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Meeting Notice

Thursday, January 12, 2006, 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:

First, I want to wish everyone and your families a **Happy & Healthy 2006**.

As most of you know, **Mike Gilbert** was elected as President of the National Shomrim for 2006. Our best to you and your board. Now for those who have never been a part of the National Conventions, you missed a wonderful time on the first ever convention cruise. I want to thank both **Murray Ellman & Marty Turetzky (NYPD Shomrim)** on a first class and well done job in getting this cruise to work.

With this new year, we are going to have a mass membership drive to sign up new members to the organization. As I told you, this is your organization and we must get the new, young blood (we'll take any blood) to join to keep it going. So if you know of anyone in public safety, **sign them up!** If you know of anyone who would like to be an associate member, **sign them up!** We hope to have some very interesting speakers during this new year, so please put aside the second Thursday of each month and have a nosh with us at the meetings.

To let you know, we will have a problem with the April meeting. Pesach (the second Seder) falls on April 13, so we will be looking for an alternate date which may fall on a different day. We will keep you posted on this. And of course, a date which you must put aside is June 7. This is the day of our 69th annual banquet. **Karen Tandy** is our **Person of the Year**. Karen, in case you don't know, is the Director of the DEA, and is doing a fine job. **Bob and Shelby Ford** will be our **Humanitarian awardees**. Bob and Shelby are long time friends and supporters of **Shomrim** and now is the time to thank them for a job well done. Please be part of these festivities.

On a brighter side, my colleague, our Vice-president **Larry Nodiff** is doing well now some six weeks after his surgery. I will be going in for surgery on my left hand January 19. It will be a 30 minute procedure but an eight to twelve week rehab period. When that is over, I will then have to go in to have the right hand done too. I would suggest that any of you who may be experiencing a numbness or tingling in the hands (especially if you work with computers or typewriters) get checked out for it. It can and may cause you big problems later in life.

Lastly, our friends from **South Florida Shomrim** will be sponsoring an accredited seminar from Jan. 24-26. This will be an IAJPSE training conference and the subject will be "Crisis Incident Management for Law Enforcement." Contact me by e-mail for more info on this event.

See you at the meeting - be safe

Merrill

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Merrill Kelem - *Chairman for 2006 Convention*

JANUARY...HAPPY

- 1. Mark Itzko
- 2. Norma Rachelson
- 3. Gayle Petroff
- 5. Frances Zonenstein
- 6. Rabbi M. D. Feldman
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- 7. Annette Belsky
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- 8. Jeffrey Rabinovitch
- 9. Gail Litten
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- 14. Frank Goldberg

- 16. Chaya Feldman
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- 29. Frank Weinberg
- 30. George Ardelean
Colleen Smith
Jessica Sklar

JANUARY...HAPPY

- 2. Alan & Linda Levine
- 12. Floyd & Frances Zonenstein (48 years)
- 17. Bernard & Gail Litten (14 years)

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Shomrim Elections: At the December meeting, elected to the **Board of Trustees: Len Lebowitz.**

Condolences: to the friends of **Ruth Cohen**, who passed on 11/29/05 at the age of 89. Ruth was the sister of **William "Bill" Cohen**, longtime member who passed on 9/15/05. Together, they rarely missed a Shomrim banquet and Bill rarely missed a Shomrim meeting. May they both rest in peace.

Congratulations: to **Mike Gilbert** - elected **President of National Shomrim.**

Good luck to: President Merrill Kelem with his upcoming surgery on his hands.

Annual Banquet: Wednesday, 6/7/06, will be returning to **Har Zion** this year. Your editor, now living in sunny Florida, is making plans to attend. I hope to see many, no, make that **ALL** of you there.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Our Speaker Committee Chairman, **Howard Rabinovitch** along with Gary Wolf will be informing us about the Katrina/Rita FDA response and will include their personal experiences in their involvement with these disasters. So bring your spouse and friends and lets have a great turnout for our guest speakers at this meeting!!!

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FROM THE 'NET' - YIDDISH HUMOR FOR THE HOLIDAYS-

A birthday present:

Morris is out to dinner with his wife to celebrate her 40th birthday and he says to her "So Sherry, what would you like for your birthday, a sable coat?, a Jaguar?, a diamond necklace?" She replies, "Morris, I would like a divorce!" He says "Oh my, I wasn't planning on spending that much".

Chutzpah is going to the psychiatrist because of a split personality and asking for a group rate.

Don't marry a "shiksa" -

A Jewish business man warned his son against marrying a "shiksa".

Son - "but she's converting to Judaism".

Father - "It doesn't matter, a shiksa will cause problems".

After the wedding, the father called the son, who was in business with him, and asked him why he wasn't at work. "It's Shabbos" the son replied. The father was surprised. "But we always work on Saturday, it's our busiest day" replied the father. "I won't work on Saturday anymore" insisted the son, "because my wife wants us to go to Shul on Shabbos".

"See", said the father, "I told you marrying a shiksa would cause problems".

Jewish Weddings:

You are at a wedding and you want to know what kind of synagogue you are in. Here's how to tell:

At a Hasidic synagogue, the Mother-in-law is pregnant.

At a Conservative synagogue, the Bride is pregnant.

At a Reform synagogue, the Rabbi is pregnant.

Patient: "Doctor, I'm getting ever more forgetful. What should I do?"

Doctor: "Pay me in advance."

A Jewish wish: (Here is my Jewish Friendship wish for you)

May you be granted every wish, may you always have gefilte fish.

May you always be safe from wind and hails, may you always shop at Bloomingdales.

May you have understanding of every detail, may you never, ever have to pay retail.

May you regard every man as your brother, may you always remember to call your mother.

Visiting bubbe:

A Jewish grandmother is giving directions to her grown grandson, who is coming to visit with his wife:

You come to the front door of the apartment complex, I am in Apt. 14A. There is a big panel at the door. With your elbow, push the bell for Apt. 14A. I will buzz you in. Inside, the elevator is on the right. Get in and with your elbow, hit the button for the 14th floor. When you get out, my apt. is on the left. With your elbow, hit by doorbell. "Bubbe, that sounds easy, but why am I hitting all those buttons with my elbow?" She replied "You're coming empty handed?"

You grew up Jewish if you:

You spent your entire childhood thinking that everyone called roast beef "brisket".

Your family dog responded to Yiddish.

You experienced the phenomena of 50 people fitting into a 10 foot wide room trying to get to a deli tray.

Every Sunday afternoon of your childhood was spent visiting your grandparents.

You can understand Yiddish but you can't speak it.

You were as tall as your grandmother by age seven.

You were proud when Elizabeth Taylor converted.

You thought that wine was supposed to taste like year old cranberry sauce and have the consistency of syrup.

You can look at gefilte fish and not turn green.

You think the goyim are out to get you

Your mother smacked you then made you feel guilty for hurting her hand.

Your body was saturated with Vicks over the years.

You have at least six male relatives named David.

You thought lox and whitefish salad were the quintessential party foods.

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Scholarships will be awarded annually. For the year 2006 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 Active 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, 2006. 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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