich	Yes
Jenna Wilkin	Yes
Joe Black	No
Mike Shapiro	Yes
Harel Erez	No
Rebecca (Riky) Erez	No
Sonya Lipman	No

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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**Previous Minutes – Vote on Approval of September 2019 minutes – Approved.**

**Parsha for this week: Bo - Exodus 10:1 - 13:16**

This parsha covers the last three plagues. Locusts, Darkness, and death of the first-born. The first mitzvah or commandment of G-d was that of a lunar calendar. Bo means “come” as in come to the Pharaoh with me. It was referring to Moses and Aaron coming before the Pharaoh with G-d and telling him to let my people go or G-d will bring an additional plague to Egypt. G-d was with Moses and Aaron to break Pharaoh.

Lubavitcher Rebbe’s interpretation of this parsha delves into a discussion about how before Pharaoh was crushed, God redeemed whatever good there was in Egypt. Non-Jews who wished to accompany the Jews could do so, and the Jews took with them an abundance of material wealth. Only when nothing of redeeming value remained in Egypt did God deal the crushing blow.

Similarly, the aim of all our Godly work during our present exile is to elevate whatever we can from the material world. When this process is complete, whatever is too spiritually coarse to be adopted into holiness will be eliminated and the world will be free to pursue Divinity unhindered by opposing forces.

In our own personal lives, as we undergo our own individual redemptions—which will collectively lead to the ultimate, general redemption—we must also follow this dual process of elevation and elimination. This means that we must distinguish between those aspects of our lives that are in essence "neutral" and can be elevated into holiness and those that cannot. For example, someone who feels the pull of desire toward something the Torah forbids has to distinguish between the *power* of desire itself—which can and must be reoriented toward holiness—and the forbidden *object* of his desire—which he must eliminate from his life.

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**Discuss the JCOS Annual Report Covering 2018 and 2019 – anything missing or needs correction?**

Here is a link to the report:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cnklcmx45pTpKFnbJdal9ns9XwszbKWC6Xss0GgS0eM/edit?usp=sharing>

OK as is; board agrees with the report.

### **Follow-up on gear at BMH: (Mike)**

Was missing items from last time – re-adding here.

BMH had the gear; mostly Cub Scout stuff; Pinewood Derby kits.

Nothing that needs to come back to council or for re-use.

**Discuss support for Cub Day Camp – At Colorado Adventure Point; various dates for various districts. Two will be done on the Western Slope (Majestic Mesa District (excl GJ & North of I-70) and the Three Rivers District (Craig, Steamboat, Yampa); the others at CAP. Not sure what we need to do to support that; Kathy Craig was the Activities director and she went to National and is in Texas. Once that happens, we'll revisit to see what we can do.**

**FYI: Arapahoe & Pioneer Trails and PV are the Black Feather District. Part of Arapahoe went to Centennial. Gateway and Timberline combined to become the Alpine District. Re-aligned by School District boundaries. Cherry Creek moved to Centennial District. Douglas County and Elbert a lit bit of Littleton went to Black Feather.**

**Sammy Strear finished his Eagle BOR; didn't know if they did an Eagle COH. Mike will ask about the Eagle Certificate for JCOS. We need to print and get it to him.**

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**Status of Sinai and pairing them up with Emanuel? Need to follow-up with Cesar. → Cesar left and now I need to follow-up with Alberto Rodriguez. Alberto.Rodriguez@scouting.org**

**Greg will work with the JCOS Regional contacts.**

Start planning a Sukkot activity for the JCOS in 2020.

Time – Date – Location are the first order of Business.

Location Options:

- CAP - Bring pioneering poles and build a Sukkah at CAP? (Then we can use the location for other activities including GaGa for the kids.)
- DAT –
- Children’s Hospital – DJDS builds one too.
- BMH/BJ too

Maybe we overnight and do activities in the morning? We’ll continue to discuss that and decide.

With Yontiff that weekend and Yom Kippur the previous weekend let’s push this out and do a Chanukkah Kinus instead.

Chanukah – December 13<sup>th</sup> (a Sunday) would work.

Shawn will see if we can get CAP for the venue.

Activities:

Kitchen – make Latkes

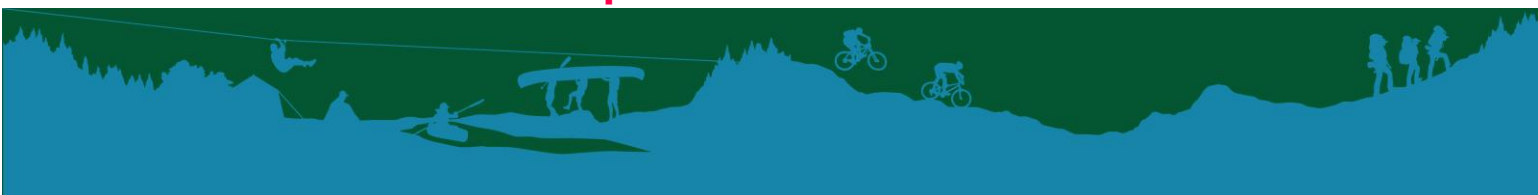
Bring Dreidels

Bring Menorah, Candles, and Lighter

Play GaGa

Make a Menorah -

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- Use Shell casings for candle holders - .380, 9 mm, all around the same diameter – Greg will collect those. Use 9 MM for most; a .38 for the Shamash.
- Can't use a wood base; we'll need to use metal because the shell casing gets hot and can catch wood on fire.
- We have a welding lab – let's weld them to a piece of metal as an activity. – need a copper, aluminum, or brass base.
- Metal 12 Gauge case would work too; use it with a Shabbat candle for the Shamash. – Tell Sam to collect some casings for this.

Religious Award

Sopapillas instead of donuts

Supermarkets have a kosher Sopapilla mix

Get the kettle or a dutch oven on the burner

Get the burner

Get oil

**Next Meeting: February 27<sup>th</sup> (last Thursday) – 7 PM @ Jenna's House**

### Scoutmaster Minute

Positive Attitude:

A good positive attitude can truly change the way you approach life, and your future. Let me illustrate with a short story.

A few years ago, there was a wildlife organization out west that offered a bounty of \$5000 for captured wolves.

Two friends, Sam and Jed, decided to make their fortune. Day and night, they scoured the mountains and forests looking for their valuable prey.

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Exhausted one night, after searching for many days with no luck, they fell asleep dreaming of their potential fortune.

Suddenly, Sam woke up a bit startled, and saw that they were surrounded by a huge pack of nearly 70 wolves with searing black eyes, and bared teeth. Low growls rumbling from their throats.

He slowly reached over and nudged his friend and said "Jed, wake up."

"I think we're rich!"

Sam had a positive attitude. I hope you do, too.

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