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## Meeting Notice

**Thursday, May 14, 2009, 7:30 PM**

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### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, *Larry Nodiff*

**Shalom:**

**A Happy Mother's Day, National Peace Officer's Memorial Day and a Happy Memorial Day.**

It's just a month away to our **72nd Annual Banquet at Har Zion**, on June 10th, at 6:30 PM. Our 'Man of the Year' will be **Philadelphia Police Commissioner, Charles H. Ramsey**. Our **Humanitarian awardee** will be **Chief Inspector James Tiano**. **Mitch Spritzler, Lee Newman and the banquet committee** have been working hard. We have a great evening planned, plenty of food, great entertainment, and **Elegant Endings** will again furnish their great chocolates. I want to see everyone in attendance at this great affair. And yes, **please** sell at least one ad for the year book.

The June issue of the **Herald** will be the last to be sent to everyone via U.S. Mail. Future issues will be sent electronically to those on the internet. For those who do not have a computer or are not on the internet, please call **Judi Buch or Lee Newman** or call **215-375-7555**, and inform that you want to continue to receive the Herald via U.S. mail and leave your name and address. **See the NOTICE on page 4.**

**Shomrim** will be represented at the **Philadelphia Police & Fire Memorial Service**, Wednesday, May 6, 2009, 12 Noon, Franklin Square. Join us if you can.

The scholarship committee is in the process of reviewing the scholarship applications. **Bob & Shelby Ford** have again made a very generous donation to the scholarship fund.

We have rescheduled the **SHOMRIM / IAJPSE** conference on **Agro Terrorism**. **Howard Rabinovitch** is now putting together the program and securing all the lecturers for this event. This course is now scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2009, through Wednesday, November 11, 2009. This is a certified DOJ EEOC course, so you will get credit for it and its a write off on your taxes. It will be held at the Mariott Courtyard at Dolphin Mall, in Miami, FL. This will be a seminar you will not want to miss!

I will be starting to meet with **Shomrim** members to begin reviewing for the upcoming Sergeant's test now scheduled for September 19, 2009.

See you at the meeting. Don't forget your dues, don't forget an ad for the year book and don't forget to buy a ticket to the banquet. Rest assured, you will not go home hungry!

Have a safe **Memorial Day**, please don't drink and drive. Be happy and stay healthy.

**Larry**

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## *MAY...HAPPY BIRTHDAYS*

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|---|---|
| 1. Robert Duboff<br>Ryan Share                                    | 15. Matthew Nodiff<br>Judith F. Rubino      |
| 2. Margot Similes<br>Bruce Kanis<br>Barry Moskowitz               | 16. Helen Cohen                             |
| 3. Maria Richman  | 17. Seana Frank                             |
| 4. Brian Wolfson  | 20. Jake Cohn                               |
| 5. Eileen Kaminer   | 21. Cordell Castenova<br>Michael Burak      |
| 6. Bruce Brown<br>Paula Warren<br>Barba Steiner<br>Shannon Howard | 22. Bernard M. Gross                        |
| 7. Mitchell Sklar   | 23. Michael J. Mednick<br>Charles Rachelson |
| 8. Joanne Margolis  | 24. Bruce Blum<br>Suzanne Williams          |
| 9. Elaine Coggan<br>Lori Kessleman                                | 25. Susan Moskowitz<br>Isaac Sklar          |
| 12. Sam Leshansky<br>Gabriel L. Nathan                            | 26. Sima Horwitz<br>Bonnie Malone           |
| 13. Matthew Waldman   | 29. Abraham Novitsky<br>Dave Warren         |
|   | 31. Michael Brister                         |

## *MAY...HAPPY ANNIVERSARY*

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| 3. Paul & Shannon Paris, (11 years)  |
| 9. Michael & Josephine Gilbert (27 years)                                    |
| 11. Howard & Denise Kravitz (24 years)                                       |
| 12. Walter & Ethel Hofman (46 years)   |
| 15. Aaron & Mildred Krauss (49 years)  |
| 16. Brian & Diane Shapiro (5 years)  |
| 17. Marvin & Evelyn Rosenberg (36 years)                                     |
| 24. Stanley & Barba Steiner (11 years)<br>Barry & Linda Moskowitz (39 years) |
| 29. Renee & Morris Lederhandler (60 years)                                   |
| 30. Michael & Linda Freedman (17 years)<br>Gary & Ginny Wolf (33 years)      |
| 31. Harold & Nancy Shalon (29 years)<br>Mitchell & Shari Sklar               |

(From the 'net) - Did you know? The High Holidays have absolutely nothing to do with marijuana!

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(From the 'net) - Did you know? If it tastes good, it's probably not kosher.

## **MYSTERY GUEST SPEAKER:**

As we go to press, our guest speaker for this month has not as yet been determined. We are in contact with several people who are knowledgeable about the **Asian Flu** and we are awaiting a conformation. We expect to get one of them to come in to speak to us on our meeting night. But no matter who, he or she will be an interesting speaker on a very timely subject. So bring your family and friends and lets have a great turnout for this last meeting before the banquet.

## **Chaplain's Corner**

### **In Memoriam**

The week of May 10 has been dedicated as National Police Week. For several years I have been attending and officiating at the Memorial Service in Washington, D.C.

The National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial was dedicated in 1991 by President George H.W. Bush and is located at Judiciary Square. It honors all of America's federal, state and local law enforcement personnel.

On a blue-gray memorial wall that stands approximately four and a half feet tall and circles the entire park are inscribed the names of more than 1,700 officers who were killed in the line of duty since 1792.

Several photographs of fallen law enforcement personnel line the wall, with patches from various departments throughout the United States, attached to posters, encased by plastic covers to protect them from the rain, describe where the officer served.

Each of the pathway entrances to the memorial is adorned with powerful lions protecting their cubs, depicting the role that police officers play in protecting the communities that they serve.

An inscription on the east wall reads:

#### **"In valor there is hope"**

Here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania we have witnessed over a two year period the senseless murder of nine police officers.

As human beings, we can never make any sense out of the suffering that one human can bring onto another.

Permit me to share with you an anonymous poem.

*Not - "How did they die?" But - "How did they live?"*

*Not - "What did they gain?" But - "What did they give?"*

*These are the units to measure the worth of officer, regardless of birth.*

*Not - "What was their station?" But - "Had they a heart?"*

*and - "How did they play their part?"*

*"Were they ever ready with a word of good cheer, to bring back a smile, to banish a tear?"*

*Not - "What was their shrine?" Nor - "What was their creed?"*

*But - "Had they befriended those really in need?"*

*Not - "What did the sketch in the newspaper say?"*

*But - "How many were sorry when they passed away?"*

**May the memory of all who gave their lives to make our communities a safer place to live, ever be for a blessing.**

**Chaplain Alan Edwards  
National Chaplain**

# NOTICE - NOTICE - NOTICE

SHOMRIM OF PHILADELPHIA & THE DELAWARE VALLEY

## **IS GOING ELECTRONIC!**

### Notice to all:

Active Members, Associate Members, Life Members, Honorary Members, all other Shomrim organizations, Ethnic Organizations, business organizations and others currently receiving a copy of the HERALD via the U.S. Mail:

As we must reduce our expenses in order to keep operating as a viable organization, and the monthly printing and mailing of the HERALD is becoming more and more costly, the June, 2009 issue of the HERALD will be the last issue to be sent en masse through the U.S. Mail.

Future issues will be sent ELECTRONICALLY to those on our mailing list who have computers and are on the internet. Please e-mail our secretary, Judi Buch, buch196@aol.com or our treasurer Lee Newman, leenewman@shomrimpadv.org, or call 215-375-7555 and leave your name and current e-mail address so that you will automatically receive future Herald's electronically. We are hoping that this will reduce our monthly expenses dramatically.

If you do not have an e-mail address, call 215-375-7555 and leave your name and current address and inform that you want to continue to receive the Herald via the U.S. Mail.

Please contact us as above as we do not want you to miss any future issues.

Past and current Herald's are also available on the website -  
**[www.shomrimpadv.org](http://www.shomrimpadv.org)**

Thank you,

Officers and Board of Directors,  
Shomrim of Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley

# on the town

**Condolences to: Arthur Gravitz and family**, on the passing of his brother, **Sidney Gravitz**, 88 years of age, on 4/22/09. Trees will be planted in Israel in his memory.

**Condolences to: Jason Hendershot and family**, on the passing of his grandmother, **Florence Hendershot**, on 4/15/09. Trees will be planted in Israel in her memory.

**Merrill Kelem reports:** A brother Shomrim member from Washington, DC, **Roger Gross**, suffered a tragic loss of his brother, **Andrew**, at age 41. Andrew was a single father, raising 7 year old twins. Their future is uncertain at this time. A trust fund has been set up for them. If you would like to make a donation for them, send it to: Trust fund for Jason R. and Duncan F. Gross, c/o Irving Gross, 255 Huguenot Street, Apt. 2018, New Rochelle, NY 10801-8302. Any questions, contact Merrill.

**Congratulations to: Rick Gusdorff**, recently honored as **Man of the Year**, at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel.

**Congratulations to:** Member **Ronald Kashon**, on his recent promotion to **Sergeant** in the Margate, N.J. Police Department.

**Good luck to: Matthew Nodiff**, recently graduated from the Police Academy, now assigned to the 15th District.

**Good luck to: Kenneth Brown** - Informs that he has retired from the Pa. State Parole after 39 years in law enforcement. He has applied for a Private Detective License and hopefully, will get some work.

**Get well soon: Jerry Marks** now home and recovering from some serious surgery.

**Your editor is coming up from Florida!** I've already booked my flight!. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone at the banquet next month and having a good time!

(From the 'net) - Did you know? If you have to ask the price, you cannot afford it.  
But if you can afford it, make sure you tell everyone what you paid.

## Upcoming events:

**Hero plaque unveiling:** Wednesday, May 6, 2009, 10:00 AM, a memorial service and unveiling of a Hero Plaque for Police Officer Charles Cassidy in front of Cardinal Dougherty High School.

**Philadelphia Police & Fire Memorial Service**, Wednesday, May 6, 2009, 12 Noon, Franklin Square. Survivor's Luncheon(s) immediately follows.

**F.O.P. 11th Annual Police Survivor's Fund Benefit.** Saturday. May 16 2009, 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Finnegan's Wake, 3rd & Spring Garden Streets. Call the F.O.P. Lodge 5 for tickets - 215-629-3600.

**Shomrim of Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley Presents the 72nd Annual Dinner / Dance**, Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at the Har Zion Temple, 1500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley, PA 19072. Tickets are \$ 65.00 per person. Call Mitchell **Spritzler**, 267-235-1287 for tickets.

## Training conference: AGRO-TERRORISM

Hosted by Shomrim of Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley, now rescheduled for Monday, November 9, 2009, through Wednesday, November 11, 2009. This is a certified DOJ EEOC course, so you will get credit for it and its a write off on your taxes. It will be held at the Mariott Courtyard at Dolphin Mall in sunny Miami, Fl. Any questions or for information, contact **Merrill or Howard Rabinovitch**.

**National Shomrim Conference:** Will be taking another great cruise. Dates Thursday, 1/7/10 to Monday, 1/11/10, sailing from Miami, FL. Contact **Bob Clearfield - Mid-Atlantic Vice President - 215-782-1735** for further information.

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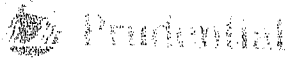
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