

April 26, 2018

Attendees:

Name	Present
Hyiam Reiffman	No
Greg Ostravich	Yes
Shawn Connelly	Yes
Mike Shapiro	Yes
Dave Reynolds	No
James Dockter	Yes
Ariella Wells	No

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah - Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim (Leviticus 16:1–18:30)

After the two sons of Aaron died (in Parshah Shemini), G-d warns against anybody going into the special chamber of the Mishkan called the Holy of Holies. Only Aaron himself may enter, once a year, on Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year. Another thing done on Yom Kippur is that two goats are taken and a lottery is made. One goat is offered to G-d and the second one, to "azazel", is sent to the wilderness to atone for the sins of the Jews. [Scapegoat]

Other important warnings in the Parshah of Acharie: It is forbidden to bring a *korban*(sacrifice), anywhere but in the Holy Temple. It is forbidden to eat blood in any way (this is why all kosher meat is salted—to take out the blood, and why we check eggs for blood before using); and a discussion of those who we are forbidden to marry.

My comments on this parsha in relation to scouting is we don't "wing" the oath and law. We don't add or subtract, or modify them every year. They are static. They are encompassing to cover guidelines for our youth. We ask scouts in Eagle scoutmaster conferences about adding or subtracting one but other items fit within one of the 12 points; or the oath. In the same way G-d gave us specific laws or commandments for the Mishkan and regarding laws around food.

Also – mention about thank yous from last month's Parsha; if we don't receive them that's OK. For example traffic and expecting a thank you for letting someone in.

Review January meeting minutes.

Old Business - Approved

Unit Status –

James Dokter – Troop 613 not renewing; zero Jewish troops right now. Trying to start with Temple Emanuel, Jewish Day School, and DAT. May try and start some packs this year.

To Do: Greg will put James Dockter in touch with the clergy at Temple Emanuel. He's willing to be the Charter Org Rep if they start a unit.

Mike Shapiro mentioned there's interest in a Jewish Pack out of the Denver Jewish Day School but we have to find a unit leader. Hyiam doesn't have the bandwidth for it. Jena Wilkins is one of the adults interested.

Eagle Scout candidates – progress / status updates?

- Sam
 - Camping Night for Troop 873 at Pickle Gulch
 - Scouts Own Service for Communications Merit Badge
- Mayer

Programs

Kinnus

- Pros
 - Para cord and marbles for knot tying activities
 - Food was great – loved doing the hamantaschen.
- Cons
 - Shooting fell through. Shawn submitted the paperwork to the camping department but didn't know he needed to find an instructor and range officer. We'll know now for next time.

Patches? Shawn distributed them.

Religious awards

JCOS New Members – Ariella is interested but didn't make tonight's meeting.

JCOS Program @ Philmont in Summer 2018? - update

TODO items from last meeting:

- Mike – Follow up with CJ and mention Kinnus (didn't happen; that's OK)

- Greg – review materials from Ellen Marks (Not Done Yet)
- Shawn will e-mail Lawrence Atlas; we had the wrong information to call him. (Done)
- Finish assignments for Kinnus (Done)
- Greg will complete the activities (Done)

New Business – Any?

Met someone who is part of the 911 venture crew at Woodbadge; suggested if he has Jewish scouts to let us know if we can help with the religious knot, et. al. Scout Show – Greg will set-up our booth with a table runner, table, and chairs on Friday. Shawn will put up the banner, brochures, et. al. I will spend time between the JCOS booth, the Arapahoe District Round Table, and the National Jambo booth.

Mike Shapiro – Mike's heard from Diane that HQ has a new Chaplain's Aide guide and Chaplain's guide. This may be the result of Mike, Diane, and Amy's efforts to get more elaborate information.

Shawn – heard from the Grand Canyon Council Jewish Committee on Scouting. They are conducting a Venturing Kinnus. It's a Shomer Shabbos unit so it will be an Orthodox experience. We don't have dates for that.

Next Meeting? – Thursday, June 28th at 7 PM at DAT

Closing (Scoutmasters Minute) – Greg

The Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea are two bodies of water in the middle east - I expect you've heard of them.

The Sea of Galilee is full of fish and is surrounded by lush vegetation and trees. It is a living body in every sense.

There is nothing living in the Dead Sea - no fish - the sea is stagnant and dead.

The difference between these two seas is that the Sea of Galilee gives up its water while the Dead Sea only takes in water. For every gallon of water that flows into the Sea of Galilee, a gallon is passed on downstream. It is constantly renewing itself. It gives as much as it takes.

The Dead Sea, on the other hand, only takes. It gives up nothing. The water there is never cleansed. It just stagnates.

Some say there are two kinds of people in the world - those who give of themselves (who help people at all times and contribute their time, money and energy), and those who only take. I bet you can guess which one has a fresh, healthy life and which leads to a stagnant dead end.

Which kind will you be?

To Do:

- Greg will put James in touch with the clergy at Emanuel
- Shawn will check on Hyiam and he's now on the e-mail list; need to check for Mike Shapiro too. [Mike and Hyiam didn't get it]