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Meeting Notice

Thursday, January 12, 2012, 7:30 PM, Jewish "Y" 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, Judi Buch: Shalom:

Happy 2012! I hope that you survived the crowded roads and shopping in the jammed stores. Recession? What recession? Hopefully, you enjoyed Hanukkah, too. It's a great time for family, good food and friends. For those members in inter-faith families, we hope that the holiday season was wonderful for everyone.

Unfortunately, with the seasonal joy comes a somber note. There was not a quorum (15 members) at the most recent meeting and no business could be conducted. As a result, there was no election. I was not in attendance, due to a long-planned vacation. This year is the 75th anniversary of Shomrim of Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley. It would be a shame for the organization to come to an end at this point in time. There is still time to revitalize and advance Shomrim, if every one contributes their time and effort to the organization and its ideals. Please help renew Shomrim with your fresh ideas, participation and support. We're depending on each and every one of you!

Hopefully, our guest speaker this month, Mr. Donald Wittenberg, a noted speaker on Jewish genealogy, will have a great audience and we can enjoy his presentation and also get the organization's business done.

If there is not a quorum at our January 12th meeting, then I will suggest that only the Board meet in February to determine Shomrim's future. I'm not sure how else to proceed. Judi

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JANUARY...HAPPY BIRTHDAYS BIRTHSTONE - GARNET

- 1. Mark Itzko
- 2. Norma Rachelson
- 3. Gayle Petroff
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- 6. Rabbi M. D. Feldman James Campana Amy Speizer
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- 17. Michele Gusdorff
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- 28. Tess Alloy Rabbi Aaron Krauss
- 29. Frank Weinberg
- 30. Rhett Rubin Jessica Sklar Colleen Smith

JANUARY...HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
FLOWERS - SNOWDROP, CARNATION

- 2. Alan & Linda Levine
- 3. George & Jennifer Feinstein (15 years)
- 12. Floyd & Frances Zonenstein (54 years)
- 17. Bernard & Gail Litten (20 years)

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please notify the editor. Note: Due to space limitations, we do not list children over 18 years of age.

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Condolences to: Shomrim life member Harold "Blackie" Feinman and family on the passing of his wife, Patricia, on 11/21/2011. She was a great lady. Trees will be planted in Israel in her memory.

Condolences to: Laurence Nodiff and family on the passing of his father-in-law, George Malone on 12/12/11. Trees will be planted in Israel in his memory.

Congratulations to: Alan Fried and Dr. Susan O. Michener, getting married on January 15th. Wishing the happy couple the best of everything.

Retirement luncheon: Howard Rabinovitch is retiring after 25 years of federal service. All are invited to attend. Luncheon will be held at the Positano Coast Restaurant, 212 Walnut Street, Philadelphia., Pa. on Wednesday, January 18, at noon. Luncheon includes bread, salad, choice of entrees, (Chicken Parmigiana, Salmon Scampi or tri-color tortellini alla panna), desert, beverage and a gift donation. Cost of luncheon and gift donation is \$30.00. Cash bar available. Send payment and entree selection to Anne Haubrich, U.S. Customhouse, Room 900, 200 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa 19106 by Monday, January 9th.

GUEST SPEAKER: The guest speaker this month will be **Mr. Donald Wittenberg**, a noted speaker on **Jewish genealogy**. So come to the meeting, interact with our guest speaker and put out your ideas on how to improve **Shomrim**. Get involved, take an active part in YOUR organization.

Editor's corner:

Wanted: a few more good men and women to get involved in the ongoing existence of Shomrim.

This organization was founded 75 years ago: to promote the religious spirit of members of the police, fire, and other law enforcement agencies of the Jewish faith and their families, to promote social well-being, strengthen friendships and promote welfare of all our members and their loved ones and to develop general welfare in our community and cooperate with all those who would have us make progress

Payment for your efforts will be in the good feeling you will get when you have been able to do some good for a fellow member who is in need of help, support, advice and/or a strong voice in his/her corner.

Believe me, without a strong organization behind you, Jewish personnel in law enforcement will come to feel the wrath of those who would do you harm and who would stand in the way of your being successful in your profession.

I personally have experienced it as have many others in our profession. In each and every case, an organization called **SHOMRIM** got involved and every effort was made to quickly and successfully resolve these problems and make them **GO AWAY.**

So - all of you who have placed **Shomrim** on the back burner - come back, forget the past problems that caused you to lose interest, and let's start over to rebuild this organization to the strong presence it deserves and demands!

Thank you,

Bernie Margulis, editor

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- Make sure your smoke detectors are in working order.
- Keep space heaters a minimum of three (3) feet from any flammable object.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets and circuits, which can overheat and start a fire.
- Supervise children and pets close to space heaters.
- Keep a fire extinguisher handy.
- Open fireplace flues for adequate ventilation to prevent carbon-monoxide poisoning.
- Do not use an oven or grill to heat the house.
- Do not leave a running vehicle or generator indoors even if the garage door is open.
- Monitor seniors living alone, confined to a bed or with health conditions.

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