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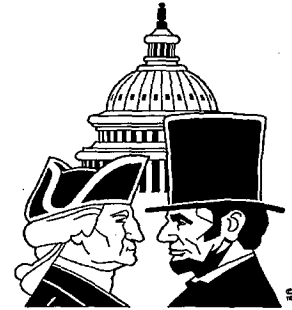
Meeting Notice

**Thursday, February 9, 2012, 7:30 PM, Jewish "Y",
Red Lion Road and Jamison Avenue**

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



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Shalom:

We almost did it! While we had a quorum at the Board meeting in January, we did not maintain a quorum (voting members) at the general meeting. Some had to leave immediately after our wonderful speaker. In any case, I was somewhat heartened to see a much better turnout. I am hoping for even improved numbers in February. We need to vote for a Vice President and we really need to change the by-laws and constitution, so a quorum may become 10 voting members, not 15.

Before go any further about "business," let me say that our speaker in January, Jewish genealogist **Donald Wittenberg**, kept the audience absolutely spellbound. He possesses a wealth of knowledge and I hope he will return some time in the future. Thanks to associate member **Barry Stucker** for arranging the presentation by Don. The handout we received about genealogy will be helpful to each of us while searching our roots.

Some of us attended a retirement luncheon on January 18th for **Howard Rabinovitch**. There were 64 attendees --- what a tribute to **Howard!** He received a number of awards from the Food and Drug Administration and other formal recognition for his work. It is clear that **Howard** is held in high esteem and that he is much loved by his colleagues. Friends and professionals came from all over. Good luck to **Howard!**

Mazel tov and congratulations to **Jeffrey Rabinovitch**, promoted to Sergeant in the Philadelphia. Police Department and is now assigned to the 19th District. **Jeff** expressed to me, **Merrill, Doug Green and Cantor Edward**, during his father's luncheon, how much **Larry Nodiff** helped him prepare for the exam, especially the oral part. This is a wonderful example of how Shomrim can help. Thank you, **Larry!**

Please be aware that there will be a national conference at the University of Pennsylvania in February, devoted to Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israel (BDS). Representatives of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) attended our meeting in January and brought it to our attention. The conference has also been noted in the Jewish Exponent and many organizations have taken a firm stand against it. We need to strongly support Israel and work against all BDS activities. Buy Israeli products! Help you children and grandchildren understand what a threat these BDS activities are to the survival of Israel.

We are putting an advertisement in the Exponent in an effort to find out who has bought cemetery plots through Shomrim. As an earlier message indicated, we need to reconcile the cemetery records.

Mazel tov, again, to our treasurer, **Lee Newman** on his recent nuptials, also to **Alan Fried** and his new wife, **Dr. Sue Michener**. We hope **Harry Kamenir** is feeling better... he let us know that he would miss the January meeting.

Please attend the February meeting. If there is inclement weather, feel free to call me at 215-919-6927 on the day of the meeting to find out if it's cancelled. We may try a phone squad; however, in case you do not hear from anyone and the roads seem very bad, please feel free to call.

Remember, we're depending on each and every one of you to renew Shomrim and make its 75th year a very good one! We need to accomplish some important business in February.

Judi

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FEBRUARY...HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
FLOWERS - VIOLET, PRIMROSE

9. Bruce & Gail Blum (27 years)
12. Floyd & Frances Zonenstein (54 years)
14. Richard & Jennifer Haaz (33 years)
15. Eileen & Michael Shannen (43 years)

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Congratulations to: Jeffrey Rabinovitch - promoted to Sergeant. Keep up the good work.
Grievance committee: Howard Lebofsky appointed as chairman.

GUEST SPEAKER: As of the deadline for this newsletter, **Howard Rabinovitch** is trying to get a conformation that our next scheduled guest speaker will be available on our meeting night. We are fairly certain that he will be able to speak to us, so come to the meeting, interact with our guest speaker and put out your ideas on how to improve **Shomrim**. Get involved, take an active part in **YOUR** organization.

HOME SAFETY TIPS:

- Make sure your smoke detectors are in working order and batteries replaced periodically.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets and circuits, which can overheat and start a fire.
- Make sure electrical extension cords are in good condition.
- Do not stretch extension cords across heavily traveled areas.
- Cover unused electrical outlets.
- Keep an approved fire extinguisher handy on each floor.
- Make sure all floor surfaces are non-skid.
- Make sure all floor coverings are fastened down.
- Make sure fireplaces are screened and protected.
- Make sure open flames are kept away from walls and curtains.
- Keep emergency phone numbers - police, fire, doctors, utilities - near your phones.
- Have a stepladder available for climbing.
- Families with small children should make sure open windows are securely screened.
- All interior doors should have safety release locks that can be opened from either side.
- Make sure that all objects accessible to children are covered with lead-free paint.
- Make sure you know how to turn off gas, electricity and water in case of emergency.
- Make sure all firearms are unloaded and secured with a gun lock and not easily accessible to children.
- Have an exit plan in place in case of emergency and make sure everyone is familiar with it.

Upcoming events:

Thursday, February 2, Groundhog Day.
Sunday, February 5, Super Bowl XLIV in Indianapolis.
Sunday, February 12, Lincoln's Birthday.
Tuesday, February 14, Valentine's Day.
Monday, February 20, President's Day.
Wednesday, February 22, Washington's Birthday.
Wednesday, February 29, Leap Year Day.
Sunday, March 11, Daylight Saving Time Begins.
Monday, March 19, Spring begins.
Thursday, April 5, Phillie season opener in Pittsburgh.
Saturday, April 7, Passover, First Day.
Monday, April 9, Phillie home opener.
Saturday, April 14, Passover, Eighth Day.
Tuesday, April 17, Income Tax Day.
Sunday, April 22, Earth Day

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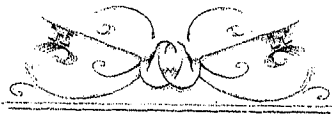
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