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Meeting Notice Thursday, January 13, 2005, 7:30 PM Jewish "Y" Center, Red Lion Road and Jamison Avenue

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - 6:30 PM, at the "Y"



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, Merrill Kelem Shalom:

Greetings to everyone on my first monthly message in our **Herald** as your President, so please bear with me. I will be getting better as time rolls by.

I want to thank **Mike Gilbert** for the outstanding job he did as **President of the Shomrim of Philadelphia** and the **Delaware Valley** for the past four years. My hat is off to you my friend, and orchids to your lovely wife **Josephine** for all her time and effort as our banquet hostess and co-chairperson.

Our hats are off also to **Art Gravitz** for a fine job he has done over the past years as both treasurer and secretary of **Shomrim**. And we must not ever forget **Bernie Margulis**. Even though **Bernie** is in Florida, He and **Eric Norris** are still putting our **Herald** together every month.

I want to thank everyone for their support and trust in electing me and the other officers as your leaders of Shomrim for the next two years. As I said the night I was elected, this is your **Shomrim**, and the only way it can and will work is that everyone gets involved.

Howard Rabinovitch has some wonderful speakers lined up and we will see what kind of gourmet "noshings" **Alan Fried** can come up with for the meetings.

I am open to any suggestions so please feel free to e-mail me, and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Don't forget that our annual banquet this year will be Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at a new location, **Kenneseth Israel**, better known as KI, at Old York Road and Route 73, Elkins Park, PA. So get those ads in and better yet, get your reservation in along with a check. And **Arthur**, help me out on this one, I believe that it is a tax deductible donation when writing a check out to Shomrim.

On a sad note, we lost a a fine long time member of **Shomrim** in December. Our heart felt condolences go out to the family of **Dave Sofronski**, a retired Philadelphia Police Lieutenant and die hard Eagles fan. Hopefully, the "Birds" can win the big one for **Dave** next month in Jacksonville.

Again, I know I will see everyone at the January 13th meeting for the official swearing in of your new Shomrim officers and to meet and be with friends.

Don't forget, if any of our friends and members are not feeling up to par, let us know so that **Marty Borowsky or Sandy Malkin** can send them a little bit of cheer from the organization.

Hope you all had a great holiday, and I wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

See you at the meeting -

Merrill

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- 2. Alan & Linda **Levine**
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Shomrim Elections: At the December meeting, an election for Board of Directors (6) and Board of Trustees (1) was held. Elected to the Board of Directors: Joel Belsky, Bob Clearfield, Alan Fried. Alan Kurtz, Howard Rabinovitch and Mike Roeschman.

Elected to the Board of Trustees: Harry Kamenir.

Congratulations to those elected. We also wish for those who were not elected, better luck next time and hope that they will continue to serve Shomrim in other capacities.

Condolences: to the family of Life Member **Dave Sofronski**, who passed on 12/5/04. Trees will be planted in Israel in his memory.

MYSTERY GUEST SPEAKER: As we go to press, our Speaker Committee Chairman, **Howard Rabinovitch** has not been able to get a definite commitment from any of the several people he has contacted to speak at this meeting. As he has several great and interesting speakers on tap, and it is only a matter of scheduling, it is almost a certainty that one of them will be able grace us with his or her presence. So bring your spouse and friends and lets have a great turnout for our guest speaker at this meeting!!!

Message from your Editor, Bernie Margulis

Greetings from sunny Florida. I was on the phone this morning with Merrill, Larry Nodiff, Rick Gusdorff and Mike Gilbert, discussing upcoming events, when Merrill asked me about the weather down here in the Orlando area. When I told him it was sunny and close to 80, he found it hard to believe. What a difference from the weather in the Philadelphia area!

I have been enjoying the change in climate, although I must admit, a few days last week it got down into the low 40's here, but overall, since the 4 hurricanes, the weather has been just gorgeous. The Florida sky is just spectacular, especially at sundown and the stars at night shine big and bright. (is that from a song I heard some time ago when I was deep in the heart of Texas?)

Anyhow, I am keeping busy, spending time with my family, especially with my grandkids, doing some volunteer work, working on the Herald, but mostly, just enjoying the new lifestyle (to me) in the warm climate.

We have been to Disney World several times already (as Floridians, we can purchase annual passes at a price just a little more than a 5 day pass), to M.G.M.Studios, Universal Studios and Sea World.

I have been taking my 7 year old grandson to and from school, to bowling once a week, to scout meetings, etc. and baby sitting my 2 year old angel (the one with the crooked halo) to allow my daughter to get her work done.

Our newly elected officers are already busy making plans for the next banquet. The banquet location has been changed to Kenneseth Israel, in Elkins Park. (Rts. 611 & 73). For those of you not familiar with this facility, it is a great place for an affair, with ample off-street parking in the rear.

There will be great food, live music for your dancing and listening pleasure and your chance to meet and greet old and new friends.

So, get to the meetings, Merrill would appreciate any help you can give him, make plans to attend the banquet, get some ads in for the 2005 yearbook and get your dues in.

As I am also making plans to attend the banquet, I hope to see many of you there.

Bernie

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Scholarships will be awarded annually. For the year 2005 Shomrim will be awarding two (2) scholarships. The amount to be given will depend on the amounts donated to Shomrim for this purpose.

The recipient(s) will be determined by the Board of Directors, with no more than one scholarship per family and recipient(s) will attend the Annual Banquet as our guest to receive the award. Recipient must be present at the banquet to receive the award.

Scholarships will be limited to <u>Active</u> members who have been members in good standing for a period of at least five continuous years, and their children.

Scholarship awards will be limited to students attending full time (day or evening) at an accredited College/University, earning an undergraduate degree.

The Scholarship Committee shall consider the applicants contribution and participation in the organization when awarding scholarships.

The following factors will also be considered:

Active members who are working and also going to school full time.

Preference for applicants with no previous Shomrim scholarship awards over past recipients.

Applications must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee no later than April 15, 2005. Applicant should also submit a brief summary of past academic achievements, awards, and past and present extra-curriculum programs they have been involved in.

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