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DENVER AREA COUNCIL

Jewish Committee on Scouting

Meeting Minutes

07/23/15

In attendance: Hyiam Reiffman, Mike Shapiro, Shawn Connelly

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance
Dvar Torah – Hyiam

This week we started the book of Deuteronomy. Late in chapter 1, the Israelites are about to enter Israel. The spies return reporting the Israelites can't invade, and only afterward realize this was a mistake.

From this we learn we must take advantage of opportunities when they are present and not wait. Timing is crucial for a good opportunity. We only have a short time to work with our youth and we must not waste the chance.

Review last meeting minutes. – Accepted as written.

Old Business

Lone Tree Chabad update – Shawn spoke to Bryan Hyatt, the District Director for Arapahoe District. Progress has been made. In organizing a unit, Scouting has a 12 step process and they are currently sitting on step five of the process.

Council Camporee – Question raised about tour permits and these do not need to be filed since this is a council event. We will be inviting the Chabad prospective members to join us during the Camporee. Hyiam revised the schedule for the camporee to fit with the celebration of Sabbath. We will be hosting three events during camporee and this is being communicated to the camporee leadership. The committee will be purchasing 10 siddurim with Hebrew, transliteration and English translation for the camporee and events going forward.

Troop/Pack 1613 has a new Institutional Representative. Halachic authority has not been determined. Currently the committee recognizes Hyiam as the Halachic authority for Scouting in Denver.

No news on Chaplain Aide Training. The new syllabus has been submitted to National for review.

New Business

None

Next Meeting – August 20th at 7pm

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Closing (Scoutmasters Minute) – Mike

Deuteronomy, Chapter 1, Verse 16 says to deliberate over every case even if you have seen similar cases in the past. Why does the Torah instruct judges in this manner? Like a driver of a car, they are constantly making decisions based on information at hand; however those decision which are made in haste usually turn out poorly. Every man is a judge so take time in making your decisions.

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