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Meeting Notice
Thursday, December 8th, 2005, 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 at 6:30 PM, at the "Y"



GUEST SPEAKERS: For this month's meeting, our own **Cantor Alan Edwards**, **Howard Rabinovitch** and others will continue to share with us their experiences while serving in the Gulf area after the recent death and devastation caused by the killer hurricanes. **President Merrill Kelem** will also relate his experiences in South Florida after hurricane Wilma. We will also have an election for **Board of Trustees** (One to be elected for a 3 year term). So come and bring your family and friends as you will not want to miss this meeting.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, Merrill Kelem

Shalom: Remember Pearl Harbor Day, Happy Chanukah and to all our other friends a Happy Holiday Season.

Can you believe that this will be my last message of 2005 and that my next message to you will be in 2006? We are into the second half of the decade already. As a friend of mine once said, "Remember, time doesn't fly, it evaporates."

Before I start, let us all wish our Vice president, **Larry Nodiff** a speedy recovery from surgery. Get well, Larry and we hope to see you soon.

For those of you who missed last month's meeting, we will have part 2 of the program by **Cantor Alan Edwards** and **Howard Rabinovitch** on their assignments and experiences in New Orleans after hurricane **Katrina**. I will also tell you about my experiences in South Florida when I arrived four days after **Wilma** struck. Believe me, it was no pretty sight. My thanks to all of our brothers and sisters in the South Florida communities for a job well done.

December will be a busy month for us. The **National Convention** will be held the first weekend aboard the RCCL's Majesty of the Seas. We hope to come back with our **Mike Gilbert** elected as the National President. The FOP will be having a "**Plaque Appreciation Luncheon**" to honor those sponsors who were involved in helping with the plaques that were placed either at the location or in the last District house the late officer worked. Also, we don't want to forget our good friend **Jimmy Binns** for all his time and effort in making this Plaque Dedication Program work.

Now with January coming, it's downhill to our 69th Annual Banquet on June 7, 2006 to be held at the **Har Zion**. **Karen Tandy**, **The Director of the DEA**, accepted our invitation to be our Person of the Year. I am also happy to announce that our good friends **Bob & Shelby Ford** will be our awardees for the **Humanitarian of the Year Award**. I again want to thank **Bob & Shelby** for their wonderful gift to our scholarship fund at our last banquet. Our banquet chairman, **Rick Gusdorff**, informs that he is working on having the same band return for your dancing and listening pleasure. So now all we need is **YOU** to be present.

Congratulations to **Len Lebowitz** who is running unopposed for another term as **Trustee**.

See you at the December meeting.

Wishing a Happy, Healthy and Safe 2006 to you and your families and may God Bless America and Israel.

Merrill

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Robert **Hoelzel**, Retired, Phila. PA
proposed for associate membership

APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP

Brian D. **Shapiro**,
Approved for Active membership.

DECEMBER....HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1. Craig Pogash
Jaynee Polis
Lewis Schifreen | 16. Bradford Richman
Jenna Lerman |
| 4. Carole Anne Brown
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Tracy Cohen |
| 13. Samuel Paris | 27. Mindy Pollack |
| 15. Bonnie Steiner | 28. Michael Brown
Brian Shapiro |
| | 30. Rita Slotnick |

DECEMBER....HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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| 6. Sam & Ruth Leshansky - 53 years |
| 8. Franklin & Ann Gold - 37 years |
| 16. James & Judith Rubino - 28 years |
| 22. Michael & Judy Brister - 32 years
Bernard & Harriet Gross - 48 years |
| 25. Jerome & Anita Pressman - 57 years |
| 28. Alexander & Connie Blair - 31 years
Cordell and Linda Castenova - 12 years |
| 30. Rabbi Pinchos & Beatrice Chazin - 63 years |

DUES - DUES - DUES - DUES
WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING DUES FOR
2006 - (AND ANY UNPAID 2005 DUES)
THANK YOU

We have resumed mailing the **Herald** to all members. We have gotten a number of returns of mailings to members on the e-mail list. Please notify us as to any change of address.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: Please call Marty **Borowsky, 215-342-7045** about any members who are ill or hospitalized.

on the town

Mazel Tov: Belated best wishes to Len & Carol **Lebowitz** - first granddaughter - **Claire Ann**. Daughter **Helene** and husband **Aaron Mansheim**, (who had attended our banquet on June 1st) gave birth on June 11. Len also informs that his son **Brian L.**, was awarded a PhD in Neuropsychology from University of Cincinnati and is currently doing a Post Doctorate Fellowship at the Harvard Medical School Hospital system.

Another Mazel Tov: to Stanford & Marcia **Shore**, son **Richard's** wife **Chrissy** presented with a grandson, **Ethan John**, on Labor Day, 9/5.

Surprise phone call: Had a call from **Rabbi Pinchos Chazin**. He and his wife are doing well. Wishes everyone well. Discussed the number of years he has been a member of **Shomrim** - well over **50 years**. May he and his bride of **63 years** see many more years in good health and hope to see both at our next banquet.

Get Well wishes to **Larry Nodiff**, home after successful surgery.

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CHANUKAH FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

From
Battalion Chief Michael F. Roeshman
Philadelphia Fire Department

Chanukah, The Feast of Dedication and Lights, marks the rededication of the Temple in 165 B.C.E. by Judah Maccabee after his victory over the Syrians who had defiled the sanctuary. Although Judah could only find enough oil to light the menorah for one day, a miracle took place, and it burned for eight days. Therefore candles are lit throughout the holiday, one each evening, until all eight are kindled on the last evening's celebration.

While candles add to our Chanukah traditions, they can also be a serious fire hazard as well. Increased activity and excitement often make people less careful just when they should be most cautious. According to the NFPA, candles cause nearly 7,590 home fires every year. So be sure to follow these fire prevention tips when using candles.

- Keep the menorah away from curtains or any other flammable objects.
- Don't leave children or pets unattended in a room with a lit menorah and always keep candles, as well as matches and lighters, up high and out of reach of children.
- Don't display a lit menorah (with burning candles) in a window or near exits in case you need to escape.
- Create a safe place in the home in which the multiple candles of the menorah can be safely lit.

Don't let one of the most joyful holidays turn into a tragedy. Teach your family fire-safe behavior and have a wonderful and safe Chanukah.

Merrill Kelem forwarded from the 'net': "Jewish Catskill Humor"

You may remember the old Jewish Catskill comics of Vaudeville days. viz. Shecky Green, Red Buttons, Totie Fields, Milton Berle, Henny Youngman, and others? You've probably heard of them before, but don't you miss their humor? Nor one single swear word in their comedy.

- ⇒ There was a beautiful young woman knocking on my hotel room door all night. I finally had to let her out.
- ⇒ I just got back from a pleasure trip. I took my mother-in-law to the airport.
- ⇒ I've been in love with the same woman for 49 years. If my wife ever finds out, she'll kill me.
- ⇒ What are the three words a woman never wants to hear while she is making love? "Honey, I'm home!"
- ⇒ Someone stole all my credit cards but I won't be reporting it. The thief spends less than my wife did.
- ⇒ We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.
- ⇒ My wife and I went back to the same hotel where we spent our wedding night, only this time I stayed in the bathroom and cried.
- ⇒ My wife and I went to a hotel and got a room with a water bed. My wife called it the Dead Sea.
- ⇒ She was in the beauty shop for two hours. That was only for the estimate. She got a mudpack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.
- ⇒ The Doctor gave the man 6 months to live. The man couldn't pay his bill so the Doctor gave him another 6 months.
- ⇒ The Doctor called Mrs. Cohen saying "Mrs. Cohen, your check came back!" She answered "So did my arthritis!"
- ⇒ A doctor has a stethoscope to a man's chest. The man asks "Doc, how do I stand?" The doctor says "That's what puzzles me!"
- ⇒ Why do Jewish men die before their wives? Because they want to! (to be continued)

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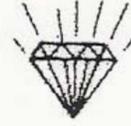
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