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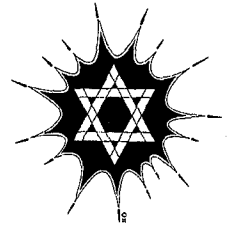
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PURIM

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, *Mitchell Spritzler*

Hello to all: March brings us **Daylight Savings Time, Spring Time and Purim.**

I'm glad we made it through the winter. I hope! We can start to enjoy the warmer weather soon. I hope!

To continue my Jewish cultural calendar, I remind you March 17th is the **FAST OF ESTHER**, which is not one of the four public fasts, so we are more lenient in its observance. **PURIM** is celebrated on the eve of March 19th through the eve of March 20th. Thank you **Esther and Morticai.**

Thanks go out to **Howard Rabinovitch** for our guest speaker in February. This month we are looking forward to meeting, listening to and interacting with the F.B.I.'s Special Agent J.J. Klaver, the Philadelphia Division's Public Affairs and Media Relations Coordinator.

I want to remind everyone that the ad book and banquet forms are in the **Herald**, so please help **Shomrim** have a wonderful 2011 banquet and ad book. Don't forget, the 73rd Annual banquet will be on June 1, 2011. Our **Person of the Year and Humanitarian** awardees will be **Bill Fleisher and Stephen Glassman.** As the banquet committee is working hard to make sure that this banquet will be another great one, make plans to join us.

As we all know, the Middle East has been going through some political unrest. Hopefully the young and restless want what all of us want... a peaceful coexistence. We should all think about the children and let them live in a world of understanding and compromise. May **Israel** stay strong during these times and God grant them strength and guidance.

Stay warm, stay safe and drive carefully. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting,

Mitchell

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flowers - daffodil, jonquil

8. Elliott & Dorothy Feldman -
15. Robert & Judy Duboff - 47 years
16. David & Beth Wolfson - 20 years
18. Robert & Karen Rosenberg - 27 years
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Condolences to: Harry Kamenir and family on the passing of his brother, **Gilbert R. Kamenir** on February 15, 2011. Trees will be planted in Israel in his memory.

Condolences to: The family of **Sergeant Adam Rosenthal**, Delray Beach Florida Police Department and member of the **South Florida Shomrim**, who was recently killed on duty in a violent traffic accident. **Cantor Alan Edwards**, vacationing in Florida, attended the funeral on Sunday, February 20, 2011.

GUEST SPEAKER: This month, **Howard Rabinovitch** has made arrangements for **Special Agent J.J. Klaver** to be our guest speaker. Agent Klaver has been with the F.B.I. for 21 years, serving first in the Indianapolis Division, Gary Resident Agency and now in the Philadelphia Division. He has handled investigations across the broad spectrum of the F.B.I.'s jurisdiction and responsibilities. He is currently serving as the Philadelphia Division's Public Affairs and Media Relations Coordinator. He has a BA in Sociology and an MBA, both from Tulane University and a Ph.D. in Organization and Management from Capella University. As his information will be interesting and timely, and he will entertain questions from the floor, bring your spouse and friends and let's have a great turnout for this meeting.

Chaplain's Corner:

THE FESTIVAL OF PURIM

On Sunday, March 20, the holiday of Purim is celebrated. It is the festival of victory and celebration, honoring the great Queen Esther, one of the wives of King Ahasuerus, who governed Persia.

King Ahasuerus had as his Prime Minister, a despot known as Haman, who sought the complete subjugation of the Jews.

When Mordecai, Queen Esther's cousin, who was a leader and a patriot, refused to bow down before him, Haman plotted the extermination of all the Jews in the Empire.

Mordechai brought the news of the plot to Queen Esther. At the risk of her own life, she interceded for her people. At a banquet for them alone, the King and Haman heard for the first time that Esther was a Jewess and could be included in the mass murder. Enraged, the King then ordered Haman and his sons be hanged. The Jewish people were saved and Mordecai was named the new Prime Minister.

Purim is celebrated principally in the synagogue. Following the evening service, the Megillah is chanted. The Megillah is a parchment scroll on which is written the entire story of the events that took place. In English, we call this the Book of Esther.

As the reader chants the name "Haman", which occurs 53 times in the Megillah, the congregants respond by whirling their 'groggers' (noise makers). This is done to blot out Haman's name.

This holiday, like many others, has a special traditional delicacy. For Purim, it is a three cornered pastry, filled with poppy seeds or prunes or other fruit jam, called Hamentaschen. This is to symbolize the three cornered hat of Haman, as well as the feast of Esther, at which three people were present, Esther, Haman and Ahasuerus.

As G-d promised the Jewish people that he would make them as numerous as the grains of the earth, the poppy seed is a symbol of the grains of the earth.

Purim symbolizes to the Jewish people that Hope will be the victor over their enemies and that bigotry will disappear from among all men.

Cantor Alan Edwards, Chaplain

Merrill Kelem informs that the **IAJPSE and the Northern California Shomrim (NORCAL SHOMRIM)** are putting on a two day law enforcement training conference in San Francisco at the beginning of May.

Some great law enforcement training is scheduled and also some social events, wine testing, dinners, cocktail parties, etc.

Additional information can be obtained on www.norcalshomrim.org

Found on the 'net - **Oldies and still goodies** -

I just got back from a pleasure trip. I took my mother-in-law to the airport.

I've been in love with the same woman for 49 years. If my wife ever finds out, she'll kill me!

What are the three words a woman never wants to hear when she's making love? "Honey, I'm home!"

My wife and I went to a hotel where we got a water bed. My wife called it the Dead Sea.

She was at the beauty salon for two hours, That was only for the estimate. She got a mudpack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.

The doctor called Mrs. Cohen saying "Mrs. Cohen, your check came back." Mrs. Cohen answered " So did my arthritis!"

Doctor: "You'll live to be 60." Patient: "I am 60!" Doctor: "See! What did I tell you?"

Patient: "I have a ringing in my ear." Doctor: "Don't answer!"

A drunk was in front of the judge. The judge says: "You've been brought here for drinking." The drunk says: Great, lets get started!"

The Harvard School of Medicine did a study as to why Jewish women like Chinese food so much. The study revealed that it was due to the fact that WON TON spelled backwards is NOT NOW!

There is a big controversy on the Jewish view of when life begins. In Jewish tradition, the fetus is not considered viable until it graduates from medical school.

Q. Why don't Jewish mothers drink? A. Alcohol interferes with their suffering.

Q. Why do Jewish mothers make great parole officers? A. They never let anyone finish a sentence!

A Jewish boy comes home from school and tells his mother he has a part in the play. She asks "What part is it?"

The boy says, "I play the part of a Jewish husband." The mother scowls and says, "Go back and tell the teacher you want a speaking part!"

Did you hear about the bum who walked up to a Jewish mother on the street and said, "Lady, I haven't eaten in three days." "Force yourself" she replied.

Q. What's the difference between a Rottweiler and a Jewish mother? A. Eventually, the Rottweiler lets go.

Q. Why are Jewish men circumcised? A. Because Jewish women don't like anything that isn't ten percent off.

Someone stole all my credit cards but I won't be reporting it. The thief spends less than my wife did.

We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

Why do Jewish men usually pass away before their wives do? Because they want to.

Short summary of every Jewish Holiday: They tried to kill us. We won. Lets eat.



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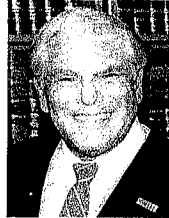
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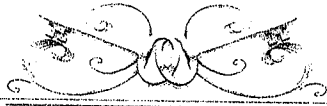
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