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Meeting Notice
Thursday, October 8, 2009, 7:30 PM, Jewish "Y",
Room 218, Red Lion Road and Jamison Avenue
"Support Shomrim, Get Involved, Attend Meetings"
"Refreshments will be served"
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - 6:30 PM, at the "Y", Room 218



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, *Larry Nodiff*

Greetings:

I want to wish all of you a **safe Fire Prevention Month**, a good **Columbus Day** and a **Happy Halloween**. Also, October 5 is **World Teacher's Day** and October 24 is **United Nations Day**.

At the last meeting, we had an excellent speaker from the Department of Health. We were informed that as the swine flu shots become available, the neediest will be taken care of first. Police and Fire personnel will be the second group to receive the shots. It was also advised that everyone take advantage of the regular flu shot.

The **Trustees** were asked to conduct a review of the financial records, and as it was reported that our recent banquet lost money, discussion suggested various solutions, such as have a banquet every other year to not having any banquet at all. **Howard Lebofsky** was asked to conduct a study and make recommendations.

The final contract discussions will take place by November 6th and the contract will be published one or two weeks later, by mid November.

Due to the city's financial problems, the Sergeant's exam has been cancelled and is to be rescheduled.

Thanks to the **FOP's** lobbying in Harrisburg, there will be **no layoffs** of Police in Philadelphia.

Harrisburg also approved an increase in the sales tax for Philadelphia to 8% for the next 5 years to help keep the city from going bankrupt.

Mike Perloff, JCRC, and myself met with the Security Chief of the Israel Consul in center city. They were interested in **Shomrim** and discussing the possibility that we may be called upon for assistance if needed. We also met with the Consul himself. The Security Chief may possibly be a guest speaker for us in the future.

Also a reminder that the Police & Fire Annual Picnic will be on Saturday, 10/10/09, 11 AM to 3 PM, at the Police Academy. As usual, free snacks and entertainment. We can use some helping hands. Contact **Alan Kurtz** or myself if you can help.

I want to remind everyone that in order to save money we will only be sending paper copies of the Herald to those who cannot receive a copy electronically.

Don't forget our 73rd Banquet, Wednesday, June 9th, 2010. Start thinking tickets and ads

Shalom,

Larry

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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?**

1. Joshua Strimber
4. Franklin Gold
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3. Michael & Marnie Burak - 10 years
5. Mary Lou & Laurence Nodiff - 29 years
8. Stewart & Ann Cohen Davidson - 22 years
9. Perry & Della Pressman - 27 years
12. Rick & Michelle Gusdorff - 29 years
Bernard & Gayle Petroff - 18 years
14. Suzanne & Robert Williams - 19 years
Mitchell & Jenny Davis - 19 years
16. Ronald & Allison Kashon - 7 years
18. Michael & Joanne Margolis -
Drew & Carin Techner - 12 years
19. Richard & Patricia Shapiro - 18 years
Kurt & Margot Similes - 62 years
23. Darren & Terri Essen - 21 years
24. Avi & Bracha Strimber - 33 years
25. Charles & Norma Rachelson, 13 years
26. Kenneth & Dolly Freeman - 40 years
27. Sandra & Thomas McCreesh - 25 years

Found on the 'net - Customer at the supermarket, when checking out, was asked by the clerk- 'paper or plastic?' The customer replied 'Either one, I'm bi-sack-ual.'

on the town

GUEST SPEAKERS: We will have **Tanya L. Jeter** of the FBI Community Outreach Program and **Nancy Baron-Brown** from the ADL. They are working on a project to outreach to soft targets such as religious sanctuaries. They will discuss this and other programs with us and address the needs of the Jewish community. They will also entertain questions from the floor. So let's give them a great Shomrim turnout, come to the meeting, bring a guest and let's get involved in this important and timely subject

Get well soon: Rabbi Abraham Novitsky and his wife Florence both with serious health problems. Our prayers are with you.

Haven't heard from: Art Gravitz lately. Hope that **Jean** is coming along with her recent injury and they will return to dancing soon.

Upcoming Events:

ANNUAL FAMILY DAY PICNIC:

Hosted by The Executive Fellowship Board.

Saturday, October 10, 2009, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, at the Philadelphia Police Academy, 8501 State Road. Free snacks, entertainment and demonstrations by bomb/range, Highway Patrol, Marine Units, Fire Department, Police Explorers, K-9 and the deputy Sheriffs Department.

TRAINING PROGRAM: 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 it's a write off on your taxes. It will be held at the Marriott Courtyard at Dolphin Mall in sunny Miami, Fl. Arrangements have also been made for car rentals and as an added attraction but separate from the seminar, the South Florida Shomrim Society will be having their annual Dinner Dance on Tuesday, November 10th. Any questions or for information, contact **Merrill Kelem** or **Howard Rabinovitch**.

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** If rates decrease lower rate will prevail.*

*** All prices include all taxes and fees.*

Found in the American Legion magazine:

When you 'put your two cents worth in', but you only 'get a penny for your thoughts', where does that extra penny go?

If money doesn't grow on trees, why do banks have branches?

Why do we choose from just two people for president and fifty for Miss America?

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Found on the 'net:

Beggars -

Two beggars are sitting side by side on a street in Rome. One has a cross in front of him, the other one, a Star of David in front of him.

Many people go by, look at both beggars, but only put money into the hat of the beggar sitting behind the cross.

A priest comes by, stops and watches throngs of people giving money to the beggar behind the cross, but none to the beggar behind the Star of David.

Finally, the priest goes over to the beggar behind the Star of David and says, "My poor fellow, don't you understand? This is a Catholic country; this city is the seat of Catholicism. People aren't going to give you money if you sit there with a Star of David in front of you, especially when you're sitting beside a beggar who has a cross. In fact, they would probably give to him just out of spite."

The beggar behind the Star of David listened to the priest, turned to the other beggar with the cross and said: "Moishe, look who's trying to teach the Goldstein brothers about marketing."

Divorce vs. Murder

A nice, respectable lady entered a pharmacy, walked up to the pharmacist and said "I would like to buy some cyanide."

The pharmacist asked "Why in the world would you need cyanide?"

She relied "I need it to poison my husband."

The pharmacist exclaimed "Lord have mercy! I can't give you cyanide to kill your husband! That's against the law! I'll lose my license! They'll throw the both of us in jail! All kinds of bad things can happen! Absolutely not! You CANNOT have any cyanide!"

With that, the lady pulled a photo from her purse showing her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife.

The pharmacist looked at the picture and replied, "Well now, why didn't you tell me you had a prescription!"

Why? Why? Why?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but have to check when you say the paint is wet?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest but ducks when someone throws a gun at him?

Why is it when you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table, you always manage to knock over something else?

In winter, why do we always try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

Is there ever a day when mattresses are not on sale?

If people evolved from apes, how come there are still apes?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on the first try?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

Why do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are almost dead?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

The statistics on sanity is that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your best three friends. If they are O.K. maybe it's YOU.

How come you never hear any father-in-law jokes? Or dumb brunette jokes?

and in conclusion:

KEEP SMILING, IT'LL MAKE PEOPLE WONDER WHAT YOU ARE UP TO!

Forwarded from the 'net by Stan Kolmetsky:

WARNING: RE: 2010 CENSUS -

From the Better Business Bureau:

Be cautious about giving info to Census Workers.

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as NOT to become a victim of fraud or identity theft.

The first phase of the 2010 Census is under way as workers have begun verifying addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race and other relevant data.

The big question is - How do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? The BBB offers the following advice:

If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice.

Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim to need it for the U.S. Census. While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, **the Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers nor will employees solicit donations.**

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail or in person at home. However, **the Census Bureau will not contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census.**

Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For more advice on avoiding identity fraud, visit www.bbb.org.

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