



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

## DENVER AREA COUNCIL

August 30, 2018

Attendees:

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

### Pledge of Allegiance

**Dvar Torah - Parshah Ki Tavo** Deuteronomy 26:1–29:8

Gratitude and tithes and rebuke. Moses lists the blessings the Jewish nation will receive if they follow G-d's ways, and the bad things that will befall them if they stray. The good things are great; but the bad things are really bad.

My thoughts on this turned to our own instructions in scouting. We use the Scout Oath, Law, Outdoor Code, Motto, and Slogan as our guides. In the same way as Jews we want to follow the 613 Mitzvot within our faith; as Scouters and Scouts we also use those scout guidelines so we know we are doing the right thing.

**Review June meeting minutes.**

**Old Business -**

**Unit Status –**

Temple Emanuel – Pack 1874:

Pack 1874 (the year Temple Emanuel was founded) is going to be created. Mike Shapiro will be the Unit Commissioner. Greg will be the Chartered Org Rep and has completed the training and the application. He attended the Tuesday Temple Board meeting to answer any questions about this unit. One of the questions was if they would just allow Temple Members or open it to other kids and the board agreed they'd open it up. Still need the Board to approve this for the September meeting and we should be up and running by October. Other questions

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were about the use of DAC facilities and Rabbi Black brought up insurance umbrella coverage under BSA. Greg mentioned we need adult volunteers to help out. There was a question about religion and Greg explained that although a scout is reverent, we don't focus on religion at the weekly meetings other than having an invocation and closing prayer. Also Greg explained the JCOS will put on activities where scouts can work on their religious knots. Spoke with James Dockter and he said he was in that unit when we was a kid. Mike Shapiro was the unit leader for Temple's troop too.

Note: There were Scout materials where the scouts used to meet at Temple Emanuel in the basement by the main sanctuary. We need to see if they are still there.

Mike Shapiro – DAT looks like it will come back as a troop and a pack; under the old unit name. Not sure if the Jewish Day School will plug into that unit or BMH/BJ or if they will create their own.

Trailer – We need to get the trailer and any troop supplies to Shawn Connelly for storage at Scout HQ. Then when Mike is out of town we can have access to it for any Jewish units. We also have some old supplies LTC John Peterson might have and need to follow up with him about getting that into a unit's hands.

Mike hasn't spoken with anybody regarding Denver Campus; some challenges with the changes in leadership at DAT may mean this is on hold.

Mike Shapiro – BMH/BJ – Still in process; Mike's been in discussions with them about it.

Greg Ostravich reached out to the JCC for James Miazza but they're not ready for this at this time.

HEA (Hebrew Educational Alliance) and Temple Sinai which are both in the Frontier District. – Mike will reach out to them?

Mike will reach out to Aish.

Any Chabad outreach again? Yes; Lone Tree won't work right now but another Chabad congregation is interested and has been contacted.

### **Eagle Scout candidates – progress / status updates – Remove from agenda in the future.**

- Sam – Eagled 6/18/2018 with Bronze Palm
- Mayer – Dave wasn't here but last we heard at Scout Show he's working on it.

Question: Denver JCOS Certificate for Sam?

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Shawn has provided this but will give Greg an update with Greg's name instead of Mike's as the Committee Chair. He'll upload it to the Google Drive and share with the group. He'll also print the two documents for Sam.

### Programs

*Kinnus - Do we do one for 2019?*

*Options we are looking at: Lag Bomer in May, or Sukkot in October*

*[I think for Lag B'omer was going to be May 14<sup>th</sup>.*

*For the Lag B'omer we could do a campfire activity and use it as a secondary "Crossover" for the scouts too. Can grill burgers and hot dogs. Also a possibility somebody might donate steaks.*

Religious awards - Mike talked to CJ; scout had downloaded material.

JCOS Program @ Philmont in Summer 2019? Ellen Marks shared an upcoming program and Shawn put it in the minutes.

Scout Sabbath – Look at 1<sup>st</sup> Week in February? February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Shawn will put together a patch for this.

Committee Members – list for Ellen with contact info (only for JCOS purposes) ; registered with National; YPT trained; follow-up on e-mail – Shawn did this.

God and Country Breakfast: Hosted by Dan Ritchie at DU 11/8/2018 7:30 – 9:00 at the International Relations Complex. James Dockter will ask Rabbi Black about doing the invocation.

TODO items from last meeting:

- Greg – review materials from Ellen Marks

### New Business – Any?

Mike Shapiro – Chaplain's Aide training update?

Amy McNeil explained National didn't use the content that the DAC put together because of the copyrights on it. It was copyrighted not to prevent National from using it, but to prevent participants from copying it and presenting without permission. National came up with their own training. Waiting to see what content is used and if there will be another Chaplain's Aide training in the DAC.

**Next Meeting? – Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at Scout HQ?**

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Maybe at Scout HQ, maybe at Mike's house under the Sukkah

### Closing (Scoutmasters Minute) – Greg

**This was my first SM Minute from January 5th, 2015 and dovetails with Ki Tavo.**

Do you know what guide rails are?

In orienteering they are the things that keep you on course; to know you're headed in the right direction. Examples are man-made features like power lines and roads, or natural things like streams. Another example is on a railway; a guide rail keeps the train on the track.

Did you know we have guide rails as scouts?

Some great examples are the Scout Law, Scout Oath, and Motto.

They can be used to help keep us on-track or on-course in doing what's right.

Our former Scoutmaster David Gilfillan used to say, "When in doubt, run the 12."

What he meant was to repeat the Scout Law to yourself and see if whatever action you're about to take fits within the 12 points of the Scout Law.

When you don't know what to do, repeat the Scout Law and Scout Oath.

The twelve points of the scout law, and the 3 promises of the scout oath: Duty to God and country, Duty to other people, and Duty to self, will guide you to make the right choice if the choice you are making fits within these guide rails.

Just remember this:

12 / 3 it matters to me, all the way and every day

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