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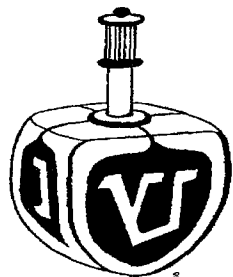
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## Meeting Notice

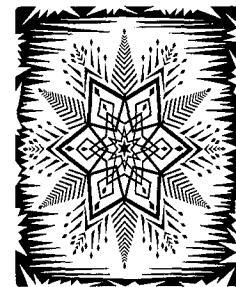
**Thursday, December 16, 2010, 7:30 PM**

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

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

**"Holiday party, food and drink will be served"**

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



### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT: Larry Nodiff

Shalom.

**Happy Chanukah, Remember Pearl Harbor and get ready for winter.**

This is a joyful time of the year if only for the fact that we survived another year.

Time is running out to get on board with the **National Shomrim's Annual Conference** being held Thursday, January 6, 2011, a four (4) night Western Caribbean cruise - Contact info is in upcoming events section.

Once again, a promotional exam for the rank of **Detective** is scheduled for January. **Shomrim** has purchased books and CD's for study guides. I will be happy to assist any **Shomrim** members who are scheduled to take the test, so please contact me in order to form a study group.

At the last meeting, nominations for all offices were taken from the floor. There are six **Board of Directors** and a **Sergeant-at Arms** position to be elected. All other nominated officers are running unopposed.

If you have any interest in this organization, you can show it by coming to this meeting to vote for those you think will do a good job. At the January meeting, the elected officers will be installed.

The banquet committee is also off and running in starting to get things together for the next banquet.

It was also decided to have a holiday party at this upcoming meeting. **We will be serving food and drinks.**

As my term in office is coming to an end, I have been honored to serve as **President of Shomrim** and will continue to help the new Board of Directors. I want to thank **Bernie Margulis** for all of his advice and being the editor of the **Herald**. Many thanks also to **Howard Rabinovitch** who has done an outstanding job of scheduling interesting guest speakers. Additionally, a thank you to all the **Officers** and the entire **Board of Directors** for all of their hard and dedicated work.

I have been a member of **Shomrim** for 37 years for one reason and that is the camaraderie. I look forward to seeing our members at meetings, events and our banquet. I hope all of you will continue to support OUR organization.

So, looking forward to seeing you at the meeting, to party with us, to vote with us, to argue with us, to complain about or praise us and to meet the new executive board - - - **But be with us!**

See you there!

Larry

**Chaplain's Corner - Message from our Chaplain, Cantor Alan Edwards:**

**Chanukah - The Lights of Hope.**

On the evening of December 1st, we will be celebrating the festival of Chanukah, "The festival of Lights", the miracle of a small amount of oil, enough but for one day, lasting for eight days; celebrating not the military victory, but the miracle of the menorah, whose oil gave light well after it should have been consumed.

Chanukah is the embodiment of the supremacy of right over might, the delivery of the strong into the hands of the few, the wicked into the hands of the righteous, the arrogant into the hands of the Torah. The prophet Zecharia culminates the entire story of Chanukah very succinctly, "Not by force, nor by might, but by my spirit, says the L \_\_\_d of Hosts."

This eight day festival is marked by the kindling of lights on each night set in the candelabrum, starting on the evening of the first day.

One candle, called the Shamash, "the helper", is used to light one other candle on the first night, two on the second, three on the third, and so on.

It is customary for children to play with a four sided top called a 'Dreidel', which has four Hebrew letters inscribed on it. The letters, Nun, Gimmel, Heh and Shin, stand for the four words in the Hebrew phrase, "A Great Miracle Happened There."

It is traditional to give all children Chanukah "Gelt" (money or presents). This beautiful custom adds to the children's happiness and festive spirit.

Every Jewish holiday has its specific foods and Chanukah is no different. Latkes, (potato pancakes) are eaten as are sufganiyot (jelly filled doughnuts). The reason for these foods, both of which require a lot of oil to make, is in honor of the miracle of Chanukah, in which one day's worth of sacred oil is said to have burned for eight days.

This happened over two thousand years ago, when the Syrians tried to oppress our ancestors under Judah the Maccabee. Despite having a much smaller army, our forefathers were victorious over their enemies and successful in regaining political and religious independence.

May the bright lights of the Chanukah candles bring us hope and calm in the years to come.

On behalf of my dear family, I would like to wish all our members a beautiful, peaceful and radiant festival of lights.

**Chaplain Alan Edwards:**

**ELECTIONS - THURSDAY, 12/16/2010**  
(DUES MUST BE PAID UP TO DATE IN ORDER TO VOTE)

The following have been nominated for the 2011, 2012 term of office:

**PRESIDENT: Mitchell Spritzler, unopposed**

**VICE PRESIDENT: Judi Buch, unopposed**

**SECRETARY: Scott Pollack, unopposed**

**TREASURER: Lee Newman, unopposed**

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: (Vote for one)**

- Bob Clearfield**
- Jeff Rabinovitch**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Harry Kamenir**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS: vote for no more than six (6):**

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## CHANUKAH FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

Chanukah, the “Jewish Festival of Lights”, is a holiday of renewed dedication, faith, hope and spiritual light., As with all celebrations involving candles, fire prevention is the standard. A few safety rules to remember include:

- Keep the menorah out of children’s reach.
- Never leave curious youngsters alone in a room with a lit candle(s).
- Always use a menorah with a sturdy base to reduce the possibility of it tipping over.
- If a child is lighting the Chanukah candles, keep his/her hair back and out of the way.
- Never allow a child to reach over one candle to light another, as their clothing may catch fire.
- Keep matches, lighters and candles up high and out of reach of children.
- Don’t place lighted candles in windows where blinds, curtains and draperies can catch fire.
- Do not place a menorah on or near anything that might catch fire.
- Never leave burning candles unattended.
- And not only for Chanukah, but for everyday safety:
  1. Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it frequently and make sure your smoke detectors are in working order.
  2. If you must use space heaters, keep them away from combustible items such as curtains, bedding, upholstered furniture and newspapers. Also be aware that a kerosene fueled space heater is a dangerous fire hazard and can give off deadly fumes if not ventilated properly.

Practice home fire safety so that you and your loved ones can have a beautiful and safe Chanukah.

### Upcoming events:

#### **ELECTION NIGHT - DECEMBER MEETING - COME OUT AND VOTE**

(Sample ballot - page five)

**Last chance** to book for this conference!

Thursday, January 6, 2011 - **National Conference of Shomrim Societies Inc.** - 4 night Western Caribbean cruise - Cocktail Party - Sabbath Service - Seminar sessions

Sailing from Miami - ship Carnival Destiny - This ship was the first to top 100,000 tons. An outdoor entertainment area spans four decks, with multiple pools, jacuzzis and two swim-up bars. Kids will love the 214 foot waterslide. Enjoy drinks while listening to live music in the Rotunda, an atrium that soars nine decks up to a glass dome. The casual Sun and Sea restaurant, where you will find everything from made-to-order omelets to a 24 hour pizzeria, compliments two traditional restaurants.

For information and reservations call **Murray Ellman, 718-543-4825** or  
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Sunday, March 6, 2011, 11:30 AM, **South Florida** “Machin a picnic”, at the CB Smith Park, Hollywood, FL. This is free to any Shomrim member from any chapter. For further info contact Merrill Kelem.

The **IAJPSE** will be doing another seminar in 2011. The Host will be the Northern California Shomrim Society and will be held in the San Francisco area. This will be a DOJ certified course. Topic to be determined. Additional info will be posted when it becomes available.

### **Shomrim trivia - submitted by Art Gravitz -**

The Shomrim meeting in November, 1980 (thirty years ago) was held in the basement of the First Federal Bank building at Castor & Cottman Avenues. The guest speaker was Doctor Filinger of the Medical Examiner’s Office. He showed some very interesting slides of cases he had worked on. His commentary was rather humorous considering the gory pictures he had shown. His presentation was well received.

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DECEMBER MEETING:

For 2011-2012 term

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### *REMINDER*

Active Members who have not paid their dues,  
**CANNOT VOTE**

## *DECEMBER...HAPPY BIRTHDAYS*

*BIRTHSTONES · TURQUOISE, ZIRCON, RUBY*

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| 13. Samuel Paris    | Brian Shapiro        |
| 15. Jason Cohn      | 29. Allison Grosser  |
| Bonnie Steiner      | 30. Rita Slotnick    |

## *DECEMBER...HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES*

*FLOWERS · HOLLY*

6. Sam & Ruth Leshansky (58 years)  
16. James & Judith Rubino (33 years)  
22. Michael & Judy Brister (37 years)  
Bernard & Harriet Gross (53 years)  
25. Jerome & Anita Pressman (62 years)  
28. Alexander & Connie Blair (36 years)  
Cordell & Linda Castenova (17 years)

### **MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR:**

If you have not been included on Birthday and/or Anniversary listings, or if there any changes to be made, please forward the information to the Editor.

Please note that due to space limitations, we do not list children past 18 years of age.

Thank you.