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DENVER AREA COUNCIL

March 28, 2019

Attendees:

Name	Present
Ariella Wells (remote)	X
Dave Reynolds	X
Greg Ostravich	X
Jenna Wilkin	X
Joe Black	
Mike Shapiro (remote)	X
Shawn Connelly	X
Sonya Lipman	

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah - Parshat Shemini (Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47)

Summary:

- Aaron and his sons follow Moshe's instructions and offer sacrifices so that G-d will forgive the people. (9:1-24)
- Two of Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, entered the Tabernacle with inappropriate clothing, were intoxicated, and had fire from a different source without getting approval from Moshe. G-d punishes these two priests by killing them immediately. (10:1-3)
- G-d forbids Moses, Aaron, and his surviving sons from mourning but commands the rest of the people to do so. Priests are told not to drink alcohol before entering the sacred Tabernacle and are further instructed about making sacrifices. (10:4-20)
- Laws are given to distinguish between pure and impure animals, birds, fish, and insects. (11:1-47)

Parsha "Playing with Fire" by Rabbi Mordechai Kamenetzky - June 2002

This refers to the "alien" fire that Aaron's sons created and were killed for.

In all these varying opinions a major question must be addressed. If those were their actual sins, why then did the Torah use the terminology "a strange fire **that Hashem had not commanded**" to describe their transgression? Obviously, those words are fit to describe each interpretation that is offered. How?

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The Dubno Magid would often relate the following parable: After receiving his promotion to captain, a young sergeant was given his new uniform. He was strictly warned by his appointing general. “Officer, this uniform is your badge of honor. Wear it with pride, and never remove it in public! Remember, you represent the king’s elite forces, and your life is now devoted to enhance the honor of his kingdom.”

Not long after his commission some seamen in a public park chided the young officer. “We hear you have a large tattoo across your chest reading “I miss my Mom.” The young officer was enraged at this humiliating claim and disputed it vehemently. He was tempted to strip to the waist but remembered the stern warning not to remove his coat. Suddenly one of the sailors declared, “we will contribute 500 golden pieces to the King’s treasury if you don’t have the tattoo — but only if you prove it now!”

In a patriotic move that the sergeant felt would surely bring pleasure to the commander-in-chief, he bared his chest, proved his point and collected the 500 gold coins. He ran to the general with the money and expected a commendation. Unfortunately, a shower of abuse greeted the neophyte officer. “You fool! I just lost a fortune because of your stupidity. I bet the Navy admiral 2,500 gold pieces that not one of my soldiers would ever remove their uniforms publicly! ”

Perhaps there is a common thread among all the explanations of the sins of Nadav and Avihu. In all of the opinions, they had the best of intentions, but their actions lacked protocol and guidance. Actions without protocol can have disastrous results. Nadav and Avihu were considered very holy and pious. But the small degree of over-confidence led to their acting without consort. It led to their demise. Perhaps they felt that they were in a position to render judgment without Moshe, or that a little wine may have enhanced their service. Maybe they felt that marriage was beneath them. In theory they may have been correct. But they made decisions without consultation, advice, or consent. They were looked forward to their own leadership — a leadership that never materialized. They had the desire to contribute their own fire, according to their own visions, but the Torah considered it alien.

The Mishkan was given to the Jews to atone for the sin of the Golden Calf. It was at the Golden Calf where the young nation rushed to judgment without true guidance. As soon as Hashem felt that the self-directed scenario was about to recur in the Mishkan, He made a powerful statement. It was as if the Mishkan had a nuclear charge. When dealing with high levels of radioactivity, one cannot forego the slightest established protocol. If you experiment with fire, especially an alien fire, unfortunately you get burnt.

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Review March meeting minutes.

Old Business - Meeting Minutes Approved

Unit Status –

Temple Emanuel – Pack 1874 – No update.

Aish, HEA (Hebrew Educational Alliance) and Temple Sinai – Sinai has somebody that has approached them. Greg talked with James Miazza and the Rabbi won't give approval even though the board has. James will put Greg in contact with the Rabbi to explain scouting and see if he changes his thoughts on the program.

Rabbi Leban from "The Jewish Experience" – Jenna had contacted; any update? No update; Jenna will follow-up for the next meeting. Jenna is working at "The Jewish Experience" and spoke with him. We can use the Torah for Camporee and Jenna will see if we can plug some of those kids into Jenna's existing unit. The Ark for it is in Mike's garage and we'll get it from him. A week after Pesach is when he gets back. Dave Reynolds suggested putting together a tri-fold pamphlet for the Jewish Experience to promote scouting. Jenna will see if she can get their e-mail to include scouting.

1613 – Troop: Three or four 5th graders – Updates? Did they find out about the Bridge for May crossover from Girl Scouts? Jenna will get the bridge the day before. Sammy Strear reached out and they met with Greg Holt for his Eagle Project. He's on track and will help with the next meeting. Will help with a recruitment meeting. Sammy turns 18 in October and his project will be with George Washington High School. Pinewood Derby on Wednesday. Half Day Scoutmaster Fundamental Training. Can we do one on Sunday? Who is the Frontier District Training Chair? Steve Powell? Jenna will reach out to Steve about training on a Sunday. They did an archery event – 14 kids had signed up. Loved it; went really well.

Programs

Kinnus: Lag B'omer – Hamilton Scout HQ in the Courtyard 5/19/2019 9-4

Starter list; let's add to it and discuss:

- Demo of Setting up Tents – We need to practice before hand and reserve the tents. – Tents are reserved through the council.
- Knots – Basic Knots? Decorative? Let's do both.
 - Square Knot
 - Clove Hitch
 - Two Half-Hitch

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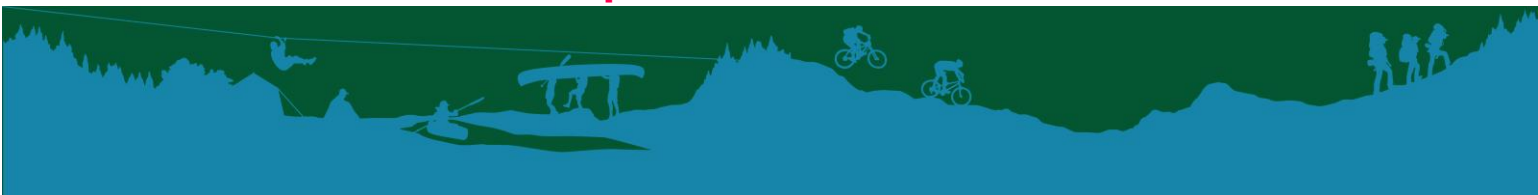


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- Taut line
- Timber Hitch
- Lashings
- Bowline
- Sheep shank
- Decorative: Butterfly Knot (Shawn is working on this)
- Decorative: Monkey Fist (Greg)
- Decorative: Turk's Head (Greg)
- Pioneering – Shawn will ask about rope and poles – Council says they're there; he will follow up to find it.
 - Tri-Pod for a Weather Rock (Shawn will bring a rock from Tahosa)
 - For rope lengths Mike suggested 25' of Green because there are 5 lengths of 5' and Green has 5 letters. Twenty feet of blue, 4 times 5. Red is 15, 3 x 5 and has 3 letters. Army Surplus store too. – Dave Reynolds will bring this rope and poles if we don't have them.
- Cooking Demonstration – using stove → 1613's stove
 - Eggs? Omelets? --> Boil in a bag and do pancakes on the griddle. → Still need to know what's in the trailer.
- Cooking with Dutch Oven – Mike Shapiro; Shawn will bring them. (can use as frying pan); Shawn has a pareve one at home.
 - Cobbler – with charcoal on the Dutch Oven; Charcoal here at Scout HQ – Note: Shawn and Mike have a Kosher Dutch Oven they can bring. We need to follow-up if the Kosher dutch oven is OK with DAT. Jenna also has one from Hyiam Reiffman.
- Patrol Box usage
 - 1613 Patrol Box which is Kosher.
 - Trailer at DAT – Shawn will check with Jenna for inventory with the help of Dave Reynolds. Jenna has the combination to the lock.
- What to Bring and not bring for a camping trip – Mike will take this on and has Greg's document for that.
- Bonfire – We have the gas pit we can use for that. Shawn followed-up and we can use it.
- Still need kids to design a patch. Jenna will reach out to the Pack. April 10th as the deadline. Shawn will get Jenna some example patches we've used previously.
- Costs: Council will cover costs of facility; need to figure out costs for food. → We need a numbers idea to figure this out.
- Parents and sibling are welcome.
- Shawn will work up some promotional stuff to get the word out. Also, we'll have a flyer for the Scout Show. April 27th.
- Registration on Double Knot – even if we don't charge we need numbers. Shawn will assign somebody that task.
- Jenna will ask Yitzhak Estreicher about helping out with halachic authority for the

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Kinnus event.

We may see if some of the more seasoned scouts in 1613 will lead this up. Also, adults from Pack 1874 – revisit this because numbers are down in 1613 and 1874 isn't ready yet. Mayer Reynolds and Sammy Strear.

Memorial Day Weekend – Sunday, stay through Monday at Odom Farm. Note that the DAC bought Odom Farm. Still doing the Sunday to Monday of Memorial Day? Updates? Unit 1613 might go camping that weekend. Let's see if we can get some volunteers. Shawn can help out with the camping. JD Leonard would love to see something that weekend.

Religious awards - Here is the list:

- Raphael Nathan Schwartz
- Nehorye Cohen
- Hilkiyahu Cohen
- Chaim Wilkin
- Maybe Akiva and Ilan Rubin

Raphael for sure as well as the Cohen boys if we can recognize all. Chaim might finish as well as Akiva and Ilan.

Shawn will pass this one.

National JCOS Program @ Philmont in Summer 2019 June 16th – June 22nd; Greg's trying to figure out his time off to see if this could work.

Scout Sabbath – On hold for 1613; not enough participation. Jenna might do something through the Jewish Experience in the Fall. We have some patches.

Baltimore Area Council is sponsoring a Sabbath Friendly Wood Badge course during the spring of 2019. The course will be held from Monday, May 20, 2019 (7:30 am) until Friday, May 24, 2019 (4:15 pm). Dates and meals have been designed to meet the obligations of a variety of religious observances, including strictly Kosher food and time for religious obligations to be met. An orientation meeting (recommended, but not required) is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 7 pm. → Will leave this in the minutes and remove it for the April meeting.

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Eagle Candidates – Mayer Reynolds & Sam Strear

- Mayer's Eagle Board of Review was on March 26th and he completed successfully. It was with Troop 120.
- Sammy Strear – Working with Greg Holt on his Eagle Project through George Washington HS and has a merit badge or two to finish up.

Jewish Venturing Crew? – Joe Black was asking about this. Rabbi Popak might sponsor a couple of crews. Not far enough to see if this could go; right now, it's stalled. Jenna said with 1613 they are not ready yet to have that. – Follow-up next month on this. Mike Shapiro will reach out to the Rabbi about this. No updates for March; Mike's been busy and will ask again next month.

Jenna will follow-up at DAT to see if we can find somebody to help with being an ecclesiastical authority, so we follow laws around Kashrut. Yitzhak Estreicher is a Rabbi; he might be a good choice. We could also follow-up with Rabbi Friedman. → Mentioned above; Jenna will do this for the April meeting.

Council Camporee for 2019 at PV; Set-up a Shomer Shabbos Experience. Shawn reserved Caribou campsites for that as well as the Dietler Commissary. September 20-22, 2019. Mike Shapiro has the Ark in his garage and will get that when he gets home around Pesach. Need to see if the Jewish Experience Torah fits in the ark. We'll set-up the Eruv. Shawn did that last time by stacking the Patrol Boxes two high to build a wall for the outside area. Used that instead of a wire. Patrol boxes are available. Jenna will see if we can get a Torah from The Jewish Experience as mentioned above. Question: Do we want an Eruv between the commissary and the campsite? Maybe not; just stage everything beforehand. Lunch was in the campsite but everything else was at the Commissary.

Pin for Camporee – 10 Commandments – Tablets as a pin? Jenna can ask the kids. ; leave on the agenda for April, she'll ask again.

Joe Black mentioned LDS faith invites scouting officials to their events. Let's see about invitations to our L'ag B'omer event. Shawn will reach out to John Cabeza, Jim Blair, Mark Zoller, Mike Rustemeyer mtrustemeyer@gmail.com and others or this.

Summer Camp – maybe see if we can do it for the kids crossing over into Boy Scouts. 2nd Week of June until the end of July. Sunday to Saturday.

Hyiam has had the kids show up on Sunday and leave Friday afternoon. PV is always accommodating, and they bring up Kosher food packages for the adults. Staff loves it.

Jeffrey Cohen is looking for Scouters to serve on an Orthodox Advisory committee with the National Jewish Committee on Scouting. Jenna was talking with them about that; mentioned Yitzhak. Don't know what happened after that.

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New Business –

Scout Show – On Sabbath but Greg will be there for Jambo. Are there any requests for our booth? Ideas? Flyers for Kinnus. Scout Sabbath promotion if we have a date nailed down.

Next Meeting?

April 25th? This is during Passover. If not, April 18th?

Or skip the April meeting? → Let's still meet to prep for L'ag B'omer kinnus event and we'll meet on April 18th. Mike and Ariella will call-in and we'll meet at Jenna's house. Address is 156 South Poplar St. Denver CO 80230

TODO from the March Meeting -

- Mike Shapiro will follow-up with Rabbi Popak.
- Shawn – Promotional materials for the Scout Show (Kinnus & Scout Shabbat); ropes and poles.; Mayer's certificate.
- Jenna – Follow-up with Yitzhak; and confirm Fall Scout Shabbat date. Also, L'ag B'omer patch the kids.
- Dave Reynolds – backup for the poles and will buy the color rope.

Closing (Scoutmasters Minute) – Greg

9/14/2015 Scoutmaster Minute - On the Trail

http://moorecountyboyscouts.org/woodofwisedom/sm_min/onthetrail.html

Once a long time ago a hound was out with his master trailing a mountain lion. The hound came to a place where a fox had crossed the trail, and the hound decided to follow the fox instead of the lion.

A short time later a rabbit track crossed that of the fox, and again the hound changed direction. Why should he chase a fox when a rabbit might be easier to catch?

When the hunter finally caught up with his hound, the dog was barking at a small hole in the ground. The hound had brought to bay a field mouse instead of a mountain lion!

How about you? Have you set your trail to achieve your ambition? Are you able to follow it, or are you sidetracked by easier trails that cross it from time to time?

Don't be like the hound. Find out what it takes to achieve your ambition, and then get started. The best way to achieve anything in life is to set a true course for it and then stick to that trail.

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