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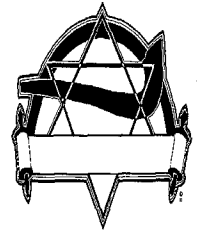
Thursday, January 10, 2008, 7:30 PM

Jewish "Y" Center, Red Lion Road and Jamison Avenue

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"Refreshments will be served"

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



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, Merrill Kelem

Shalom:

Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. **A Happy & Healthy 2008** to everyone. Don't forget, January is the time to pay our dues. So please send in your dues. We are also asking our life members to donate a tax deductible \$10.00 or more to help pay for the printing and postage to mail the **Herald**.

As a result of the elections on the National Convention cruise last month, the new national Shomrim President is **Sam Miller**, from N.Y. Shomrim. Sam is a detective with the 9th Squad and is also a former president of the N.Y. Shomrim. **Scott Bressalier** (Nassau President) is the first Vice-President, and **Allison Schloss**, (Illinois Shomrim President) is the 2nd Vice-President. **Murray Ellman** remains as the Recording Secretary, **Steve Litwin** is the Recording Secretary and **Marty Turetsky** is still the Treasurer. **Gene Fixler** (Ohio Shomrim President) is Sergeant-at-Arms and **Ari Bleifield** (Georgia Shomrim) is the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms. Last but not least, **Bob Clearfield** remains as the National Mid-Atlantic Vice-President. A great time was had by all. The tentative dates for the 2008 convention are December 4 through December 8, 2008. It looks as if it will be another cruise. Again, hats off to **Mike Gilbert** for his fine job as National President for the past two years.

After the National conference, a conference was held by the International Association of Jewish Public Safety Employees (IAJPSE). The Dade County Metro's new CSI Cyber van was the hit of the conference. It is an all digital vehicle that gathers information. I wonder if it will solve all crimes in 44 minutes as does the T.V. show. I understand CBS is already taking location shots of this vehicle and it should be seen in the show sometime this year. By the way, we (Shomrim of Philadelphia and Delaware Valley) are a member of the IAJPSE. We were grandfathered in (no dues) because of my being a Charter Board member.

Also, **Scholarship Applications** are now being accepted for those who have children in college.

Our meeting chairman, **Howard Rabinovitch**, has a lot of excellent speakers lined up for the coming year. In fact, this month's guest speaker will be **Kelly Hayden**, Muslim name **Muhammad Abdul Lateef Hayden**. He is the Mosque Secretary for the Mosque of Shaikh M.R. Bawa Muhaiyaddeen and is also the Publisher of the Fellowship Press. His topic will be Islam and World Peace.

So come to the meeting, have a 'nosh', meet with friends and listen to a great program.

Don't forget the Banquet to be held on June 4, 2008 at Har Zion.

Again, a **Happy & Healthy 2008**. See you at the meeting. Be safe -

Merrill

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2. Alan & Linda Levine
3. George & Jennifer Feinstein (11 years)
12. Floyd & Frances Zonenstein (50 years)
17. Bernard & Gail Litten (16 years)

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR:

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on the town

Congratulations: to **Bob Clearfield** - re-elected Mid-Atlantic Vice-President of National Shomrim.
SJMCC Breakfast - Sunday, February 10, 2008, at the **JCC in Cherry Hill**. Contact **Merrill Kelem** for tickets and further information.

Shomrim of Philadelphia & Delaware Valley - 71st Annual Banquet - June 4, 2008, to be held at Har Zion.
Further details will follow.

2008 National Shomrim Convention: Tentative dates - December 4 through December 8, 2008. It looks as if it will be another cruise. Further details will follow.

GUEST SPEAKER: Once again, **Howard Rabinovitch** has arranged for an outstanding guest speaker. This month he will be **Kelly Hayden**, Muslim name **Muhammad Abdul Lateef Hayden**. He is the Mosque Secretary for the Mosque of Shaikh M.R. Bawa Muhaiyaddeen He is also Publisher of the Fellowship Press. His topic will be Islam and World Peace. He will also explain the difference between the different Islamic Sects. He is a member of the Sufi Sect. His knowledge and presentation will most certainly help in fostering a better understanding between our two cultures. So bring your significant other and friends and lets have a great turnout for our guest speaker at this meeting!!!

Forwarded from the 'net by Howard Rabinovitch:

Perceptions of Jews by Renowned Gentiles:

'Some people like the Jews, some do not. But no thoughtful man can deny the fact that they are, beyond any question, the most formidable and the most remarkable race which has appeared in the world.'

--- Winston Churchill.

'The Jew is that sacred being who has brought down from heaven the everlasting fire, and has illuminated with it the entire world. He is the religious source, spring and fountain out of which all the rest of the peoples have drawn their beliefs and their religions.' --- Leo Tolstoy

'It was in vain that we locked them up for several hundred years behind the walls of the ghetto. No sooner were their prison gates unbarred than they easily caught up with us, even on those paths which we opened up without their aid.' --- A. A. Leroy Beaulieu, French Publicist, 1842

'The Jew gave us the Outside and the Inside - our outlook and our inner life. We can hardly get up in the morning or cross the street without being Jewish. We dream Jewish dreams and hope Jewish hopes. Most of our best words, in fact - new, adventure, surprise, unique, individual, person, vocation, time, history, future, freedom, progress, spirit, faith, hope, justice - are the gifts of the Jews. --- Thomas Cahill, Irish Author

'One of the gifts of the Jewish culture to Christianity is that it has taught Christians to think like Jews, and any modern man who has not learned to think as though he were a Jew can hardly be said to have learned to think at all.' --- William Rees-Mogg, former Editor-in-Chief for the Times of London and a member of the House of Lords.

'It is certain that in certain parts of the world we can see a peculiar people, separated from the other peoples of the world and this is called the Jewish people. This people is not only of remarkable antiquity but has lasted for a singular long time. For whereas the people of Greece and Italy, of Sparta, Athens and Rome and others who came so much later have perished so long ago. These still exist, despite the efforts of so many powerful kings who have tried a hundred times to wipe them out, as their historians testify, and as can easily be judged by the natural order of things over such a long spell of years. They have always been preserved, however, and their preservation was foretold. My encounter with these people amazes me.' --- Blaise Pascal, French Mathematician.-

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‘The Jewish vision became the prototype for many similar grand designs for humanity, both divine and man made the Jews, therefore, stand at the center of the perennial attempt to give human life the dignity of a purpose.’

- - - Paul Johnson, American Historian

‘As long as the world lasts, all who want to make progress in righteousness will come to Israel for inspiration as to the people who had the sense for righteousness most glowing and strongest.’

- - - Matthew Arnold, British Poet and Critic.

‘Indeed it is difficult for all other nations of the world to live in the presence of the Jews. It is irritating and most uncomfortable. The Jews embarrass the world as they have done things which are beyond the imaginable. They have become moral strangers since the day their forefather, Abraham, introduced the world to high ethical standards and to the fear of Heaven. They brought the world the Ten Commandments, which many nations prefer to deny. They violated the rules of history by staying alive, totally at odds with common sense and historical evidence. They outlived all their former enemies, including such vast empires as the Romans and the Greeks. They angered the world with their return to their homeland after 2000 years of exile and after the murder of six million of their brothers and sisters.

They aggravated mankind by building, in the wink of an eye, a democratic State which others were not able to create in even hundreds of years. They built living monuments such as the duty to be holy and the privilege to serve one’s fellow men.

They had their hands in every progressive human endeavor, whether in science, medicine, psychology or any other discipline, while totally out of proportion to their actual numbers. They gave the world the Bible and even their ‘Savior’.

Jews taught the world not to accept the world as it is, but to transform it, yet only a few nations wanted to listen. Moreover, the Jews introduced the world to one God, yet only a minority wanted to draw the moral consequences. So the nations of the world realize that they would have been lost without the Jews. And while their subconscious tries to remind them of how much of Western civilization is framed in terms of concepts first articulated by the Jews, they do anything to suppress it. They deny that Jews remind them of a higher purpose in life and the need to be honorable, and to do anything to escape its consequences. It is simply too much to handle for them, too embarrassing to admit, and above all, too difficult to live by.

So the nations of the world decided once again to go out of ‘their’ way in order to find a stick to hit the Jews. The goal: to prove that Jews are as immoral and guilty of massacre and genocide as some of they themselves are. All this in order to hide and justify their own failure to even protest when six million Jews were brought to the slaughterhouses of Auschwitz and Dachau; so as to wipe out the moral conscience of which the Jews remind them, and they found a stick.

Nothing could be more gratifying than for them to find the Jews in a struggle with another people (who are completely terrorized by their own leaders) against whom the Jews, against their best wishes, have to defend themselves in order to survive. With great satisfaction, the world allows and initiates the rewriting of history so as to fuel the rage of yet another people against the Jews. This in spite of the fact that the nations understand very well that peace between the parties could have come a long time ago, if only the Jews would have had a fair chance. Instead, they happily jumped on the wagon of hate so as to justify their jealousy of the Jews and their incompetence to deal with their own moral issues.

When Jews look at the bizarre play taking place in the Hague, they can only smile as this artificial game once more proves how the world paradoxically admits the Jews uniqueness. It is in their need to undermine the Jews that they actually raise them.

The study of history of Europe during the past centuries teaches us one uniform lesson: That the nations which received and in any way dealt fairly and mercifully with the Jew have prospered; and that nations that have tortured and oppressed them have written out their own curse’.

- - - Olive Schreiner, South African novelist and social activist.

‘If there is any honor in all the world that I should like, it would be to be an honorary Jewish citizen’.

- - - A. L. Rowse, Authority on Shakespeare.

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Scholarships will be awarded annually. For the year 2008 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.

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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, 2008. 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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