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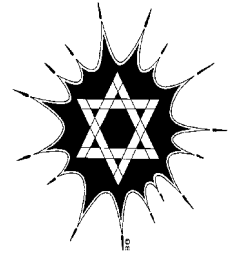
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Meeting Notice
Thursday, September 8, 2005, 7:30 PM
Jewish "Y" Center, Red Lion Road and Jamison Avenue
"Support Shomrim, Get Involved, Attend Meetings"
"Refreshments will be served"



GUEST SPEAKER: Our guest speaker this month will be **Tom Kennedy**, Director of the Delaware Valley College MBA programs. Tom is an expert in Agro-terrorism. He will speak about the current threats to our food supply. This is an important subject today, so bring your significant other and friends and let's have a great turnout for our guest speaker at this meeting!!!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, Merrill Kelem

Shalom: Happy Labor day and welcome to autumn.

It's hard to imagine, but the summer of 2005 is now in the history books. I hope everyone had a good and safe summer and are now getting ready to take part in your **Shomrim** for the coming year. We have a very interesting season planned for you. I know that **Howard Rabinovitch** is lining up some wonderful speakers for our meetings this season. Now all you have to do is just come, and oh yes, tell a friend too.

Speaking of meetings, the October meeting will be held on October 20th because of **Yom Kippur**. At that meeting **Mike Roeshman** will have our annual Fire Prevention month demonstration and our 'Chef on a shoe-string' **Alan Fried**, will serve hot dogs and sauerkraut.

For those of you who were not at the banquet in June, you missed an outstanding affair. My hat is off to our new banquet chairman **Rick Gusdorff** on a first class job. I am a bit disappointed that more of our members were not in attendance, but those who were had a wonderful time. The 2006 banquet will be held on June 7th, so all of you have enough time to start hiding some gelt to attend a banquet that will be better than ever. We can thank our Chaplain, **Cantor Alan Edwards** for getting a commitment from a high ranking government official in law enforcement to be our next '**Person of the year**'. We will be making the announcement at this coming meeting.

I want to thank a man who we will be seeing a lot of in times to come. He is no stranger to us and has been a big supporter and contributor in the Jewish Community. The man is **Bob Ford**. Bob and his family were the sponsors of our 2005 scholarship awards. Unfortunately, Bob could not attend the banquet but his son **Stuart** and his lovely wife were in attendance. The recipients this year were **Matt Nodiff** and **Daniel Gilbert**. Hopefully, we will have more applicants and more scholarships next year.

On a more somber note, for those who did not know, **Larry Nodiff's** dad passed away this summer after a long battle with cancer. Our condolences are out to the family. Trees were planted in **Israel** by **National Shomrim** and we will do the same.

I'm going to try something new this year. If you know of any member who is not well or who has a mitzvah, please contact me at my email address so we can post it in the **Herald**. If I can't be reached, contact our secretary, **Jerry Marks**.

See you at the meetings,

Be safe - **Merrill**

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September....HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2. Gregory **Malone**
3. Phyllis **Schifreen**
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29. Paul A. **Paris**

September....HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1. Michelle **Seidner** & I. Steven **Levy** - 20 years
3. Leonard & Carol **Lebowitz** - 38 years
6. Robert & Rebecca **Desoi** - 8 years
12. Robert & Sandy **Grossman** - 18 years
13. Joseph & Lorraine **Eiven** - 41 years
14. Leonard & Elizabeth **Sosnow** - 53 years
17. Louis **Lappen** & Jennifer **Heller** - 5 years
18. Arthur & Jean **Gravitz** - 56 years
30. Justin & Jennifer **Frank** - 5 years

Belated Birthday & Anniversary Greetings:

Birthday - Joel Labman, 8/13

Anniversary: Bradford & Lisa Richman, 7/15 (21)

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

Congratulations to: Mike Gilbert, recipient at the banquet of the newly established **Bernie Margulis Award for Outstanding Community Service**.

Condolences to: Our Vice President, **Larry Nodiff** and family on the passing of his father, **Edward Nodiff** on July 17, 2005. Also to the family of **Bernice Model**, who passed away this summer. **Bernice** was the widow of the late **Irving Model**, a past president of Shomrim. Trees will be planted in Israel in their memory.

Back doing well: Our Treasurer **Rick Gusdorff**, back off his back after back surgery, back to work and isn't looking back.

Best of luck: Just heard that **Rick's** son, **Noah Gusdorff** will be getting married in September. **Mazel Tov!**

Good Visit: During the summer I had a pleasant visit here in Florida from Irv Venturino's brother Mark. A small world item - found that he is having a new home built a few miles from where I am located and my son-in-law, who works for his builder, will be his service representative when he moves in.

October Meeting: Will be held on Thursday, October 20 due to Yom Kippur.

Upcoming Events: Saturday, September 17, 2005, Executive Fellowship Board, 25th Annual Police & Fire Picnic, Police Academy, 8501 State Road, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM - **FREE!!!!**

Sunday, September 18, 2005, N.Y. Shomrim Fellowship Breakfast, 9:00 AM, Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place, Battery Park City, N.Y. Guest speaker, Mr. Jackie Mason. Call **Merrill** for tickets.

December, 2005, National Shomrim Convention - The 2005 National Convention will be held on a 3 night cruise leaving Miami from December 2 through December 5. This is going to be a great event. The price is also right - about \$369.00 per person, double occupancy. For more info, go to the National website at www.nationalshomrim.org.

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Some tips from:

Mike Roeshman informs that 'check washing' is becoming very prevalent. It's when a check that you have written falls into the wrong hands and the thieves then soak it in bleach to remove the ink and re-write the check to themselves. **Uni-ball** makes a pen #207, that has a gel ink that soaks into the fibers of the paper and keeps the check from being 'washed'. They can be purchased at any office supply store and are not expensive.

Merrill Kelem advises that if you are being bothered by telemarketers, a 'DO NOT CALL' list has been set up by the government. Call 1-888-382-1222 or on the computer - www.donotcall.gov

Merrill also advises of a website to locate your areas cheap fuel prices - www.gasbuddy.com

Again, **Merrill** also advises that person(s) identifying themselves as telephone service technicians and conducting a test on your telephone line. They will ask you to touch nine (9), zero (0) and the pound sign (#) and then hang up. If you do this, it will give that individual full access to your telephone line enabling them to place long distance calls which will be billed to your home phone number. This scam has been originating from many local jails/prisons. **DO NOT PRESS 90# AND HANG UP FOR ANYONE!**

Merrill is also sharing some things he never learned in Hebrew School -

- 1- What business is a Yenta in? - Yours
- 2- No meal is complete without leftovers.
- 3- Anything worth saying is worth repeating a thousand times.
- 4- Never take a front row seat at a Bris.
- 5- Spring ahead, fall back, winter in Palm Beach.

And finally, a **Jewish Peace Prayer:**

Come let us go up into the mountain of the Lord, that we may walk the paths of the Most high. And we shall beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation - neither shall they learn war any more. And none shall be afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts has spoken.

Message from Past President **Michael Gilbert:**

To the Shomrim Board and Shomrim members:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the **Shomrim Board** and all our members for honoring me with the **Bernie Margulis Award** at our annual banquet on June 1. **Bernie** worked hard for this organization and put in countless hours and went above and beyond what was asked of him. It was an honor that I did not expect and to have it handed to me by both **Merrill and Bernie** was beyond my dreams. This award, as you know, is for service to the organization, to the community and beyond.

Again, thank you for this great honor. This award was named after my mentor and friend, **Bernie Margulis**, to whom I have looked up to and admired for many years.

Addendum from **Bernie Margulis:**

To the Shomrim Board, Shomrim members and Mike Gilbert:

I feel very honored to have this award established and named after me. I'm still not certain that the work I did, and am still doing, out of my love for Shomrim and all of its members is deserving of this great honor.

Thank you

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