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DENVER AREA COUNCIL

Jewish Committee on Scouting

Agenda 05/22/14

In Attendance: Hyiam Reiffman, Greg Ostravich, Shawn Connelly

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance -

Dvar Torah – Hyiam – Chumash celebration tonight at DAT; Hyiam shared a lesson that he'll share with us. In this week's parshah, the midbar, Moses is commanded to count the children of Israel. But he's supposed to count by names, not by number. Rashi says that G-d is making a point we're not numbers; we're special and unique. Each and every one of us. Our sparks are different; we are created in the image of G-d. Same with our scouts. There's that one annoying kid, but we need to recognize that scout's specialty and what makes them unique. Remember they are created in the image of the G-d. Example: Rabbi that shakes everyone's hand. Don't you get tired? Rabbi says, "How can I get tired counting diamonds?" Same with our scouts – they're all diamonds.

Review April meeting minutes – Approved.

Old Business

Kippot – status update – Dave Reynolds – Dave's not here; cover it next time.

Gavriel Asher's Eagle Project Status Update –Hyiam. This Sunday we'll place the flags at Golden Hill Cemetery. He's at about 70 hours for the project, just the preliminary work. Went out last Sunday to make a map and create some directions. Timed it where one grave would take 5 minutes. Look at the list, find it, perform the ceremony, place the flag, and take a picture. Four or five minutes per grave; around 100 graves, so 500 ish minutes for all of us. Less than 10 man-hours total. Golden Hill was the only cemetery that returned Gavriel Asher's calls. He found a "Find a Grave" website. Someone has been plugging in people at the Denver site.

JCOS Flag – Standard on-hand, Mogen David for top on order; Note: It's been received and Shawn will attach it to the flagpole. Mike has eyelets and clips to attach the flag.

Presentation for Program Kickoff – Shawn; been working on it; doesn't have anything to share, it's not complete. He has a template though.

Transition Plan & Growth Plan – tabled

Recognition for Jewish Eagle Scouts - Certificates signed, to be distributed. Update- Shawn; corrected and ready for delivery – Shawn is using the new printers they just got. Should have them for next month.

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Kinnus – we're not ready yet since we just did one; but LA is this weekend and New Jersey is the first weekend in June. They might actually do theirs at Summer Camp in New Jersey. Maybe we'll look at that for 2015 or 2016? Try to coordinate around DAT's troop. Maybe Sukkah for 2015 and Summer Camp for 2016?

Discussion about Big Horn in 2015 and what it would take for Gavriel Asher to participate in that as an Observant Jew.

Next Meeting – June 18th, 6:30 PM at DAT (it's a Wednesday)

Closing (Scoutmaster's Minute) – We talked about the uniqueness of each person. Shawn had a challenge related to that with the new printer installation at work. Interesting to see how each person dealt with that challenge. Some were OK, some were OK with help, some where not able to do it. We have to every day make sure that we personalize our attention to them and their needs. The people that need the most assistance we really need to concentrate to help them so they can help themselves.