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**Meeting Notice**

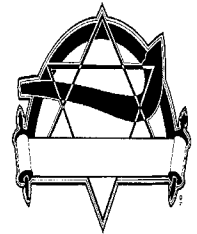
**Thursday, January 11, 2007, 7:30 PM**

**Jewish "Y" Center, Red Lion Road and Jamison Avenue**

**"Support Shomrim, Get Involved, Attend Meetings"**

**"Refreshments will be served"**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - 6:30 PM. at the "Y"**



**MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, Merrill Kelem**

**Shalom:**

First, I want to wish all of you and your families a **Happy & Healthy 2007**.

I hope that everyone is now recuperated from last month's festivities and are now back to normal. (Whatever that is). As you know, the year 2007 marks our **70th** year, so let's make this year special. Maybe we can have our November meeting at **Rodef Shalom**, where it all began, and make it a festive event

As most of you know, **Mike Gilbert** was re-elected as **President of the National Shomrim** for 2007, and **Bob Clearfield** remains as the **Mid-Atlantic Representative**.

As a result of last month's elections, **Lee Newman** (an Officer in the 15th district) will be our new secretary and **Mitch Spritzler** (assigned to Chief Jim Tiano's office) will be our new Board member. **Lee Newman** will also serve as our new webmaster. If you haven't done so yet, check out our new website that **Lee** built. Good luck to both.

I want to personally thank **Jerry Marks** for the job he has done these past two years as the secretary. I also want to thank **Joel Belsky** for his service as a Board member for the past 4 years. I have a few committees that could use you both. Also a thank you to **Eric Norris** who, while attending college in Maryland, took time out to be our webmaster. Thank you again and good luck in school.

The ball is rolling for the **70th Annual banquet**. **Mike and Jo** are already hard at work to make this a memorable event. **Jimmy Binns** is thrilled to be our **Person of the Year** as are **Bob and Shelby Ford**, our **Humanitarian awardees**. I must emphasize that all our members sell ads and buy a ticket as the ad book pays for all our expenses during the year.

Also, don't forget the **Scholarship Application** for those who have children in college.

If you know of anyone who has been or is under the weather, contact me immediately, so we can send them something or make a phone call to cheer them up. By the way, the ad book supports this also.

I'm glad to see that our meeting chairman, **Howard Rabinovitch** is doing well after some minor surgery. I know that **Howard** has some great programs lined up for us for this year. In fact, for this month's meeting we have a representative from **Homeland Security** as our guest speaker.

So come to the meeting, have a 'nosh', meet with friends and listen to a great program.

Again, a **Happy & Healthy 2007** and see you at the meeting.

Be safe -

*Merrill*

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### JANUARY...HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1. Mark Itzko  | 16. Chaya Feldman<br>Bernard Petroff                                 |
| 2. Norma Rachelson   | 17. Michele Gusdorff   |
| 3. Gayle Petroff   | 18. Joseph Lamazoff  |
| 5. Frances Zonenstein  | 20. Marvin Rosenberg<br>Howard Rubin                                 |
| 6. Rabbi M. D. Feldman<br>Allison Gusdorff<br>James Campana<br>Amy Speizer | 21. Herbert Marder<br>Alan Sigel                                     |
| 7. Annette Belsky<br>Connie Blair<br>Liam Burak                            | 23. James E. Rubino  |
| 8. Jeffrey Rabinovitch   | 26. Joel Belsky<br>Ellis Hershowitz<br>Karen Rosenberg               |
| 9. Gail Litten<br>Helen Miller   | 27. Sarah J. Richman   |
| 10. Alexander Paris  | 28. Anita Davidson<br>Tess Alloy<br>Rabbi Aaron Krauss               |
| 11. Rick Gusdorff<br>Katherine Labman                                      | 29. Frank Weinberg   |
| 13. David P. Schectman   | 30. George Ardelean<br>Colleen Smith<br>Jessica Sklar<br>Rhett Rubin |
| 14. Frank Goldberg   |  |
| 15. Lee Newman<br>Jason P. Grosser   |  |

### JANUARY...HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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|---|
| 2. Alan & Linda Levine                    |
| 3. George & Jennifer Feinstein (10 years) |
| 12. Floyd & Frances Zonenstein (49 years) |
| 17. Bernard & Gail Litten (15 years)      |

#### 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 OR if the listed info is incorrect, please call for a correction- Thank you.

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# on the town

**Shomrim Elections:** good luck to all those officers who ran unopposed and Congratulations to re-elected Treasurer, **Rick Gusdorff**, newly elected Secretary, **Lee Newman**, and newly elected to the **Board of Directors**, **Mitchell Spritzler**.

**Congratulations:** to **Mike Gilbert** - re-elected **President of National Shomrim**.

**Annual Banquet:** Wednesday, 6/6/07, will be at **Har Zion** again this year. Your editor, now living in sunny Florida, is again making plans to attend. I hope to see many, no, make that **ALL** of you there.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Our guest speaker this month will be **John J. Guest**, Department of Homeland Security. His topic will be "How secure are we and our industrial infrastructures?"

John has 28 years experience in public safety. He spent 7 years with the Philadelphia Fire Department, attaining the rank of Lieutenant and assigned as the Officer in charge of a Hazardous Material Company in South Philadelphia. He spent 22 years as a special agent with the United States Secret Service, including assignments in Philadelphia, PA, Wilmington, DE, Washington, DC and Los Angeles, CA. During his 9 years in our nation's capitol, he was selected as a member of the Presidential Protective Division during the Bush/Quayle administration and directed multiple foreign and domestic lead security advances for the President of the United States and his family.

John is a native of Philadelphia, graduated from Father Judge High School, earned a Bachelor's Degree from Temple University and a Master of Science degree in Environmental Protection and Safety Management from Saint Joseph's University.

So bring your significant other and friends and lets have a great turnout for our guest speaker at this meeting!!!

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**UNLESS YOUR TANK IS BONE DRY, DON'T EVEN STOP THERE. AND IF YOU HAVE TO, ONLY BUY A GALLON.**

With enough participation, we can make a lot of CITGO and PETRO EXPRESS gas stations dry up.

Due to space limitations, the list of Member's E-mail addresses is being omitted in this month's Herald. It will be published again next month. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION BLANK:**

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY APPLICANT HAS APPLIED TO OR IS PRESENTLY ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF DEGREE PURSUING \_\_\_\_\_ DATE STARTED/SEMESTER \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE BOARD SCORES OR CUMULATIVE AVERAGE OF LAST COMPLETED SEMESTER \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR:

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ISSUANCE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships will be awarded annually. For the year 2007 Shomrim will be awarding two (2) scholarships. The amount to be given will depend on the amounts donated to Shomrim for this purpose.

The recipient(s) will be determined by the Board of Directors, with no more than one scholarship per family and recipient(s) will attend the Annual Banquet as our guest to receive the award. Recipient must be present at the banquet to receive the award.

Scholarships will be limited to Active members who have been members in good standing for a period of at least five continuous years, and their children.

Scholarship awards will be limited to students attending full time (day or evening) at an accredited College/University, earning an undergraduate degree.

The Scholarship Committee shall consider the applicants contribution and participation in the organization when awarding scholarships.

The following factors will also be considered:

Active members who are working and also going to school full time.

Preference for applicants with no previous Shomrim scholarship awards over past recipients.

Applications must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee no later than April 15, 2007. Applicant should also submit a brief summary of past academic achievements, awards, and past and present extra-curriculum programs they have been involved in.

Applicants having fully paid scholarships due to Regulation 32 or Hero Scholarship Award or having earned a fully paid tuition scholarship from any other source shall not be eligible.

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