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*Rosh
Hashanah
GREETINGS*

Meeting Notice
Thursday, September 9, 2004, 7:30 PM
Jewish "Y" Center, Red Lion Road and Jamison Avenue
"Support Shomrim, Get Involved, Attend Meetings"
"Gourmet refreshments will be served"
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - 6:30 PM, at the "Y"

**Observe
Yom
Kippur**

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, *Mike Gilbert*

Shalom: Happy Labor day, Rosh Hashanah, and welcome to autumn.

I hope everyone had a great summer. Labor Day is upon us, which means school is starting for the children. Please drive carefully when in school zones.

If you missed the banquet, as did Congressman **Weldon**, you missed a great time. We had an excellent turnout and honored many people. I have to take this opportunity again to thank **Bernie** for the job he has done. He will continue to put out the **Herald** from Florida. I know I will be seeing **Bernie** in Florida soon. I am sure it will be at the convention.

The first night of **Rosh Hashanah** is at sundown on Wednesday, September 15. To everyone, **L'Shanah Tovah**. A very Healthy, Happy and Safe New Year. **Yom Kippur** starts at sundown on Friday, September 24.

We will be having our election in December. However the meeting date has been changed to the third Thursday of December to allow some members to come back from vacation. The meeting and elections will be held on December 16th, 2004 at 7:30 PM. Please mark your calendars. To be elected will be President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Also to be elected will be a new Board of Directors and some other officers. Please come out and vote. Also, in order to vote, you must be a paid up member in good standing. So, if you haven't done so yet, send in your dues.

The **National Convention** will again be held in Miami Beach, Florida, starting on Wednesday, December 1, through Sunday, December 5th. It will be held at the **Marco Polo Hotel** and all the meals will be Kosher. I do not have the cost as yet, but as soon as it is announced, I will let everyone know. All members are welcome to join **Chaplain Edwards, Bob Clearfield, Merrill Kelem and myself** at the convention. Both **Chaplain Edwards and I** will be giving a presentation. Again, there will be numerous speakers with the theme being **Dealing with Terrorism**. I hope others can join us. If you do go, fly into Ft. Lauderdale as the hotel is closer to this airport.

Again, I am coming down to the end of my term as president. This is your organization and it is **all** of you that make this organization what it is today. Please come to the meetings, get involved and let your voice be heard.

Mike

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SEPTEMBER...HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1. Michelle Seidner & I. Steven Levy - 19 years
3. Leonard & Carol Lebowitz - 37 years
6. Robert & Rebecca Desoi - 7 years
12. Robert & Sandy Grossman - 17 years
13. Joseph & Lorraine Eiven - 40 years
14. Leonard & Elizabeth Sosnow - 52 years
17. Louis Lappen & Jennifer Heller - 4 years
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24. Jacob & Jo-Anne Stein - 11 years
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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 - Thank you.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES YET?

on the town

Message from the Editor, Bernard Margulis: "Trials & Tribulations" -

As you may or may not know, I am now relocated to Orlando in sunny Florida. I had the movers take all my 'stuff' on Thursday, 8/12/04 and I was scheduled to fly down on Friday, 8/13/04. However, something called Hurricane Charley cancelled all flights to Orlando, so I drove down. I thought I would take a couple of days to do the drive and stay overnight somewhere along the way. Starting in North Carolina, all the way down to South Carolina, thanks to 'Charley', there was not one room to be had in any motel, hotel or flop house. So, I pulled into a rest stop and grabbed a couple hours of sleep in the van and then drove the rest of the way to Orlando, arriving Saturday afternoon.

Boy-oh -boy - What a mess! Trees down, highways blocked, no power, no lights, no restaurants open, no gas stations able to pump gas, etc., etc. The apartment I had reserved in advance was there, but again, no power, no air conditioning, no lights. We lived with flashlights for days. I was scheduled to close on my new house on 8/19/04. I was advised not to do so, because there was still no power available, making the house unlivable. However, the moving van was scheduled to unload on 8/19/04, so I closed to allow my 'stuff' to be unloaded into my new house. As I only had the apartment for a week, I am now living with my brother in the Villages, about 60 miles from my house. I still have no idea as to when I will be able to start to live in my new home as they will not furnish power to new homes until power is restored to all previous users. I can only pray that the good book is correct when it says "and this too shall pass."

So please excuse this shortened version of the newsletter - its the best I could do under the circumstances.

I hope everyone is having a great summer. Mine WAS great until now! What an experience! Wow!

Message from our Chaplain, Cantor Alan Edwards:

As we enter the Jewish New Year 5765 let us hope and pray for health and tranquility for our families, the communities in which we serve, for our armed forces both near and far, for our beloved country and the entire world.

The High Holydays, as the name implies, is a solemn period whose purpose is sacred, a time of profound introspection and resolve. A time when we must reflect on the good deeds, our misfortunes, and to accept responsibility for wrong doings over the past year. This is a time when we and G-d determine what our future will be, to reaffirm our dreams, ideals, hopes and visions for the future.

We pray that with the beginning of the New Year all of G-d's children everywhere will step through the portal of a bright and happy tomorrow. May the days ahead be for all of us the realization of our resolution to speak gently, to live honorably and act justly. May we forge our link with eternity through the justice of our deeds and the sensitivity of our souls.

May our every word and thought be an act of holiness within the sanctity of time.

Upcoming events:

Saturday, September 18, 2004, Executive Fellowship Board, 27th Annual Police & Fire Picnic, Police Academy, 8501 State Road, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM - Admission and refreshments are FREE!!!! Shomrim of Phila. is one of the main organizations involved. As always, we can use some helping hands. Call Alan Kurtz if you would like to help.

December, 1, 2004, through December 5, 2004. National Shomrim Convention. Miami, FL. Cost will be \$599.00 for two for 4 nights, \$464.00 for two for 3 nights. \$449.00 for a single person for 4 nights, \$344.00 for 3 nights. Prices include 3 kosher meals a day for each person. Mail check payable to The South Florida Shomrim Society, c/o Steve Leibowitz, 13845 SW 75 Avenue, Miami, Fl 33158. Additional Information can be obtained on the "National Shomrim" web site (www.nationalshomrim.org) or call Mike Gilbert.

Thursday, December 16, 2004, Philadelphia Shomrim elections. Make plans to attend this meeting.

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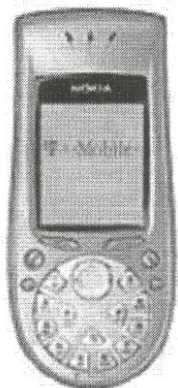
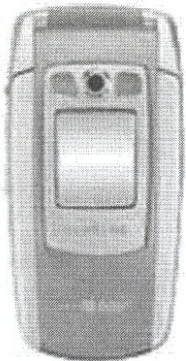
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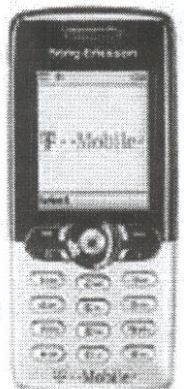
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