

SHOMRIM OF PHILADELPHIA AND THE DELAWARE VALLEY

PRESENT THE:



Shomrim Herald



**"Public Safety Officers Of The Jewish Faith Joining Together
For The Welfare Of All"**

May Meeting Notice

Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 7:30PM

Klein Jewish Community Center

10100 Jamison Ave

(Red Lion Road and Jamison Ave)

WWW.SHOMRIMPADV.ORG

"Support Shomrim, Get Involved, Attend Meetings"

"Refreshments will be served"

President's Message

Dear Shomrim Sisters and Brothers:

The image of law enforcement is rapidly changing and not for the better. The irony is, while law enforcement has never been more professional, its image appears to be at an all-time low. Some of the damage is self-inflicted, but most of it completely undeserved. Something that happened about 40 years ago has come back to haunt me. While investigating several robberies I became involved in a situation where the prime suspect and I engaged in a "Mexican standoff" where we were both aiming our guns at each other for a couple of minutes before other police arrived and the arrest was completed with no injuries or shots being fired. Afterwards at headquarters, one of the detectives, who was well known for avoiding work, congratulated me on the arrest, but then said words I will never forget. "But you know what", he said, "I get paid every two weeks just like you do." In other words, you get paid the same whether you are a devoted police officer or not. For years I have been concerned that police officers will increasingly avoid taking police action to avoid getting sued, investigated or subjected to criminal investigations and charges. Regrettably, after Jefferson and Baltimore, I am absolutely certain that more police officers will intentionally avoid or refuse to take police action even when doing so would be totally justified, because, after all, they "get paid every two weeks" whether they take action or not. Yes, there will always be officers who take their responsibilities seriously despite the risk. However, the public demeaning and degrading of police and law enforcement generally will make many law enforcement officers question whether it is really worth it to actively engage in law enforcement actions when doing so is more likely than every to place into jeopardy officers' carriers, livelihoods, the economic well-being of their families and their standing in the community. A very sad situation indeed. As Jews and public safety professionals we must do all that we can to reverse the horrible trend of publicly demeaning the police profession.

Best wishes,

Howard Lebofsky

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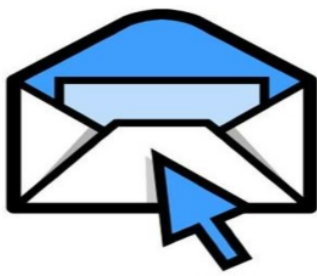
Please send us any change of information to
herald@shomrimpadv.org
So we can keep up to date records.

Have you paid your
dues for 2014/2015 yet???

We wish everyone well
who may be struggling
with health issues!
Our prayers are with you.

We regret to announce that Shomrim Member, Jules Becker (79), passed away.

Jules retired from the Philadelphia Police Department in the 80's, from the 24th District with 24 years on the job. Shomrim would like to convey our condolences to Mr. Becker's family in this time of sorrow.



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UPCOMING EVENT AT TEMPLE BETH AMI

9201 OLD BUSTLETON AVE.
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19115

SUNDAY MAY 31, 2015 AT 12:00 PM

DETECTIVE LT. MICHAEL GILBERT WILL ADDRESS THE THREAT OF TERRORISM TO OUR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER SOFT TARGETS SUCH AS SCHOOLS AND BUSINESSES. HE WILL ALSO DISCUSS HOW TO RESPOND TO AN ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENT.

LT. GILBERT IS AN EXPERT ON BOTH SUBJECTS AND WORKS OUT OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW BY CALLING 215-673-2511 BY MAY 28, 2015 BRUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT THE COST OF \$5.00

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ASSOCIATE

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ APT: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ SINGLE: _____ MARRIED: _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF THIS ASSOCIATION: YES NO

PROPOSER: _____

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS USED IN OUR MONTHLY PUBLICATION
“THE HERALD” TO HONOR BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES.**

MEMBER NAME: _____

SPOUSE: _____ DOB _____

CHILD'S NAME(S): _____ DOB _____

NAME: _____ DOB _____

NAME: _____ DOB _____

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY DATE: _____

Signature

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