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Thursday, March 11, 2010, 7:30 PM, Jewish "Y" Room, 218, Red Lion Road and Jamison Avenue

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - 6:30 PM, at the "Y", Room 218



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, Larry Nodiff: Shalom:

March brings us Daylight Savings Time, Spring Time and Passover.

Anyone getting tired of all this snow? Really looking forward to spring this year! Our Chaplain, **Alan Edwards** has the right idea. He and his bride are vacationing down in Florida.

With all this winter weather, it's hard to believe the **Philles** are into their spring training and getting ready for the new baseball season, starting a little over a month from now.

We wish a speedy recovery to **Mitchell Spritzler** who is resting at home recuperating from a recent surgery.

Bill Fleisher and I attended the funeral for life member Ed Segal. Our condolences to his family.

Our meeting chairman, **Howard Rabinovitch**, has excellent speakers lined up for the coming months. This month we will be honored to have **Michael Levy**, the **Interim U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania**. He will discuss some of his recent prosecutions and will give a PowerPoint presentation.

Don't forget, the 73rd Annual banquet will be on June 9, 2010. Our **Person of the Year and Human-itarian** awardees will be **Joey Vento and Mindy Marynowitz**. **Mitchell Spritzler** and the banquet committee are working hard to make sure that this banquet will be another great one. We would like to see many more members attending the banquet to insure it being a success. So please make plans to attend and to get us ads for the year book.

We will also be accepting **Scholarship** applications from any of our active members attending college and from those who have children in college.

So reserve the time to attend the meeting, have a 'nosh' with friends, listen to and watch a great program and *get involved!*

Wishing everyone a happy Passover.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting,

Stay warm, stay safe and drive carefully.

Larry.

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MARCH...HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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- 8. Elliott & Dorothy Feldman -
- 15. Robert & Judy **Duboff** 46 years Tina & Bill **Grant** - 29 years
- 16. David & Beth Wolfson 19 years
- 18. Robert & Karen Rosenberg 24 years
- 21. Wendy & Kurt Alloy 16 years

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GUEST SPEAKER: This month, **Howard Rabinovitch** has made arrangements for **Michael Levy**, the interim U.S. Attorney to be our guest speaker. He will talk about the prosecution of Anthony Mark Bianchi, an American who traveled abroad to molest young teenage boys and will make a PowerPoint presentation. He will entertain questions from the floor. As his information is interesting and timely, bring your spouse and friends and lets have a great turnout for this meeting.

Michael L. Levy

Interim U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Michael Levy is currently serving for the second time as the Interim United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He has served in the U.S. Department of Justice since 1980 with two one year excursions into private practice.

He has prosecuted fraud, drug, tax and organized crime cases, as well as handling civil and criminal forfeiture actions.

As chief of Computer Crime, Mr. Levy has prosecuted computer intrusion, computer fraud, and federal crimes involving the sexual exploitation of children. His most recent conviction in a jury trial was obtained in July 2007 in the prosecution of Anthony Mark Bianchi for traveling to Romania and Moldova to molest young teenage boys. For this prosecution he received an award from the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Most recently, he was the prosecutor of Larry Mendte, the local TV newscaster who pleaded guilty to unlawfully accessing his co-anchors emails.

Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Levy worked as a Public Defender and as an Assistant District Attorney in Philadelphia and as an Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He also had his own law practice for four years. He is a 1966 graduate (cum laude) of Brown University and a 1966 Penn Law graduate.

Congratulations to: Merrill Kelem, appointed as the State Delegate representing Atlantic County for the Retired Police and Fire Association of New Jersey.

Facts to ponder: Submitted by Stan Kolmetsky -

The number of physicians in the U.S. is 700,000. Accidental deaths caused by physicians per year are 120,000. Accidental deaths per physician - **0.171** Statistics courtesy of U.S. Dept. of Health Human Services.

The number of gun owners in the U.S. is 80,000,000. (eighty million) Accidental gun deaths per year is 1,500. Accidental deaths per gun owner - .000188. Statistics courtesy of the F.B.I.

So, statistically, doctors are approximately 9,000 times more dangerous than gun owners. So, remember, "Guns don't kill people, Doctors do."

Fact: Not everyone has a gun, but almost everyone has at least one doctor.

Stats on lawyers were withheld for fear the shock would cause people to panic and seek medical attention!!!!

The essence of Chutzpah: Found on the 'net:

Chutzpah is a Yiddish word meaning gall, brazen nerve, effrontery, sheer guts plus arrogance. It has been written that no other word and no other language can do it justice. This example is better than a thousand words:

A little old lady sold pretzels on a street corner for 25 cents each. Every day a young man would leave his office building at lunchtime and as he passed the pretzel stand, he would leave her a quarter, but never take a pretzel.

This went on for more than three years. The two of them never spoke. One day, as the young man passed the old lady's stand and left his quarter as usual, the pretzel lady spoke to him.

"Sir, thank you for your business. You are a good customer, but I have to tell you, the pretzel price has gone up to 35 cents."

The Passover Ritual

Perhaps the most widely celebrated of all Jewish holidays is the festival of Passover - *Pesach* in Hebrewthe great spring festival that commemorates the Biblical liberation of the Jewish people from slavery and their exodus from Egypt.

The Seder, which means order, takes place on the first two nights of the eight-day holiday, is the most important event in the Passover celebration. It is a time when family and friends gather to retell the trials and tribulations of the ancestors' exodus from Egypt. Through the means of the *Haggadah*, the narrative book, the participants are exposed to vivid narrative, which is told in the context of a parent-child discussion.

The following ritual food items according to Jewish law are required to complete the Seder ritual:

"Matzoh" A flat unleavened bread that refers to the special wafer-like food that is eaten during the eight days of Passover. We are told in the Bible Genesis 18:6 the Sarah served unleavened bread (Matzoh") to three strangers who visited her and Abraham at Haran. In the book of Samuel 28:24 we read that Matzoh was served to King Saul by the woman at En-Dor. In both instances it is clear that Matzoh was a food that was hastily prepared for unexpected guests, allowing no time for leavening. Hence the term unleavened bread. We read in Exodus 12:34-39 and Deuteronomy 16:3 that Motzah is eaten to remind us that our ancestors ate in haste upon leaving Egypt because they had no time to bake the unleavened bread.

"The Four Cups of Wine" is a symbol of freedom that is drunk during the Seder while reciting the narrative as a reminder of our deliverance from bondage. Upon examination of the liturgy that is found in the Haggadah, we find that the number four is repeated throughout the Haggadah. The four cups of wine, four sons, four matriarches, the four names of Passover, four blessings, four types of food on the seder plate. The most well known are the four questions, which is a way of maintaining the interest of the youngsters at the Seder.

Why is this night different from all other nights? (1) On all other nights, we eat leaven and matzoh products but on this night only matzoh. (2) On all other nights we eat all kinds of herbs but on this night only bitter herbs. (3) On all other nights, we don't dip our food even once, but on this night we dip twice, once in salt water and once in *charoses*.(4) On all other nights we eat either sitting or reclining but on this night we eat only reclining.

"Zeroah" A roasted shank bone or chicken neck, which is not consumed, represents the lamb that was sacrificed on the Eve of Passover as our ancestors left Egypt.

Betza" A hard boiled egg that represents the holiday of Passover sacrifice that was offered during the time of the Temple in Jerusalem. The egg is usually dipped in salt water and eaten just before the main meal.

"Marror" The bitter herbs, usually the cut horseradish root which reminds us of the harsh times that our forbearers went through under the hands of the Egyptians. The Marror is dipped in *Charoses*.

Later on we take two pieces of matzoh and put the marror between them. This is called the Hillel sandwich to remind us of the Great Sage Rabbi Hillel. (It was Rabbi Hillel who is attributed to the sandwich that we know of today and not the Earl of Sandwich of England.)

"Karpas" Usually parsley but can be any leafy green vegetable. This is also dipped in salt water to remind us of the harsh time and tears that our forbearers went through under the hands of the Egyptians.

"Chazares" This is another name for horseradish.

"Charoses" This is a mixture of chopped apples, walnuts, wine and cinnamon. When mixed, it reminds us of the mortar and bricks they had to make while they were slaves in Egypt.

"Elijah's Cup" This is an extra cup of wine set aside for the Prophet Elijah, who is believed visits every Jewish home on the seder night and precedes the Messiah. The suspense and excitement is made by having a child open the door.

I am reminded of the Great Sage Rabbi Hillel whose name is well known in the Haggadah. He said "If I am not for myself, who is for me? And if I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?"

Police, Firefighters and Public Safety Officers throughout the world, believe very strongly in these words that are mentioned by Rabbi Hillel, on this joyous festival of Passover.

On behalf of my dear family, I wish all my fellow members, families and friends a beautiful, sweet, peaceful and happy Pesach.

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