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## Meeting Notice

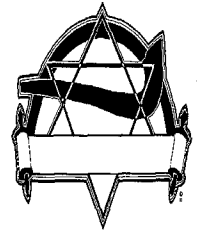
*Thursday, January 10, 2008, 7:30 PM*

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

*"Support Shomrim, Get Involved, Attend Meetings"*

*"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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3. Gayle Petroff
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Allison Gusdorff  
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*JANUARY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY*

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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