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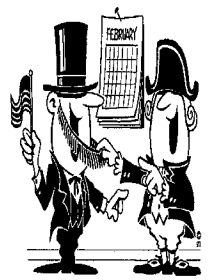
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Meeting Notice
Thursday, February 14, 2008, 7:30 PM
Jewish "Y" Center, Red Lion Road and Jamison Avenue
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"Refreshments will be served"
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - 6:30 PM, at the "Y"



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, Merrill Kelem

Greetings:

A kiss to all you ladies for a **Happy Valentine's Day**. And a **Happy Birthday** to **George and Abe** and of course to all our members who have February birthdays. By the way, our meeting this month is also **Valentine's Day**.

It's hard to believe, but on **Valentine's Day**, pitchers and catchers report for the Phillies. Can't Wait! That's a sign that warmer weather and longer days will soon be here. I hope that everyone is staying warm! Don't forget to take plenty of Vitamin C and wash your hands frequently to, hopefully, keep the 'flu' bug under control.

I'm told that **Howard Rabinovitch** set up another fine speaker for this month's meeting, so tell a friend and have a nosh with us. Don't forget to pay your 2008 dues and we are asking our life members to please send a \$10.00 donation, (tax deductible) to help offset the **Herald** expenses. Also, we need your current e-mail and telephone numbers so please send them in with your dues. And while we are on the subject of the **Herald**, Those of you who would like to receive the **Herald** on-line, please contact **Lee Newman**, and we can arrange this for you. This means that you would not receive the **Herald** by 'snail' mail anymore.

Well, it is now 4 months till the **71st Annual Banquet** being held on June 4 at the **Har Zion in Penn Valley**. **Risa Vetri Ferman, Montgomery County District Attorney** is our **Person of the Year** and **Wendy Demchick-Alloy** will receive our **Humanitarian Award** of the year. We are asking that each member go out and solicit at least one ad for the banquet book. These monies keep the organization going throughout the year. I would also like to see more of our members attending this event. Where for \$65.00 can you eat and drink for that price? As we always say, if you go home hungry, you must have been at the wrong affair. No excuses, I want to see everyone at the banquet!

We will also have several **scholarships** available for those who have children in a higher education facility. So, don't forget your dues, ads and tickets for the banquet and see you Thursday night, February 14, at the meeting. Don't miss it!

Shalom, Merrill

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9. Bruce & Gail Blum, (23 years)
12. Floyd & Frances Zonenstein (50 years)
15. Rabbi Abraham & Florence Novitsky (55 years)
Eileen & Michael Shannon, (39 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.

The Scholarship Committee: We will again offer two scholarships at our annual banquet. Applications are to be submitted by April 15, 2008 Mail completed application(s) to the Scholarship Committee, Shomrim of Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley, P.O. Box 14543, Philadelphia, PA 19115. For additional applications, contact the Secretary. (or print from the website, January, 2008

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Forever young: Heard that Art & Jean Gravitz are still dancing up a storm and were on TV recently.

Heard from: Harris J. Sklar, that he and his wife Bonnie recently travelled to Israel to attend the Bar-Mitzvah of their grandson Alex. After the Bar-Mitzvah, they had the same Rabbi conduct a wedding ceremony wherein they renewed their wedding vows. It was a wonderful way to start the New Year!

Mazel-tov: Brian & Diane Shapiro announce the birth of a baby boy, Ryan, on January 12, 2008.

Upcoming events:

Shomrim of Philadelphia & Delaware Valley - 71st Annual Banquet - June 4, 2008, to be held at Har Zion. See page 6 for details.

2008 National Shomrim Convention: Tentative dates - December 4 through December 8, 2008. It looks as if it might be another cruise. Further details will follow.

GUEST SPEAKER: Our speaker this month will be Tom Kennedy, Director of Delaware Valley College MBA Agribusiness Program. He will discuss the Philadelphia Port vulnerabilities as well as the 150th anniversary of the birth of the College's founder, Dr. Joseph Krauskopf. He will also entertain questions from the floor. So bring your spouse and friends and lets have a great turnout for our guest speaker at this meeting.

Message from Mike Gilbert, Past President of National Shomrim:

Time has gone by so quickly that it is hard to believe that I am coming to my end as "your" President, for the years 2006 & 2007. The Board of Directors did a great job with updates to the National By-Laws and we have moved forward and have grown these past two years as well. Two new organizations applied for and were granted status under the National Shomrim umbrella. One, a firefighter group in Long Island, New York, and the other is a police group in Northern California.

We had two National Conventions with one in Miami in 2006 and a cruise in 2007. The cruise was attended by over 100 people and we had excellent training as well as great friendship.

I had many people to thank for their help over these past two years. First, to my wife Jo, and my children, who put up with me on the phone, on the computer, going places without them, and leaving them to run the house without me. Since my youngest are 22, I am not sure who was in charge. To the entire Board of Directors, I could not have done it without you. Your shoulders were broad and a great place for me to lean on. To Marty, Murray and Merrill, for a job well done on the Miami convention in 2006. Again to Marty & Murray for their outstanding job on the cruise in 2007. To Art Krinsky for his masterful job in setting up the training these past two years. If you did not make the National Conventions, you missed some great training.

To our web master, Bonnie, THANK YOU.

To our Chaplain, Cantor Alan Edwards, thank you for lending me your ear. You were my guiding light.

Your new officers, President Sam Miller, and his board came out of the blocks running. Plans are already being made for the next National Convention as well as training at this great event. Sam has told me that the location and type of convention, land or sea, will be coming out shortly along with dates so that vacations and/or time off can be worked out in advance.

Finally, to all of you, the entire National Membership, thank you for your support and help these past two years. I could not have done it without you.

Mike Gilbert

Looking for volunteers:

Harris J. Sklar, life member of **Shomrim** and former A.D.A. writes:

For the past eight years I have been a volunteer teacher of photography in the public schools of Philadelphia. This year I am teaching 4th grade students at the **Meade School**, 18th Street off of Cecil B. Moore Avenue. This is quite ironic, since as an Assistant District Attorney I tried hundreds of cases against Cecil. It is a program I created that has been used as a model by Olympus Camera Company in many other cities. If there are any retired members of **Shomrim** who are knowledgeable in photography and would like to volunteer a morning or afternoon, one day a week, please contact me. I supply the cameras from contributions given to a Not-For-Profit fund I created, "R First Photos". hjsesq@hotmail.com

Interesting readings:

(From - The American Legion Magazine:)

A retiree is someone who knows it all and has plenty of time to tell you about it.

Lawyer's creed: "A man is innocent until proven broke."

Parents to their high school graduate: "We decided to support you for the rest of your life. It will be cheaper than sending you to college."

The fit old man boasted to a group of young people - "Look at me!. Fit as a fiddle. And you want to know why? I don't smoke, I don't drink, I don't stay up late and I don't chase women!" He smiled at them and told them that he will be celebrating his 90th birthday the next day. "Oh really?" drawled a young man. "How?"

Credited to Jay Leno: "On this latest tape, bin Laden says, 'A happy man is one who dies for his religion.' Do you notice that the one who is giving the advice is never the one blowing himself up?"

From the 'net - forwarded by Art Gravitz and Howard Rabinovitch

Subject - TAXES -

Taxes are no joke! Read all the way through.

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Corporate Income Tax, Dog Licence Tax, Excise Taxes
Federal Income Tax, Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA), Fishing Licence Tax, Food Licence Tax
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Utility Taxes, Vehicle Licence Registration Tax, Vehicle Sales Tax
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None of these taxes existed 100 years ago, and our nation was the most prosperous in the world. We had absolutely no national debt, had the largest middle class in the world, and Mom stayed home and raised the kids. What in hell happened? Can you spell 'POLITICIANS'?

And I still have to 'press 1' for English!

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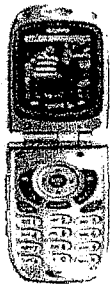
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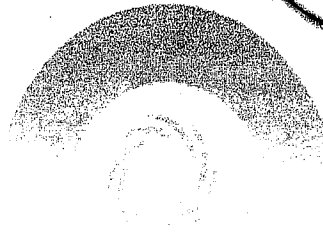
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