



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

DENVER AREA COUNCIL

Jewish Committee on Scouting

Minutes
11/20/2014

In Attendance:

Mike Shapiro – not here / was going to be on-line

Hyiam Reiffman - here

Greg Ostravich - here

Stuart Zipper - here

Shawn Connelly – here

Dave Reynolds – here

Opening

Pledge

D'var Torah –

Rivkah / Rebecca – Pregnant with Jacob and Esau; they made their presence known when they passed by the house of worship and the idol worship area. The mothering of a child has such an impact on that child and has everlasting effects. We need to be conscious of that. The kids mirror our behavior; careful what you model.

The Den Leaders/Mothers and the Scout Leaders shape our boys. This is possibly the one stable influence in their lives because of latch-key kids. Hebrew word AM (eim) can also be (IM) if. A mother's influence is dependent on the "if" – how they behave and what behavior they model.

Review of Oct Meeting Minutes – minutes accepted.

Old Business -

Kippot – they're here!

Reselling for \$10 per kippah ; we'll have them at the council office.

Eagle Certificates – Re-printed; Shawn has them in the car; we'll wait until Michael signs them.

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2015 Council Camporee / Shabbaton Updates –

Hyiam spoke with Randy Bruns about what's do-able.

He understands what our needs are. We can either share the commissary with a venture crew or move DAT elsewhere. The DAT troop will be in the commissary and they'll shift the Venture crew to another area that's isolated from other units because of late night activities. Genuine interest and zeal to support DAT which is great. He'll send Hyiam the overview and Hyiam will let Randy know what works.

We'd like to have a Minyan again; we're starting early so we can recruit.

We'll publish it through council so Shomer Shabbos Jews can join us; we'll be Shomer Shabbas friendly. Obviously Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, et. al. can participate as well. Will run an Eruv like last time; lockbox on the commissary door; Note: Need a light for the lockbox so people can see. An LED one is fine. Forgot last time and couldn't see it at night; couldn't turn the light on.

Divider/Mehitzah for co-ed services.

New Business –

National Jamboree – 2017 → Are we sending anyone? There is a Shomer Shabbos Contingent Troop Leader. Shawn is going as National Staff again – banking staff.

Next Meeting Date: January 22nd, 7 PM at DAT. We're skipping December because Hyiam and family will be in Israel and we wanted to take a break.

Scout Master Minute – Shawn read through the parshe and it struck him that you have these twins that are opposed and in our own lives we have the spiritual pulling against the practical. We aspire for more knowledge; make sure we give our scouts both practical and spiritual knowledge so they can succeed within themselves.

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