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## Meeting Notice Thursday, May 10, 2007, 7:30 PM Jewish "Y" Center, Red Lion Road and Jamison Avenue

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



### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, Merrill Kelem

Shalom: A happy Mother's Day to all you ladies. Can you believe that it's also the beginning of the summer season with the Memorial Day weekend. Where did the year go? Anyhow, this time of the year also means the 70th Annual Banquet at Har Zion, on June 6th, at 6:30 PM. I want to see everyone at this great evening. Jimmy Binns is our Person of the Year and Bob and Shelby Ford are our Humanitarian Awardees. As I told you before, for the price of a ticket, the food, the drinks and the music, it would cost you much more just for a ticket to a dance. So we'll see you at the banquet.

Wow, what a crazy month April was! Our heartfelt thoughts to the families of the students from Virginia Tech. I hope that all the lawmakers, both D & R, take a close look at what happened and quickly come up with something for the gun laws in this country. The next time it may be a Police station, a Firehouse, and yes, maybe an elementary school full of children. You just don't know. Oh yes, and the shooting at NASA. How did this "Cuckoo Clock" get his weapon past security? NASA? If someone could get through NASA and their security, just think of what other tragedies could occur in this country.

The other joke was the **Don Imus** incident. Yes, he was wrong for calling those young ladies "Ho's", but its OK for the rap (or should I say CRAP) artists to use that word and others that degrade women. Those girls are someone's daughter and you wouldn't want anyone degrading your daughter, would you? Well, it's over and lets move on. But this one character, the Reverend Al, should do his homework before he starts slinging dirt. Maybe he should listen to some of those rap artists and their alleged music and then say to all the people of the world that this must stop also. And whatever happened to Motown and Doo-Wop?

We have a wonderful program for the **May** meeting. We will be showing the entire show starring Frank Sinatra that was taped in May, 1978. This is part of the boxed set "Sinatra, the Vegas Series". If you never saw Sinatra live, this will be the time. Unfortunately, he's gone, but his music is not. So bring a friend and enjoy the show.

Have a safe **Memorial Day**, and please don't drink and drive. If you go for that swim, practice water safety. Don't swim at an unprotected beach, pool or lake. Oh yes, don't forget the mayoral primary. I understand a policeman's son is running?

See you at the meeting, and don't forget to buy a ticket to the banquet and an ad for the year book. So, be safe, be happy and stay healthy.

Merrill

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR:

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## MAY....HAPPY BURTHDAYS

- 1. Robert **Duboff**Ryan **Share**
- 2. Margot Similes
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- 3. Maria Richman
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- 31. Michael Brister

## MAY....HAPPY ANNIYERSARY

- 2. Stanley & Judith Kolmetsky (48 years)
- 3. Paul & Shannon Paris, (9 years)
- 9. Michael & Josephine Gilbert (25 years)
- 11. Howard & Denise Kravitz (22 years)
- 15. Aaron & Mildred Krauss (47 years)
- 16. Brian & Diane Shapiro (3 years)
- 17. Marvin & Evelyn **Rosenberg** (34 years)
- 24. Stanley & Barba Steiner (9 years)
- 29. Renee & Morris Lederhandler (58 years)
- 30. Michael & Linda Freedman (15 years) Gary & Ginny Wolf (31 years)
- 31. Harold & Nancy **Shalon** (27 years) Mitchell & Shari **Sklar**



**GUEST SPEAKER:** Our guest speaker this month will be **Merrill Kelem.** He will be showing a tape of an entire **Frank Sinatra** show done in Vegas. **Merrill**, as you may recall, spent a lot of time over the years with **Sinatra**, often heading up his security detail, so he has a lot of interesting stories to tell about his involvement with the late, great **Sinatra**. So bring your family and friends and lets have a great turnout for what promises to be one of the most entertaining meetings we have ever had.

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Condolences to: Family of Daniel Bricker, longtime friend of Shomrim, who passed suddenly on 4/11/07. Before relocating to Florida, he was a patrolman in the Philadelphia area and was a certified patrolman in Florida. He was better known as the "badge" man as the owner of Florida Insignia, Inc., who specialized in police badges and equipment. Trees will be planted in Israel in his memory. Get well soon: Our treasurer, Rick Gusdorff, was having some health issues while on vacation. I understand that now that he back home, he is feeling better.

## **Upcoming events:**

Philadelphia Police & Fire Memorial Service, Wednesday, May 2, 2007, 12 Noon, Franklin Square. Being honored this year - Police Officer Gary Skerski, who fell in the line of duty, May 8. 2006 and Firefighter Tracy Champion, killed on January 28, 2006. Survivor's Luncheon(s) immediately follows.

**22nd Annual Awards Day Ceremony:** Friday, May 11, 2007, 10:00 AM, at the Philadelphia Fire Training Academy. Awards will be given to both Fire Department and Police Department personnel and Unit citations. Also being honored will be a Temple Police officer, a member of the Bureau of Alchohol, Tobacco and Firearms, an Assistant District Attorney, two fire equipment dispatchers and 5 civilians. All off-duty members, family and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Shomrim Wreath Laying: Monday, May 14, 2007, 10:00 AM. The National Shomrim is holding, integral to National Law Enforcement Memorial Week, their annual wreath laying Yizcor Service for Jewish Law enforcement Officers fallen in the line of duty. It will take place at the National Law Enforcement Memorial Judiciary Square, located next to the National Building Museum in Washington, DC. Contact Kevin Morison, kevin@nleomf.com, 202-737-7134, or Jeff Wennar, JTWENNAR@aol.com

**F.O.P. 11th Annual Police Survivor's Fund Benefit.** Saturday. May 19, 2007, 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Finnegan's Wake, 3rd & Spring Garden Streets. Tickets purchased in advance, \$20.00. Tickets purchased at the door, \$25.00. Call the F.O.P. Lodge 5 for tickets - 215-629-3600.

Shomrim of Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley Presents the 70th Annual Dinner / Dance, Wednesday, June 6, 2007, at the Har Zion Temple, 1500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley, PA 19072, Honoring "Person of the Year" Jimmy Binns, "Humanitarian Awardees" Bob & Shelby Ford. Tickets are \$ 60.00 per person. Call Mike Gilbert for tickets. 610-649-4615

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Found on the 'net:

## Age jokes:

When her husband finally died, the widow put the usual death notice in the paper but added that he died of gonorrhea. No sooner were the papers delivered when a friend of the family called and complained bitterly, "You know very well the he died of diarrhea, not gonorrhea."

The widow replied, "I nursed him day and night so of course I know he died of diarrhea, but I thought it would be better for posterity to remember him as a great lover rather than the big piece of crap that he was.

When I went to lunch today, I noticed an elderly lady sitting on a bench and crying her eyes out. Upon asking her what was wrong, she replied "I have a 22 year old husband at home and every morning he makes love to me and then makes me a gourmet breakfast." I then asked "well, so why are you crying?". She continued, "He then makes me a gourmet lunch and then makes love to me for half the afternoon." Again I asked, "So why are you crying?". She continued, "For dinner he again makes me a gourmet meal, with my favorite wine and my favorite desert and then makes love to me until 2:00 AM." I said "Then why in the world would you be crying?" She said, "I can't remember where I live!"

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activity had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards. One day they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me, I know we have been friends for a long time, but I just can't think of your name. I've thought and thought, but I just can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is." Her friend glared at her. For three minutes she just stared and glared at her. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

Also found on the 'net, but not so funny:

## Obituary of the late Mr. Common Sense -

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: Knowing when to come in out of the rain; Why the early bird gets the worm; Life isn't always fair; and Maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children are in charge). His health started to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were put into place. Reports of a six year old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate on the cheek; teens suspended from school for using a mouthwash after lunch; a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or a band-aid to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot, spilled a little on her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason.

He is survived by his three step-brothers: I Know My Rights, Someone Else Is To Blame, and I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

# "The Banquet of the Year" Shomrim of Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley Presents the 70th Annual

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