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	<h3>Meeting Notice</h3> <p><i>Thursday, October 20, 2005, 7:30 PM</i> <i>Jewish "Y", Red Lion Road and Jamison Avenue</i> <i>"Support Shomrim, Get Involved, Attend Meetings"</i> <i>"Refreshments will be served"</i> BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - 6:30 PM, at the "Y"</p>	<p>Observe Yom Kippur</p>
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GUEST SPEAKER: Our guest speaker this month will be **Fire Fighter Frank Squillace** who will speak to us about Fire Prevention. As this is always a hot topic, bring your significant other and friends and lets have a great turnout for our guest speaker at this meeting!!!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, *Merrill Kelem*

Shalom: I will start this month's message by wishing everyone a **Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New year.**

"L'Shannah Tov", "Good Yontiff".

On a sadder note, we lost our long time member and friend, **William "Bill" Cohen** after a brief illness on September 16. Bill will always be remembered for his opinions, his way out ideas and he will be missed. **Rabbi Novitsky** officiated at his services.

This month's meeting will be on October 20. Remember to mark it in your book or calendar. **Mike Roeshman** and **Howard Rabinovitch** put together a wonderful program on Fire Prevention. October is National fire Prevention Month and we at **Shomrim** are proud to be part of it. I'm sure that you will learn a few pointers from this program.

We have had some complaints that members who receive the **Herald** electronically have been getting them after the meeting date. As a result we will begin again to mail a copy to everyone.

For those of you who missed last month's meeting, we had a wonderful program on **Agro-terrorism**. This was put on by one of **Howard Rabinovitch's** co-workers at the FDA, **Joe Daly**. This was a very interesting topic and hopefully we will have another speaker from the FDA to address the group. hopefully our own **Craig Anforth** will again be one of our speakers.

We are having a problem with some members who have not as yet submitted their 2005 dues. I'm asking that those of you who haven't yet done so, please send your tax deductible check made out to **Shomrim** to **Jerry Marks** and also an update if you have changed your address, phone number or e-mail address. This will insure that you get all correspondence.

I want to take this time to salute out Chaplain, **Cantor Alan Edwards**. He will be leaving for Baton Rouge, LA, with his CISM group to assist with the **Hurricane Katrina** troops. I know he will have a lot to say to us when he returns. Be safe and our hats are off to you!

Also a message from **President Bush: Laura** and I are saddened by the death of **Simon Wiesenthal**, a tireless and passionate advocate who devoted his life to tracking down Nazi killers and promoting freedom. He lost 89 relatives in the holocaust, yet he survived the death camps himself. He gathered intelligence to be used in war crimes trials and also passed on important information that led to the conviction of Adolph Eichmann. Throughout his long career, he relentlessly pursued those responsible for some of the most horrific crimes against humanity the world has ever known. He fought for justice and history will always remember him.

Again, wishing everyone a good **Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Columbus Day** and a **Happy Halloween**. Also, don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on the 30th, as Daylight Saving Time ends.

Merrill

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3. Michael & Marnie Burak - 6 years
5. Mary Lou & Laurence Nodiff - 25 years
8. Stewart & Ann Cohen Davidson - 18 years
9. Perry & Della Pressman - 23 years
12. Rick & Michelle Gusdorff - 25 years
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Mitchell & Jenny Davis - 15 years
18. Michael & Joanne Margolis -
Drew & Carin Techner - 8 years
19. Richard & Patricia Shapiro - 14 years
Kurt & Margot Similes - 58 years
23. Darren & Terri Essen - 17 years
24. Avi & Bracha Strimber - 29 years
25. Charles & Norma Rachelson, 9 years
26. Kenneth & Dolly Freeman - 36 years
27. Sandra & Thomas McCreesh - 21 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.

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Marty Borowsky, 215-342-7045
about any members who are ill or hospitalized.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES YET?

on the town

Condolences to: Rhonda Newmark White and family on the sudden passing of her husband **Fred White**. Also the family of **William Cohen**, who passed on 9/15. Trees will be planted in Israel in their memory.
Updating our records: If you recently moved and are having your mail forwarded by the Post Office, or if you have recently changed your phone number or have had recent additions to your family, please notify the Editor. (Address, phone & FAX numbers on page 2, e-mail address below. Thank you.

Upcoming events:

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.

Philadelphia Shomrim 69th Annual Dinner Dance, Wednesday, June 7, 2006. Lets start saving our shekels for tickets and ads for the yearbook.

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Message from our Chaplain, Cantor Alan Edwards:

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, like all Jewish holidays, are enormous opportunities for personal growth. There is almost no limit to what you can achieve on these days.

It is no wonder that the month of Elul, the month before Rosh Hashanah, is viewed as a month of preparation for these two holidays.

The origins of Rosh Hashanah may be sought in a royal enthronement ritual of biblical times, though the Bible never mentions the “New Year” or “Day of Judgment” as do poets of the holiday.

Even though Rosh Hashanah falls on the seventh month, Tishri, later rabbinic tradition decided to designate as the beginning of the year. The rabbis imbued it with Jewish significance as the anniversary of the day that the world was created or the day that humanity was created.

The culmination of the “Days of Awe” is the fast day of Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement). This is the day, at the conclusion of which, according to tradition, G-d seals the Book of Life and Death for the coming year.

The day is devoted to communal repentance for sins committed over the course of the previous year. Because of the nature of Yom Kippur and its associated rituals, it is the most solemn day of the Jewish calendar.

Yom Kippur gives us an opportunity to acknowledge where we have “missed the mark” during the previous year, and offer prayers of repentance. Yom Kippur is an opportunity to start fresh by recommitting to who we truly are.

The most famous restriction of Yom Kippur is, of course, fasting. The intention of fasting is not to torture or punish ourselves for the sins we have committed. Rather, fasting helps us transcend our physical nature. It is the most widespread manifestation of this devotion.

Yom Kippur is ushered in while it is still light with a powerful and ancient statement, the Kol Nidre (all vows). The Kol Nidre is a time when we take a searing look inside ourselves. We ask ourselves, who can count on my word? Can my children, my spouse or my friends? Can G-d? Can I? Can I count on my own word; do I trust myself? Without credibility we have nothing. With it we have everything. This is the Kol Nidre.

For all that they offer to us, may this coming year help us to appreciate the people we cherish. Let us also work on that which demands adjustment to advance the nature of the world around us. Let us begin by monitoring and bettering ourselves, working to achieve a healthy balance.

On behalf of myself and my dear family, we extend to all our members a healthy and happy New Year.

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