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## DENVER AREA COUNCIL

### **Jewish Committee on Scouting**

Committee Meeting – March 22, 2012

Attendees: Mike Shapiro, Stuart Zipper, Shawn Connelly, Hyiam Reiffman and Greg Ostravich

#### **Opening Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Dvar Torah - Hyiam**

Vayikra: Vayikra el Moshe – G-d called to Moshe, and he spoke to him.

Why is he calling to him? Rashi says he called to him in an endearing way (a loving way); Prophet G-d relationship; G-d dealing with a mortal, spoke to him with love. You need to deal with people in that way; in a loving way; then set the expectations.

We need to do this in the scouting world. We are mentors and need to deliver that message in a way it can be best received. Call to the boys first; before “getting down to business.”

Review Minutes from last meeting - Shawn will fix a typo in last paragraph (Shawn will “let” Jim know...) and repost to website.

#### **Old Business**

Training Update – None. Shawn said he got confirmation from professional staff that Hyiam is registered as trained. Waiting for Council to verify Hyiam’s ITOLS is done. Mike will follow-up with Dave Bowen about this for Hyiam’s Scoutmaster Leadership Specific Training which was done last Summer @ PV.

“Boy Scout Barachot” - Greg O’s Ticket Project – Update – Greg / Shawn -

Greg turned it in; used Hyiam’s text with the description and caveat about if it’s in disuse to mail it back to the Denver Council.

Israel Scouts – Greg / Stuart update

Stuart made some inquiries; didn’t get a result. He’ll check on the website and see if we can get them next year if not this year since it’s so late. Probably take them to Peaceful Valley, JCC, Ben Delatour, Faith Bible Chapel, maybe BMH, Camp Alexander too? Probably be in town for 3 or 4 days if it’s similar from last time. They gave performances at 3-5 other places in the area. Last time there were 8-10 scouts, a couple of chaperones. Feeding and transporting the scouts is what will be required.

Klondike – Mike sent a thank you note to JD Leonard and to Dave Bowen for their help to Troop 1613

Another Review about Winter Klondere: Stuart’s menu planning training was very helpful for the DAT troop. Combination of dutch oven method and boiling in a bag to prepare food. Grits were great; they made those. Made like instant oatmeal. Tent camping for winter activities challenging; Hyiam feels they wouldn’t be ready yet. They don’t have a dining fly yet.

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Broncos Day for \$1000 sellers – update: Shawn

Any weeknight tour of the stadium; they were meeting tonight about this. Can't do Sunday afternoon but any weeknight is good. Hyiam needs to contact the person to set the dates.

Data Base Update – Jewish Scouts/Scouters – Mike has not yet sent Shawn his contact info. Ahawn's update to Ellen Marks was really great. Our JCOS has been in operation almost two years now.

Jamboree (Jul 7-24, 2013) Update – anyone?

Greg said their Jamboree Troop had their first meeting; it's going well.

Nothing to report on the Shomer Shabbos troop; but Hyiam ended up getting in contact with Howard because of an Eagle Court of Honor on the East Coast attended by one of the DAT Rabbi's. Howard sent Hyiam some great information. Hyiam has at least one scout that wants to go. Hyiam would like to go as an adult leader too. The National Jewish Committee on Scouting is looking for Jambo staff and scouts.

Fundraising for the Denver Jewish Contingent?

Table for next time; Greg's Jamboree troop didn't cover this because time constraints. We'll consider some of their ideas.

Council Camporee (PV, Sep 21-23, 2012) – update – anyone?

Scott can't make it because of his Wood Badge program at Philmont; we want to make sure we have a minyan if Hyiam's troop goes.

JCOS end of year report – Mike – update: in progress Slowly coming together.

### **New Business**

Congrats to Hyiam – very positive feedback on his invocation for Frontier District Dinner; Hyiam wasn't sure what to do; got some help to refine it. Different than most have been.

Blue and Gold Banquet for Hyiam's Pack – went great! Everybody that was eligible crossed over; but he only had 1 Scout that was a Webelos II this year. Everybody else moved away. All the cubbies advanced in rank. Entertainment: Originally was laser tag but that's not approved for scouts. Did "booger wars" instead; giant noses, pull the bean bags out; if you get "boogered" then you're out.

**Next Meeting:** - Date / Time / Location; 4/26/2012 – 6:30 PM at Denver Academy of Torah. Mike will be away. Shawn will conduct the meeting.

Closing (Scoutmaster's Minute) – At Mike's request, Hyiam shared the invocation he did for District Dinner. Very nice.

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