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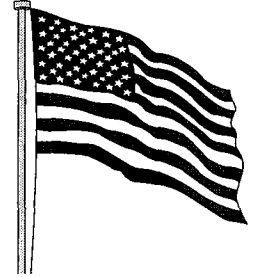
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Meeting Notice
Thursday, October 6, 2011, 7:30 PM
Jewish "Y" Center, Red Lion Road and Jamison Avenue
"Support Shomrim, Get Involved, Attend Meetings"
"Refreshments will be served"
Board of Directors Meeting at 6:30 PM, at the "Y"



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, Judi Buch:

Shalom:

Apologies about canceling the September meeting on the same day. The flash floods, multiple flood warnings, road closures and generally hazardous road conditions were the reasons that led to the cancellation. Several Board members were unable to attend and described dangerous travel conditions. I apologize for any inconvenience that resulted from the cancellation and hope that you fared well during the storm.

We have reserved the JCC for THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2011 for a BOARD MEETING at 6:30 PM and a GENERAL MEETING at 7:30 PM. We are unable to meet on our usual date, the second Thursday of October, due to Sukkot. The September agenda will be utilized, that is, we will brainstorm ways to grow and improve **Shomrim of Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley**. There will be refreshments and, more importantly, camaraderie. Please be there!!

This is a very special time of year for Jews: the **New Year, Days of Awe, Yom Kippur and Sukkot**. It is a time for introspection, confronting our innermost thoughts and doing what is right. While some may look at this time with trepidation about being judged for the **Book of Life**, it's also a wonderful time of family, traditions, good food, love and reconciliation. Some of us will be casting our sins off into our local river or stream (Tashlich), going to services, later eating apples and honey for a sweet New Year and fasting on Yom Kippur. One thing that we can all do, regardless of our level of observance, is to try to make amends with those who have become estranged from us.

We just observed the 10th anniversary of September 11th and I'm sure that we all feel strongly renewed in our patriotism and support of our fellow first responders. May the memories of those we lost be a blessing.

Finally, I would like to invite all of you to feel free to email me any ideas that you may have to strengthen our organization; however, **we still need you to attend the meetings!** My email is listed in the Herald. Now is the perfect time to reflect on **Shomrim**, how it can best serve its membership and what we can do to rejuvenate and grow the organization. The best way to do this is to first recognize and share our collective knowledge and experience, then act on it.

Your **Shomrim** officers and board members value your input. Be assured that we will give full and fair consideration to all suggestions that promote the best interests of members and the organization.

Wishing each of you and your families a **Happy New Year - L'Shanah Tovah!** **Judi**

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GUEST SPEAKER:

No Guest Speaker this month. As September's meeting was cancelled, we must now, at this October meeting, conduct all of **Shomrim's** business that has been accumulating since June, and we will also be brainstorming ways to bring **Shomrim** back to being a vibrant and welcoming organization. So come to the meeting and share your thoughts with us.

We expect that, starting with the November meeting, and for the remaining meetings, **Howard Rabinovitch** will be doing his usual best to get us interesting and informative speakers.

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.

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS *BIRTHSTONES - OPAL*

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HAPPY OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES *FLOWERS - COSMOS, CALENDULA*

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|---|
| 5. Mary Lou & Laurence Nodiff - 31 years |
| 8. Stewart & Ann Cohen Davidson - 24 years |
| 9. Perry & Della Pressman - 29 years |
| 12. Rick & Michelle Gusdorff - 31 years
Bernard & Gayle Petroff - 20 years |
| 14. Suzanne & Robert Williams - 21 years
Mitchell & Jenny Davis - 21 years |
| 16. Ronald & Allison Kashon - 9 years |
| 18. Michael & Joanne Margolis -
Drew & Carin Techner - 14 years |
| 19. Richard & Patricia Shapiro - 20 years
Kurt & Margot Similes - 64 years |
| 23. Darren & Terri Essen - 23 years |
| 24. Avi & Bracha Strimber - 35 years |
| 25. Charles & Norma Rachelson - 15 years |
| 26. Kenneth & Dolly Freeman - 42 years |
| 27. Sandra & Thomas McCreech - 27 years |

on the town

Condolences to: Howard Rabinovitch and family on the passing of his mother, **Ethel Rabinovitch** on 8/28/2011. Trees will be planted in Israel in her memory.

Also to: Life member Mark Itzko on the passing of his mother, **Selma Itzko** on 9/2/2011. Trees will be planted in Israel in her memory.

In our prayers: An old friend, **Joseph Orbell**, will be going in to Jefferson Hospital on 9/22/2011 to have a heart procedure performed and a pacemaker installed. **We wish him the best.**

Upcoming events:

Saturday, October 8, 2011 - First day of Yom Kippur (starts evening before)

Monday, October 10, 2011 - Columbus Day observed - (traditional Wednesday, 10/12/2011)

Monday, October 31, 2011 - Halloween

Chaplain's Corner:

Sukkot - 5772

On Thursday and Friday, October 13 and 14, we will be celebrating the Festival of *Sukkot*. This holiday lasts for seven days and is then immediately followed (on the eighth for some, the ninth day for others) by *Simchat Torah* (the Rejoicing of the Law), when the annual cycle of reading the *Torah* (the Five Books of Moses) is concluded and then begun again.

Sukkot is a holiday of immense joy, where we express our complete trust in G-d and celebrate our confidence in having received a "good judgment" for the coming year. Throughout the holiday it is traditional to eat, sleep and socialize in the *Sukkah*, a hut reminding us that the Israelites lived in these booths during their wanderings in the desert for forty years and that G-d is our ultimate protection - just as He protected our ancestors in the desert.

We read in the bible:

"The festivals of G-d which you shall proclaim as convocations of holiness, these are my Festivals".

The phrase "convocations of holiness" is what the festivals are - a calling to holiness. In the prayers for the festival service we say "You have given us festivals of joy, holidays of gladness". In other words, the festivals should provide a carry-over of joy and gladness throughout the entire year.

The *simcha* "joy" of the festivals is certainly not primarily that of gustatory delights that grace the table, but rather the *simcha* "joy" of the *mitvot*, "the commandments" of the festival.

The joy and the holiness which the festival represents and convey, whether it be the liberation on *Passover*, with its many Divine miracles, the receiving of the *Torah* on the holiday of *Shavout*, the commemoration of the protective clouds of glory on the festival of *Sukkot*, the soul searching and rededication of one's life on *Rosh Hashanah*, "the Jewish New Year" or the cleansing of the soul and the Divine forgiveness on *Yom Kippur*, "the Day of Atonement", serve to intensify the bonds of brotherhood among Jews, as people congregate to join in prayer and celebration and as they are aroused to give particular attention to the needs of the underprivileged.

All Jews have a stake in one another. Our deeds, our behavior, and our character, alter the way other faiths perceive us as a people. Indeed, the behavior of one Jew can influence how others perceive Judaism. When Jews ignore the suffering of other people - in our own community and around the world - we implicate the source of humanity.

Where Jews find illness, we are commanded to heal.

Where a Jew finds hunger, we are commanded to feed.

Where Jews find suffering, they are commanded to alleviate the pain.

In caring for one another we express our love, both of G-d and of G-d's creatures.

In the words of the Babylonian Talmud:

"Who shares in the community's trouble will also share in its consolation".

Cantor Alan Edwards, Chaplain, Shomrim of Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley.

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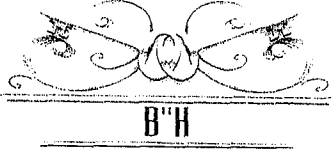
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