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Meeting Notice
Thursday, February 9, 2006, 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: I want to take this time to thank everyone who called and sent me those funny cards after my surgery for carpal tunnel. One down and one to go. If you have carpal tunnel, have the surgery as it can cause permanent damage if you put it off too long.

Happy birthday to George and Abe, and all you romantic guys and gals better not forget **Valentine's Day.**

The one thing I like about this month is the pitchers and catchers reports as the baseball season is just around the corner. Lets hope that the **Phillies**, who were so close last year, have a championship season. Maybe we can have a **Shomrim** night at the ball park. E-mail me with your thoughts on this. The famous Atlantic City Antique Auto Show will be held on the last weekend of the month. If you do venture to this event, I strongly recommend you use the N.J. Transit's AC Train Line, but don't call me for tickets as I will be out of town that weekend. Sorry 'bout that.

I had the honor, along with **Cantor Edwards**, to attend the 1st Annual International Association of Jewish Public Service Employees training conference held in Florida. Also present was life-member **Mark Itzko**, who is now a Cycleman with the Collier County Sheriffs Department on the west coast of Florida. The conference mostly involved stress management and stress on the job. **Cantor Edwards** presented his Katrina program which was well received as Florida was also hit by Katrina. Another interesting speaker was **Rabbi Abraham Cooper** from the Simon Weisenthal Center in Los Angeles. His program was so good that **Cantor Edwards** and I will be bringing the Rabbi and his program to Philadelphia in the near future.

Our April meeting is on hold as Pesach falls on our meeting night and the JCC is unavailable for the alternate nights we would like. If you have any ideas for an alternate location, please feel free to e-mail me.

The main event coming up of course is our **69th Annual Banquet** on June 7, 2006 which will be back at Har Zion. As you know, **Cantor Edwards** went all out in his efforts to get **Karen Tandy**, the director of the DEA to accept our **Person of the Year** award, and **Bob and Shelby Ford**, our **Humanitarian** awardees are no strangers to Shomrim. If you have received any commendations or awards, please forward the information to me so that you can be recognized at the banquet. So lets get those reservations and ads in to make this 69th Annual Banquet "an affair to remember". This is your **Shomrim** and you make it what it is. Let's support our organization - **GET INVOLVED!** Also, don't forget our meetings. Come and have a "nosh" with us at the next meeting, on February 9th.

I am asking the body for help in starting a membership drive. Our roll call is slowly depleting and we need new blood to keep this organization going in the years to come. So how about it, lets start bringing in new members to **Shomrim** and don't forget to bring a friend to the meeting.

Merrill

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12. Floyd & Frances Zonenstein (48 years)
15. Rabbi Abraham & Florence Novitsky (53 years)
Eileen & Michael Shannon, (37 years)

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: Please call Marty Borowsky, 215-342-7045 about any members who are ill or hospitalized.

The Scholarship Committee: We will again offer two scholarships at our annual banquet. Application, which was included in the January **HERALD**, is to be submitted by April 15, 2006. Mail completed application(s) to the Scholarship Committee, Shomrim of Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley, P.O. Box 14543, Philadelphia, PA 19115. For additional applications, contact the Secretary.

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Good luck to: President Merrill Kelem with his recovery and upcoming surgery on his other hand.

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.

Stroke identification: (The following information was submitted by **Bill Fleisher**) Medical researchers state that if you can get a stroke victim medical assistance within 3 hours, the effects of the stroke can be totally reversed. You can recognize a stroke by asking 3 simple questions - 1 - Ask the individual to **smile**, 2 - Ask the person to **raise both arms** - 3- Ask the person to **speak a simple sentence** (coherently) ie: It is sunny out today. . . If he or she has any trouble with any of these tasks call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher. Use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

GUEST SPEAKER: Our guest speaker this month will be our own **Art Gravitz**, who is, as you know, a retired IRS auditor. Art will discuss the timely subject of income taxes and other financial matters. He will also entertain questions from the floor. So lets have a great turnout for our guest speaker at this meeting. Bring your spouse and friends and hopefully, learn how to save money on your taxes and how to increase your income.

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