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DENVER AREA COUNCIL

April 18, 2019

Location:
156 S Poplar Street
Denver, co 80230

Attendees:

Name	Present
Ariella Wells (remote)	
Dave Reynolds	
Greg Ostravich	
Jenna Wilkin	
Joe Black	
Mike Shapiro (remote)	
Shawn Connelly	
Sonya Lipman	

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah - Parshat Passover (Exodus 12:21-51)

Note: I've been using the Parshat for the following week; but I will continue to do this. We'll use the one for this Friday, which is the first night of Passover.

Summary:

This section is about the origin of the holiday's name. Passover. It refers to the 10th plague where the Angel of Death would "Passover" the Jews' homes because the door posts of their homes were marked with the blood of the Passover offering. It also describes the Exodus from Egypt after the Egyptians urged the Jews to leave. Because of their hasty retreat their bread was unleavened; thus our celebration of this Exodus from slavery and into the Promised land with Matzah. Also discussed is that although no foreigner shall eat it; a slave who is circumcised will be offered it can become a citizen of the country.

Parsha by Yehuda Shurpin - Can We Sacrifice a Paschal Lamb Nowadays?

The author explains that sacrifices are not allowed since the Temple Mount no longer stands. However, while this is true or most sacrifices, when comes to sacrifices on a specific day, the halachah is that they may be brought even while in a state off impurity. It also refers to the "half-

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shekel and communal sacrifices but the Korban Pesach is not under these rules. During our exile this was not practical but with Israel retaking Jerusalem it became a hotly contested debate. The Rebbe Menachem M. Schneerson would leave Jerusalem during Pesach in the eight years following the 6 Day War so he wouldn't be violating an obligation to perform the sacrifice of the Paschal Lamb. Those instructions were in effect for 8 years following the war. In 1975 because of changed political and security situation building an altar on the mount was no longer a possibility.

Review April meeting minutes.

Old Business - Meeting Minutes Approved

Unit Status –

Aish, HEA (Hebrew Educational Alliance) and Temple Sinai – James Miazza said the Rabbi at Sinai won't approve a unit and that a non-congregant can't convince him. Greg will reach out to congregants to see if we can convince the Rabbi of why this is a good idea.

Rabbi Leban from "The Jewish Experience" – Dave Reynolds suggested putting together a tri-old pamphlet for the Jewish Experience to promote scouting. Jenna will see if she can get their e-mail to include scouting.

1613 – Troop: Sammy Strear reached out and they met with Greg Holt for his Eagle Project. He's on track and will help with the next meeting. Will help with a recruitment meeting. Sammy turns 18 in October and his project will be with George Washington High School. Pinewood Derby status. Half Day Scoutmaster Fundamental Training. Can we do one on Sunday or just do the on-line training? Who is the Frontier District Training Chair? Steve Powell? Jenna will reach out to Steve about training on a Sunday.

Programs

Kinnus: Lag B'omer – Hamilton Scout HQ in the Courtyard 5/19/2019 9-4

Starter list; let's add to it and discuss:

- Demo of Setting up Tents – We need to practice before hand and reserve the tents. – Tents are reserved through the council.
- Knots – Basic Knots? Decorative? Let's do both.
 - Square Knot
 - Clove Hitch
 - Two Half-Hitch
 - Taut line
 - Timber Hitch

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- Lashings
- Bowline
- Sheep shank
- Decorative: Butterfly Knot (Shawn is working on this)
- Decorative: Monkey Fist (Greg)
- Decorative: Turk's Head (Greg)
- Pioneering – Shawn will ask about rope and poles – Council says they're there; he will follow up to find it.
 - Tri-Pod for a Weather Rock (Shawn will bring a rock from Tahosa)
 - For rope lengths Mike suggested 25' of Green because there are 5 lengths of 5' and Green has 5 letters. Twenty feet of blue, 4 times 5. Red is 15, 3 x 5 and has 3 letters. Army Surplus store too. – Dave Reynolds will bring this rope and poles if we don't have them.
- Cooking Demonstration – using stove → 1613's stove
 - Eggs? Omelets? --> Boil in a bag and do pancakes on the griddle. → Still need to know what's in the trailer.
- Cooking with Dutch Oven – Mike Shapiro; Shawn will bring them. (can use as frying pan); Shawn has a pareve one at home.
 - Cobbler – with charcoal on the Dutch Oven; Charcoal here at Scout HQ – Note: Shawn and Mike have a Kosher Dutch Oven they can bring. We need to follow-up if the Kosher dutch oven is OK with DAT. Jenna also has one from Hyiam Reiffman.
- Patrol Box usage
 - 1613 Patrol Box which is Kosher.
 - Trailer at DAT – Shawn will check with Jenna for inventory with the help of Dave Reynolds. Jenna has the combination to the lock.
- What to Bring and not bring for a camping trip – Mike will take this on and has Greg's document for that.
- Bonfire – We have the gas pit we can use for that. Shawn followed-up and we can use it.
- Still need kids to design a patch. Jenna will reach out to the Pack. April 10th as the deadline. Shawn will get Jenna some example patches we've used previously.
- Costs: Council will cover costs of facility; need to figure out costs for food. → We need a numbers idea to figure this out.
- Parents and sibling are welcome.
- Shawn will work up some promotional stuff to get the word out. Also, we'll have a flyer for the Scout Show. April 27th.
- Registration on Double Knot – even if we don't charge we need numbers. Shawn will assign somebody that task.
- Jenna will ask Yitzhak Estreicher about helping with halachic authority for the Kinnus event.

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We may see if some of the more seasoned scouts in 1613 will lead this up. Also, adults from Pack 1874 – revisit this because numbers are down in 1613 and 1874 isn't ready yet. Mayer Reynolds and Sammy Strear.

Memorial Day Weekend – Sunday, stay through Monday at Odom Farm. Note that the DAC bought Odom Farm. Still doing the Sunday to Monday of Memorial Day? Updates? Unit 1613 might go camping that weekend. Let's see if we can get some volunteers. Shawn can help out with the camping. JD Leonard would love to see something that weekend.

Religious awards - Here is the list:

- Raphael Nathan Schwartz
- Nehorye Cohen
- Hilkiyahu Cohen
- Chaim Wilkin
- Maybe Akiva and Ilan Rubin

Raphael for sure as well as the Cohen boys if we can recognize all. Chaim might finish as well as Akiva and Ilan.

Shawn will pass this one. – Updates?

National JCOS Program @ Philmont in Summer 2019 June 16th – June 22nd; Greg's trying to figure out his time off to see if this could work; not sure he has enough time off to do this.

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Eagle Candidates – Mayer Reynolds & Sam Strear

- Sammy Strear – Working with Greg Holt on his Eagle Project through George Washington HS and has a merit badge or two to finish up.

Jenna will follow-up at DAT to see if we can find somebody to help out with being an ecclesiastical authority, so we follow laws around Kashrut. Yitzhak Estreicher is a Rabbi; he might be a good choice. We could also follow-up with Rabbi Friedman. → Mentioned above; Jenna will do this for the April meeting.

Council Camporee for 2019 at PV; Set-up a Shomer Shabbos Experience. Shawn reserved Caribou campsites for that as well as the Dietler Commissary. September 20-22, 2019. Mike Shapiro has the Ark in his garage and will get that when he gets home around Pesach. Need to see if the Jewish Experience Torah fits in the ark. We'll set-up the Eruv. Shawn did that last time by stacking the Patrol Boxes two high to build a wall for the outside area. Used that instead of a wire. Patrol boxes are available. Jenna will see if we can get a Torah from The Jewish Experience as mentioned above. Question: Do we want an Eruv between the commissary and the campsite? Maybe not; just stage everything beforehand. Lunch was in the campsite but everything else was at the Commissary.

Pin for Camporee – 10 Commandments – Tablets as a pin? Jenna can ask the kids.; leave on the agenda for April, she'll ask again.

Joe Black mentioned LDS faith invites scouting officials to their events. Let's see about invitations to our L'ag B'omer event. Shawn will reach out to John Cabeza, Jim Blair, Mark Zoller, Mike Rustemeyer mtrustemeyer@gmail.com and others or this. – Update on this?

Summer Camp – maybe see if we can do it for the kids crossing over into Boy Scouts. 2nd Week of June until the end of July. Sunday to Saturday.

Hyiam has had the kids show up on Sunday and leave Friday afternoon. PV is always accommodating, and they bring up Kosher food packages for the adults. Staff loves it.

Jeffrey Cohen is looking for Scouters to serve on an Orthodox Advisory committee with the National Jewish Committee on Scouting. Jenna was talking with them about that; mentioned Yitzhak. Don't know what happened after that. Update?

Scout Show – On Sabbath but Greg will be there for Jambo. Are there any requests for our booth? Ideas? Flyers for Kinnus. Scout Sabbath promotion if we have a date nailed down.

New Business –

Next Meeting?

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May 30th 6 PM at Jenna's house again.
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TODO from the March Meeting -

- Mike Shapiro will follow-up with Rabbi Popak.
- Shawn – Promotional materials for the Scout Show (Kinnus & Scout Shabbat) ; ropes and poles.; Mayer's certificate.
- Jenna – Follow-up with Yitzhak; and confirm Fall Scout Shabbat date. Also, L'ag B'omer patch the kids.
- Dave Reynolds – backup for the poles and will buy the color rope.

Closing (Scoutmasters Minute) – Greg

4/11/2016 - Scout Handshake Origin Minute

Our Scout salute and handshake are ancient signs of bravery and respect. The normal right-hand handshake comes from the times when men carried weapons such as swords or guns for their own protection. When they met one another, there was an uneasy moment as each watched the other's right hand. If it went to his sword or gun, there was a battle, but if it went to his hat it was a salute of friendship or respect.

The handshake is similar - outstretching your right hand shows it is empty and you are friendly.

The left-hand shake comes to us from the Ashanti warriors whom Baden-Powell met long ago in Africa. He saluted them with his right hand, but the Ashanti chieftain offered his left hand and said: 'In our land only the bravest of the brave shake hands with the left hand, because to do so we must drop our shields and our protection.'

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