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Meeting Notice

Thursday, April 14, 2005, 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"



GUEST SPEAKER: Our guest speaker this month will be Thomas Gibbons, Philadelphia Inquirer reporter and former Philadelphia police officer. He will talk about current events and past experiences. He will also answer questions from the floor. So bring your significant other and friends and let's have a great turnout for Tom at this meeting!!!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, Merrill Kelem.

Shalom:

Welcome to **Spring!!!** To everyone, have a great **Passover** holiday.

I will start off by thanking everyone for all of their nice letters and phone calls on my retirement. I had a great ride for my 32 year career and I knew it was time to go. I worked a lot of interesting details, met a lot of interesting people and I will be happy to share these stories with you here in the Herald as space permits (see page 4) and at our meetings.

The banquet is coming up on **Wednesday, June 1, 2005** at K.I. in Elkins Park. We will be honoring **Phil Goldsmith, the outgoing City Manager and Rabbi Aaron Krauss of Margate, NJ** for his over 45 years of service to the South Jersey and shore areas. So buy a ticket and sell those ads. We need everyone's support in obtaining ads for the ad book. The ad book sustains the organization throughout the year and also helps with our scholarship fund as well. So how about it, one ad for each member. Also get those scholarship applications in.

We will have **Tom Gibbons**, a former Police Officer and well known beat writer for the Inquirer as our guest speaker this month. At the May meeting, we will have **Mike Perloff** of the JCRC of South Jersey as our speaker. He will present a very interesting topic **"Arab Basher or Pushy Jew"**. This is a "Must See" program so be there and have a nosh with us afterwards.

On the National front there is nothing new with the fiasco over the National presidency. I'm glad to see that Southern California voted to stay with National and I feel that we too will stay and do the right thing. **Candy Kaminsky** from SoCal remarked "A lot of old men acting badly" but it's actually one old man and one middle aged man. They know who they are. They made a big mistake and now have to live with it, but the main thing is we must all remain friends and not harm this organization, either on the local or national level. This is why there is Coke and Pepsi. Things do have a way of straightening out.

Please come out and support your organization. Get involved, pay your dues and come to the meetings. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the April 14th meeting

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Arthur & Linda Marion - 43 Years
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23. Kevin & Barbera Feiner - 22 Years
24. Jonathon & Amy Schiffman - 28 Years
27. Alan & Elaine Coggan - 12 Years
Scot & Marie Rittenberg - 15 Years

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR:

If you have not been included on Birthday and/or Anniversary listings, please forward the information to the Editor for future listings -

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES YET?

on the town

Congratulations to: Best of luck to our president, **Merrill Kelem** on his retirement after 32 years of service.
Great trip: **Art & Jean Gravitz** report they had a great time during their recent trip to **Israel**.

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, 2005. 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.

Upcoming events:

Wednesday, June 1, 2005, Shomrim of Philadelphia & the Delaware Valley, 68th Annual Banquet, Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel, 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA. For tickets, or to place ads in annual ad book contact **Rick Gusdorff**, 215-782-1446

Saturday, September 17, 2005, Executive Fellowship Board, 26th Annual Police & Fire Picnic, Police Academy, 8501 State Road, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM - **ADMISSION, FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS FREE!!!!**

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A message from our Chaplain, Cantor Alan Edwards:

On April 23rd we will begin the celebration of Passover, the festival that proclaims freedom and unity and identified Jews with their ancestors who ended their bondage in Egypt. It is a holiday of remembrance of the Jews who kept faith with their religion during the long, hard years of slavery. It is a holiday which exalts the freedom G-d desires for you.

Passover also contains a strong connection to the theme of creation. It is one of the four new years of the Jewish calendar. Nisan, the Jewish month in which the festival occurs, was traditionally seen as the first month of the Jewish year.

One of the best teaching tools has to be the Seder, the ceremonial meal that ushers in Passover and is held on the first two nights. There are four themes of the Seder that repeat. This is based on the verse in Exodus that states; “I am the L—d and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments, and I will take you to Me for a people, and I will be to you a G-d” (Exodus 6:6-7). Among many themes of the Passover Seder is the repetition in the patterns of four. We drink four cups of wine, the youngest child recites the Ma Nishtanah (the four questions) and we speak about the four types of children.

In telling the story of the exodus from Egypt, and the plagues that preceded it, Jews also highlight G-d’s role in the redemption. Moses is not mentioned in the traditional Haggadah lest too much focus center on him and his role rather than on G-d, the Sovereign of the Universe. The Haggadah stresses that it was not a messenger or angel, but G-d who redeemed the Jews. The Exodus is a formative experience for the Jewish people.

Merrill Kelem reminiscing about things:

One morning back in July of 1991, I walked into a famous coffee spot on the Boardwalk at which time **Tommy**, one of the owners, who is also an Atlantic City and County Official, who saw me pull up, met me at the door all nervous and in a cold sweat. He said to me “You’ll never guess who I just made breakfast for”. I then made a ‘funny’ and asked ‘who’, and his reply was “**Rizzo**, he’s in the back eating”. Well, I took **Tommy** to the back, and stopped in front of the table and said “Good morning Boss”.

Well, to make a long story even longer, I formally introduced **Tommy** to “**The Man**” and for the next three hours we were just three guys exchanging stories on our careers.

I can remember what **Frank Rizzo** told me that morning and it stuck in my head ever since. He said “**Merrill**, my boy, so far you have had a very promising career. (at that time I had told him that I had 18 years on) Look at all the things you have done and all the people you have met. Why yours is almost as interesting as mine”. We all laughed and I replied “not yet, boss”. **Rizzo** told us, “I had a front row seat”. We all agreed to that. He then told me “You too, before you end your career, will have a front row seat and you will never look back”. Well, **Mr. Mayor**, you were 101% right, I did have a front row seat, and I won’t look back!

Unfortunately, three weeks later **Frank Rizzo** passed away.

I knew this man since I was a child when he often came in **Kelem’s Deli & Cafeteria** on South Street, back in the 1960’s. But how true, never look back, always look on. I will never forget that morning in July, 1991 with that wonderful sit-down with **Frank Rizzo**.

Come to the meetings and I will share a story or two with you. **Merrill**

INTERESTING TRIVIA (Found on the 'net)

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled Gentlemen Only, Ladies Forbidden. Thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

In the 1400's, a law was set forth that a man was not allowed to beat his wife with a stick thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "The rule of thumb".

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred & Wilma Flintstone.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than for the U.S. Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska

The percentage of wilderness in Africa - 28% - The percentage of wilderness in North America - 38%.

The cost of raising a medium size dog to age of eleven - \$6,400.00

The average number of people airborne over the U.S. at any given hour - 61,000.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter - Tom Sawyer.

The San Francisco Cable Cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades - King David, Hearts - Charlemagne, Clubs - Alexander the Great, Diamonds - Julius Caesar.

$111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$

Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of their birthplace.

Most boat owners name their boats. The most popular name - Obsession.

If you were to spell out numbers, you would have to go to one thousand to find the letter "A".

The only food that doesn't spoil is honey.

There are more collect calls on Father's Day than any other day of the year.

AND FINALLY -

At least 75% of the people who read this will try to lick their elbow!

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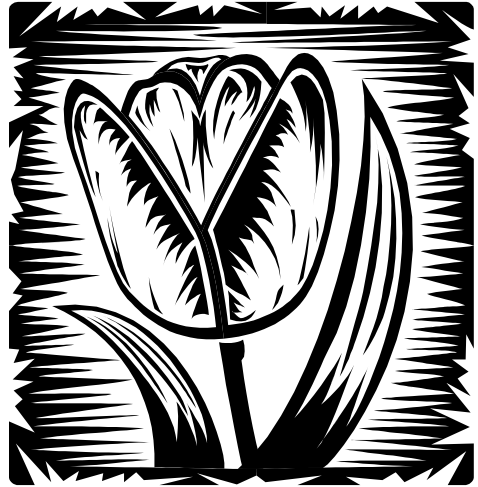
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