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DENVER AREA COUNCIL

April 30, 2020, 6:30 PM - Minutes

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Attendees:

Name	Present
Shawn Connelly	Present
Dave Reynolds	
Greg Ostravich	Present
Jenna Wilkin	
Joe Black	
Mike Shapiro	Present

Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Minutes – Vote on Approval of February 2020 minutes – Approved.

Parsha for this week:

Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim (Leviticus 16-20)

Following the deaths of Nadav and Avihu G-d warns against unauthorized entry “into the holy.” Only one person, the kohen gadol (“high priest”), may – but once a year on Yom Kippur – enter the innermost chamber in the Sanctuary to offer the sacred ketoret to G-d.

This parsha begins with the statement “You shall be holy, for I, the L-rd your G-d, am holy.” It goes into details about the sacrifice ritual and what the high priest can wear, and includes prohibitions against idolatry, the mitzvah of charity, the principle of

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equality before the law, Shabbat, sexual morality, honesty in business, and awe of one's parents, and the sacredness of life.

It also includes the dictum "Love your fellow as yourself" to which Rabbi Akiva said this is the entire Torah and the rest is commentary when challenged to teach the whole Torah to someone while they were standing on one foot.

One thing I wanted to highlight in this parsha we also talk about during Yom Kippur:

Then Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and sending it away into the wilderness by means of someone designated for the task.

One goat is sacrificed, but this goat sent into the wilderness is the "scapegoat"

This is interesting for a few reasons; the etymology of this phrase, the thought that our missed actions (Al Heit or "Missed the Mark" an archery term – we don't really use the word "sin" here) for the community are put on this goat, and that in some cultures the Jews have been the scapegoat themselves. From biblical days to modern times I found this interesting, and never thought about it before, and wanted to share this thought.

Old Business:

Status of Sinai and pairing them up with Emanuel? Greg still needs to follow-up with Alberto Rodriguez. Alberto.Rodriguez@scouting.org ; still hasn't done that yet.

Greg will work with the JCOS Regional contacts. – Still need to do this.

Start looking in August just because of the uncertainty around the Covid-19 situation.

Start planning our Chanukah activity for December 13th.

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

Let's do 10 AM – 1 PM.

Location Options:

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- CAP
- DAT
- BMH/BJ

Chanukah – December 13th (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 -

- 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.

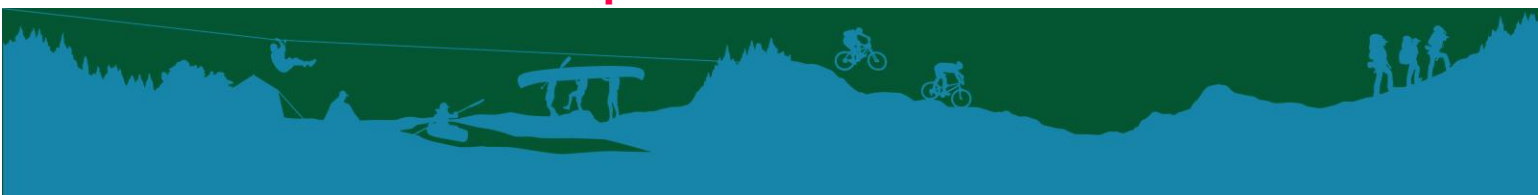
Religious Award

Sopaipilla instead of donuts

Supermarkets have a kosher Sopapilla mix

Get the kettle or a Dutch oven on the burner

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Get the burner

Get oil

Discussed this year's religious knots – award needs to be announced later. – Greg will get the link and begin filling that out.

<https://www.scouting.org/resources/relationships/shofar-award/>

Next Meeting: May 28th (last Thursday) at 6:30 PM –

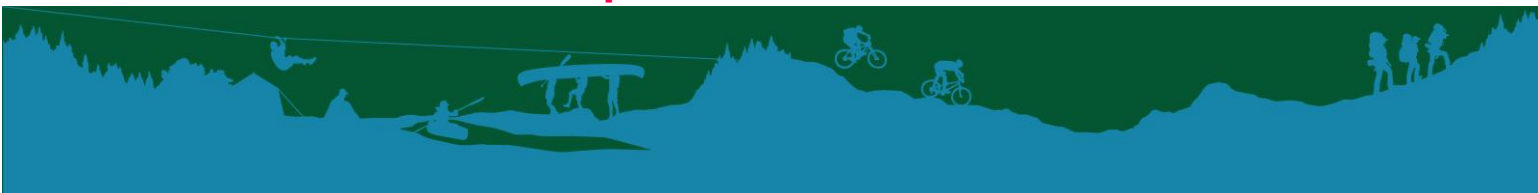
This is erev Shavuot – is that going to be OK? Yes; because it won't be dark.

Scoutmaster Minute

I Used to Work in a Zoo

When I was 16 I discovered that having a job would be of great value to me. It would be of value because I could buy gas for my car, pay for my clothes, etc. The problem with being 16 and wanting a job is finding one. Luckily my dad knew the caretaker at the zoo and he asked him if they needed any help. He said to send me down for an interview. The very next day I went to the zoo and met him in his office. There we talked for a while and finally he told me he had a job that he thought I could do. He told me to follow him and we went through a series of tunnels and alleys (employee entrance) until we emerged by the gorilla cage. I noticed that the cage was empty. He pointed to the cage and began to explain that the gorilla Mabel was getting very old and had just yesterday gotten sick and had to be taken to the vet. Mabel was one of the feature attractions at the zoo and the kids just loved to see her. Mabel never did much but sit on the branch of that big tree and held onto the rope that was hanging down. He went on to say that he had a gorilla suit I could wear if I would be interested in sitting on the branch for 4 hours at a time. It sounded good to me so I told him I would.

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The next day I went to the zoo, put on the gorilla suit and climbed into the cage. I sat on the branch holding the rope and soon there was a crowd of children pressing their faces to the bars. About an hour passed and I began to get into this gorilla stuff. I would grab the rope and swing across the cage. The kids thought it was great so I started swinging higher and higher. In the next cage there was a lion and he was becoming irritated by my antics and began to pace his cage and roar. I kept swinging and started to swing to the lion's side of the cage and would use my feet to push off of his bars. I could really swing out far and he roared even louder. All of a sudden I missed the bars and flew through and dropped into the lion's cage. I landed on my back and was stunned but immediately got up and ran to the front of the cage screaming "help me, help me, I am not who you think I am". Just as I got that out the lion jumped on my back and knocked me to the ground. His head was at my neck and he said, "shut up stupid or you will get us both fired".

The point to the story is that I took the job because it had a value to me. You will hear on TV news reporters say that we have a valueless society. This is incorrect. Even gang members have values, they value things like money & drugs. Everyone has values, it is the principles that determine what your values will be. The Scout Law sets a foundation of solid moral principles, from these come good values.

■ Thanks to Greg Gough, SM Troop 201, Ozark, MO.'

Greg– TODO: Reach out to Alberto – he'll have some time.

Shawn – TODO: Reserve Dec 13th at CAP for the Hanukah Kinus event.

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