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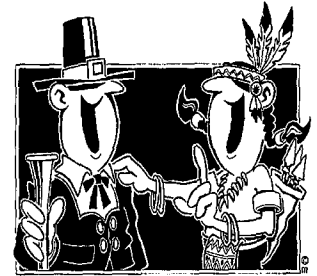
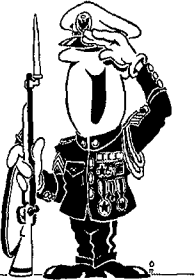
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Meeting Notice

**Thursday, November 12, 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 at 6:30 PM, at the "Y", Room 218



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, Larry Nodiff:

Shalom:

Don't forget to turn back your clocks on the 1st as Daylight Savings Time ends. I want to wish everyone a Happy **Veterans' Day** and also a Happy **Thanksgiving**. Just try not to eat too much! Don't forget to vote on **Election Day**. Make sure you vote for the candidate who will do the job well, who supports law enforcement and public safety issues.

I want to take this opportunity to wish **Scott Pollack** and his new bride **Sabrina** much happiness.

Also to wish a speedy recovery to **Mitch Spritzler** from his recent illness.

Lee Newman and Scott Pollack attended the **Emerald Society Banquet** on the 23rd and report that a good time was had by all.

How about those **Phillies** having a wonderful year and winning the Divisional Championship. Now let's hope they can also win the **World Series** and hope that the **Eagles, Flyers and Sixers** can follow suit.

The Sergeant and Captain written tests were given on 10/17/09. I am available to help any member prepare for the oral presentation for the tests.

As for our new contract, FOP President John McNesby has stated that the binding contract will be awarded in November but if the Police get any kind of awards, he expects the city will appeal.

Our speaker this month will be a very important person whose message is one that all law-enforcement personnel will want to hear. Also, **Howard Rabinovitch** has a nice lineup of speakers for the upcoming meetings. So mark it down! The second Thursday of each month.

We will be taking nominations from the floor for one Trustee at this November meeting for December vote.

We will also be discussing next year's banquet, to be held on June 9th, 2010. We will be looking for suggestions for **"The Person of the Year"** and the **"Humanitarian"** awardee as well. We will again be considering taking applications for Scholarships to be awarded at the banquet. Also again asking for all members to start getting ads for the ad book. So please make a note to attend this important meeting and take part in your **SHOMRIM**.

See you at the meeting,

Larry

NOVEMBER...HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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Thank you.

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1. Leonard & Tracy Cohen (23 years)

4. Marc & Dawn Rutizer (14 years)

6. Bernard & Leslie Solomon (43 years)

9. Joseph & Ginger Sayegh (23 years)

15. Sydney & Irene Rosenberg (39 years)

17. Paul & Sil Linderfeld (16 years)

18. Howard & Molly Goldsmith (39 years)

19. Joseph & Elizabeth Lomazoff (58 years)

Harry & Jaynee Polis (46 years)

22. Martin & Susan Moskowitz

24. Edward & Vivian Rementer (46 years)

25. Jerry & Bonnie Steiner (34 years)

26. Robert & Helen Cohen (42 years)

29. Arthur & Iris Loev (45 years)

Jeffrey & Renee Lerman (17 years)

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES YET?

on the town

MYSTERY GUEST SPEAKER: We will have a very special guest speaker who will address us about current and important topics to us and our community. We urge all **Shomrim** members who can possibly attend, to be at this meeting. You will not be disappointed. He will also entertain questions from the floor. So let's give him a great **Shomrim** turnout. Come to the meeting, bring your family and get involved in this important and timely meeting.

Condolences to: The family of life member **Leonard Glauser**, passed on 9/23/09, at 90 years of age. Trees will be planted in Israel in his memory.

Also Condolences to: The family of life member **Franklin Gold**, passed on 10/7/09, at 71 years of age. Trees will be planted in Israel in his memory.

Also Condolences to: Member **Robert A. Rovner** and family on the passing of his father **Edward H. Rovner**, on 10/22/09. Trees will be planted in Israel in his memory.

Get well soon: **Mitch Spritzler** with some weather related problems.

Congratulations to: **Lee Newman** and his new bride **Sabrina**. Wishing them much happiness and maybe some new Shomrim members in the near future?

Upcoming events:

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73rd ANNUAL SHOMRIM BANQUET - Scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, 2010.

Come to the meetings as we will be looking for suggestions for **"The Person of the Year"** and the **"Humanitarian"** awardee as well. We will again be considering taking applications for Scholarships to be awarded at the banquet. Also again its not too early for all members to start getting ads for the ad book.

Found on the 'net -

Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?

Do Lipton Tea employees take coffee breaks?

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive!

Did you ever notice that when you put the two words 'the' and 'IRS' together it spells THEIRS?

If 4 out of 5 people suffer from diarrhea, does that mean that one enjoys it?

Ever wonder about those people who spend \$2.00 apiece on those little bottles of Evian water? Evian spelled backwards is NAIVE!

And last but not least - If lawyers are disbarred, and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked and dry cleaners depressed?

Forwarded from the 'net by our Chaplain, **Alan Edwards**

The following article was written by **Joe McCain**, a retired reporter, brother of **Senator John McCain**.

'Comments on Israel'

There is a lot of worry popping up in the media just now - - 'Can Israel survive?' Don't worry about it. It relates to something that Palestinians, the Arabs, and perhaps most Americans don't realize - - the Jews are never going quietly again. Never. And if the world doesn't come to understand that, then millions of Arabs are going to die. Its as simple as that.

Throughout the history of the world, the most abused, kicked around race of people have been the Jews. Not just during the holocaust of World War II, but for thousands of years. They have truly been 'The Chosen People' in a terrible and tragic sense.

The Bible story of Egypt's enslavement of the Jews is not just a story. It is history, if festooned with theological legend and heroic epics. In 70 AD, the Romans, which had for a long time tolerated the Jews - - even admired them as 'superior' to other vassals - - tired of their truculent demands for independence and decided on an early 'solution' to the Jewish problem. Jerusalem was sacked and reduced to near rubble. Jewish resistance was pursued and crushed by the implacable Roman War Machine - - see 'Masada'.

And thus began the Diaspora, the dispersal of Jews throughout the rest of the world. Their homeland destroyed, their culture crushed, they looked desperately for the few niches in a hostile world where they could be safe. That safety was fragile, and often subject to the whims of moody hosts.

The words 'pogrom', 'ghetto', and 'anti-semitism' came from this treatment of the first mono-theistic people. Throughout Europe, changing times meant sometimes tolerance, sometimes even warmth for the Jews, but eventually it meant hostility, then malevolence. There is not a country in Europe or Western Asia that at one time or another has not decided to lash out against the children of Moses, sometimes by whim, sometimes by manipulation.

Winston Churchill called Edward I one of England's greatest kings. It was under his rule in the late 1200's that Wales and Cornwall were hammered into the British crown, and Scotland and Ireland were invaded and occupied. He was also the first European monarch to set up a really effective administrative bureaucracy, surveyed and censused his kingdom, established laws and political divisions - - But also embraced the Jews.

Actually Edward didn't embrace Jews so much as he embraced their money. For the English Jews had acquired wealth - - Understandable, because this people that could not own land or office, could not join most of the trades and professions, soon found out that money was a very good thing to accumulate. Much harder to take away than land or a store, was a hidden sack of gold and silver coins. Ever resourceful, Edward found a way - - He borrowed money from the Jews to finance imperial ambitions in Europe, especially France. The loans were almost certainly not made gladly, but how do you refuse your King? Especially when he is 'Edward the Hammer'. Then, rather than pay back the debt, Edward simply expelled the Jews. Edward was especially inventive. - - He did this twice. After a time, he invited the Jews back to their English homeland, borrowed more money, then expelled them again.

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Most people do not know that Spain was one of the early entrants into The Renaissance. People from all over the world came to Spain in the late medieval period. All were welcome - - Arabs, Jews, other Europeans. The University of Salamanca was one of the great centers of learning in the world - - scholars of all nations, all fields, came to Salamanca to share their knowledge and their ideas. But in 1492, Ferdinand and Isabella, having driven the last of the Moors from the Spanish Shield, were persuaded by the righteous fundamentalists of the time to announce 'The Act of Purification'. A series of steps were taken in which all Jews and Arabs and other non-Christians were expelled from the country, or would face the tools and the torches of The Inquisition. From this 'cleansing' came the Sephardic Jews - - as opposed to the Ashkenazis of Eastern Europe.

In Eastern Europe, the sporadic violence and brutality against the Jews are common knowledge. 'Fiddler' without the music and the folksy humor. At times of fury, no accommodation by the Jew was good enough, no profile low enough, no village poor enough or distant enough.

From these came the near-steady flow of Jews to the United States and despite the disdain of the Jews by most 'American' Americans, they came to grab the American Dream with both hands, and contributed everything from new ideas of enterprise in retail and entertainment to becoming some of our finest physicians and lawyers. The modern United States, in spite of itself, IS the United States in part because of its Jewish blood.

Then the Nazi Holocaust - - the corralling, sorting, orderly eradication of millions of the people of Moses. Not something that other realms in other times didn't try to do, but the Germans were just more organized and had better murder technology.

I stood in the center of Dachau for an entire day about 15 years ago, trying to comprehend how this could have happened. I had gone there on a side trip from Munich, vaguely curious about this Dachau. I soon became engulfed in the enormity of what had occurred there, nestled in this middle and working class neighborhood. How could human beings do this to other human beings, hear their cries, their pleas, their terror, their pain, and continue without apparently even wincing? I no longer wonder. At some times, some places, ANY sect of the human race is capable of horrors against their fellow man, whether a member of the Waffen SS, a Siberian sniper, a Turkish policeman in 1920's Armenia, a Mississippi Klansman, because even in the United States not all was a rose garden. For a long time Jews had quotas in our universities and graduate schools. Only so many Jews could be in a medical or law school at one time. Jews were disparaged widely. I remember as a kid, Jewish jokes told without a wince - - 'Why do Jews have such big noses?'

Well, now the Jews have a homeland again. A place that is theirs. And that's the point. It doesn't matter how many times the United States and European powers try to rein in Israel, if it comes down to survival of its nation, its people, they will fight like no lioness has ever fought to save her cubs. They will fight with a ferocity, a determination, and a skill, that will astound us. And many will die. Mostly their attackers, I believe. If there were a macabre historical betting parlor, my money would be on the Israelis to be standing at the end. As we killed the kamikazes and the Wehrmacht soldaten of WW II, so will the Israelis kill their suicidal attackers, until there are not enough to torment them.

The irony goes unnoticed - - while we are hammering away to punish those who brought the horrors of 9/11 here, we restrain the Israelis from the same retaliation. Not the same thing, of course - - We are We, They are They. While we mourn and seethe at 9/11, we don't notice that Israel has a 9/11 sometimes every day. We might not notice, but it doesn't make any difference. And it doesn't make any difference whether you are pro-Israeli or you think Israel is the bully of the Middle East. If it comes to where a new holocaust looms - - with or without the concurrence of the United States and Europe - - Israel will lash out without pause or restraint at those who would try to annihilate their country.

The Jews will not go quietly again!

Joe McCain

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