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**THE NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY,**  
**JUNE 26, 2005 AT 10:00 AM,**  
**AVENTURA POLICE STATION**  
**19200 W. COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE**  
**AVENTURA, FLORIDA 33180**

**CONDOLENCES**

To Doris Marcus and the entire Marcus Family on the passing of her husband and our Brother Paul Marcus. Paul, who was 59 years old, passed away April 2, 2005. He, along with Doris, introduced us to the Miami Beach Guild for the Blind. Services were held on April 5, 2005

**MAZEL TOV**

To Brother Donald Rifkin who will retire from the United States Coast Guard as a Chief Warrant Officer 3 on May 1, 2005, after serving for 27 years.

To Sister and 3rd VP Michelle Sabag on her engagement. More info to follow (we just found out hours before printing this)

**CONTINUED WELL WISHES**

To Tani Winslow, daughter of our friends Norma and Rafi Uziel. Tani is in Seattle to undergo treatments

**WELCOME:**

To Brother William Martin who is with the National HIDTA Assistance Center

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY  
YOUR 2005 DUES. USE THE  
NEWSLETTER'S CENTER PAGES**

## **WHAT YOU MISSED AT THE LAST MEETING ON MARCH 27, 2005**

After the usual kosher bagels and coffee, Brother Jorge Ghitis, recently selected as a soccer referee at the Maccabee Games in Israel in the summer of 2005 led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The formalities of the reading and acceptance of the last month's meetings minutes, treasurer's report, and Committee Reports began.

The details of the Picnic were discussed and the turnout was expected to be about 225. A 50-50 raffle and sales of Shomrim items would be overseen by Lou Bornstein and Bill Kramer. Volunteer cooks would include Barry Mankes, Steve Leibowitz, Bill Kramer, Harvey Meshel, Gregg Glasel and Lou Bornstein. Gregg Glasel reviewed the March 6, 2005 dinner that honored the Rabbi and Rebitzen for their 45 years of service to the Community.

The Scholarship Committee opened discussions about increasing the amounts of the scholarships we give to the Hebrew Academy and Mechina. Mechina's fund will increase this year and Hebrew Academy will receive two scholarships, both greater than last years.

An update on the status if the IAJPSE was given. Jeff Wander confirmed that our new banner would be ready and displayed at the Picnic on April 10.

Perhaps the most enlightening part of the meeting was the closing that Rabbi Weberman chose to deliver. He discussed that the actions of being "religious" were easier to fulfill than the spirit of being religious. The overt acts of putting on Tefillin, lighting Shabbos candles, and other "rituals" were not as hard to do as keeping the covert thoughts in ones mind in line with Jewish law and ethics. The words that we say in public and the impression we leave people with is an important factor to consider when we consider ourselves good "Jews". It was great "food for thought" to practice.....

**2005 SOUTH FLORIDA SHOMRIM SOCIETY**  
**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

It is the time of the year for the South Florida Shomrim Society to award its' scholarship to deserving college bound students.

The qualifications are this simple:

- 1) Be a family member of a South Florida Shomrim Society member in good standing (meaning that the 2005 dues must be paid up)
- 2) Be in his/her senior year in High School
- 3) Complete a 500 word essay titled "Why I want to Further My Education and Where I See Myself in Five Years".

E-mail the essay to [suit11@aol.com](mailto:suit11@aol.com) or mail the essay (before June 20th, 2005) to the South Florida Shomrim Society, 4200 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida 33137 All applications will be accepted if above requirements are met. Decisions on the scholarship selections will be based on academic performance and the submitted essay. Decisions of the Committee are final.

Please include the name of the South Florida Shomrim Society member, the relationship to that, member, any university or college that you are already accepted to, and any information you think would be relevant about you (volunteering somewhere, etc.)

**THANK YOU TO:**

**WEBERMAN'S TRADITIONAL FOODS  
AND THE ENTIRE WEBERMAN FAMILY:**

**BYRANT SECURITY AND THE  
ENTIRE BEN-DAVID FAMILY**

**THE COOKS –  
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HARVEY MESHEL**

**AND JOHN WALENDA, MITCH TAPPER,  
BENNY FURER ON THE CLEAN-UP SQUAD**

**THANK YOU A LL FOR YOUR  
GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE 2005  
SOUTH FLORIDA SHOMRIM SOCIETY  
*MACHNA PICNIC***

**AND THANKS TO THE 300 PEOPLE  
WHO ATTENDED. PHOTOS WILL BE AVAILABLE  
ON THE WEBSITE VERY SOON**



*Rabbi Pinchas Weberman is the spiritual leader of Ohev Shalom Congregation on Miami Beach, Florida. He is the Chaplain for the Miami Beach Police Department and the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF)*

*I am to my beloved and my beloved is mine (Songs 6:3)*

In our vernacular we call the festival of the first month “Pesach”. The tractate of Talmud encompassing its law is called Pesachim. The sections of laws in the Codes pertaining to these days are called the laws of Pesach. The commercial labels on food products especially conforming to these laws say Kosher for Pesach. In the Scripture (Leviticus 23:6-Deut 16:16), on the other hand, it is called the Festival of Matzohs.

The Talmud (Berachos 6A) tells us that in Hashem’s Tefillin it is written Israel is One Nation in Earth (2 Samuel 7:23). In our Tefillin it is written Hashem is One. Hashem praises our loyal, trustworthy, devoted unity.

We name the Festival Pesach as we praise Hashem for sparing us from the plagues passing over our house and redeeming us from bondage and persecution. We recognize the fulfillment of His promise to *save us from affliction and to bring us to a land that is good and spacious.* (Exodus 3: 7&8). For this we praise our L-rd and call it the *festival of Pesach*.

Preparation of homes and preparing all manner of food for the Festival of Matzohs is an immense task. Meticulous care must be taken in baking Matzoh and in assuring that no Chometz be mixed in any of our Pesach food. Our righteous homemakers begin well in advance and go to an all out effort to assure that not even one crumb of Chometz remains in our homes. For this our L-rd praises us and calls it: *the festival of Matzohs*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR MARCH 2005

I just don't know if I can thank you all for the great support you showed by turning out in record numbers for the 2005 South Florida Shomrim Society Picnic. There were 300 (maybe even a few more) that came out on this perfect day (84 degrees and sunny) to celebrate together. The rock climbing wall stayed active; the bounce house and slide stayed full; the cooks stayed very, very busy and the volleyball games went on and on. Nearly 100 kids (anyone under 18) kept very active. I want to thank all the cooks, sponsors, set-up crew, clean-up crew and attendees.

We unveiled the new South Florida Shomrim Society Banner at this Picnic and it looks perfect. Brother Jeff Wander gets all the credit for having it made. Exec VP Barry Mankes brought out the new shirts which have a red collar and sleeve trim. The badge and embroidery work is great.

We are preparing for Pesach which may be in full swing when you get this Newsletter. I wish everyone a joyous time as families gather for the Seder.

It is with a great deal of sadness I announce the passing of our Brother Paul Marcus. Paul, only 59 years old, was recuperating from a stroke he suffered this past summer. He and his wife, Doris, were very active members for many years and introduced us to the Miami Beach Guild for the Blind—a favorite charity of theirs.

Lastly, as we approach May, we begin to plan out participations in the Yom HaShoah Ceremonies throughout the area. In this Newsletter you will see the dates, times and locations of two of these events. On Miami Beach, we stride along side the liberators of the concentration camps of World War II—the 101st Airborne Division. In Aventura, we are the bearers of the flags and presenters of the colors for their service. Each year we have increased numbers participating in Class A Uniforms. Please let us know if you can march with us in this moment of respect. South Florida Shomrim has worked hard to be included in community events and this is one of the most visible.

Until next month.....Gregg

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

#### ***Chairman: Barry Mankes***

Members: Helen Baimel, Beverly Morshenson, Nancy Wolff  
Cars are for sale with a variety of police logos. Embroidered shirts, and hats are on sale. New South Florida Shomrim badge/pins are available, too. All proceeds go into the South Florida Shomrim Society Scholarship Fund

### **CHARITY AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**

#### ***Chairman: Irv Heller***

Paul Weiss, Harvey Meshel

The Committee is going to organize a group that will visit our Brothers and Sisters who are sick. Already volunteering for this are Paul Weiss and Harvey Meshel, as well as our Chaplains, Shay & David Weberman

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

#### ***Chairman: Michael Bentolila***

Members: Steve Kaufman, Ken Goodman, Frank Piloto, Steve Leibowitz

The Committee continues to put together the monthly Newsletter. The Web site was updated thanks to Steve Kaufman.

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

#### ***Chairman: Louis Bornstein***

Members: Irv Heller, Michelle Sabag, Jeff Wander

One new member joined this month

### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

#### ***Chairman: Michelle Sabag***

Members: *Rhonda Walenda, Jennifer Siller-Lasry, Steve Leibowitz*

The 2005 Scholarship Announcement has been posted in the Newsletter and applications are being accepted

**YOM HaSHOAH CEREMONY**  
**May 4, 2005 6:00 PM**  
**AVENTURA TURNBERRY**  
**JEWISH CENTER**  
**AVENTURA, FLORIDA**

Once again this year the South Florida Shomrim Society has been honored to be asked to supply the Honor Guard for this ceremony. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN YOUR CLASS "A" UNIFORM. If you cannot wear your uniform (or are retired) and want to participate, we are going to make arrangements for you to walk in the ceremony

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**YOM HaSHOAH CEREMONY**  
**MAY 5, 2005 6:30 PM**  
**MIAMI BEACH**  
**1933-1945 MERIDIAN AVE**  
**MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**

It took many years to get the SOUTH FLORIDA SHOMRIM SOCIETY recognized by the organizing committee.

These are the major events of the year for honoring the memory of the Holocaust. It is our chance to make an impact on our community. Leading members of non-Jewish clergy, the media, politicians, and ordinary citizens will be there. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW. WE DO NOT GET MANY OPPORTUNITIES LIKE THIS ONE. MAKE IT A SUCCESS. BE THERE REPRESENTING SHOMRIM!!

Once upon a time there was a boy who decided he wanted to meet G-d. He knew that the journey to the place where G-d lives would be long, so he packed a bag with some sandwiches and drinks and set off. Three streets later, he saw an old man. The old man was sitting on a park bench watching the pigeons.

The boy sat beside the old man and opened his bag. He was about to open one of his drinks when he noticed the old man looked hungry, so he offered the man one of his sandwiches. The old man took the food and smiled in thanks - a smile that was so big and warm that the boy wanted to see it again, and so he offered him a drink. The old man smiled again and the boy was happy.

And so they sat the entire afternoon, eating and smiling, without ever speaking at all. When it started getting dark, the boy realized he was getting tired, and so he got up to leave. But before he got a few steps away, he ran back to the old man and gave him a hug and a kiss. The old man responded with the biggest smile yet.

When the boy returned home a while later, his mother was surprised to notice the look of joy on his face, and so she asked, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" The boy replied, "I had lunch with G-d," and before she could comment he added, "and you know what, he has the biggest smile I have ever seen!"

In the meantime, the old man, still smiling, came home. His son, so surprised at his expression, asked, "Dad, what did you do today that has made you so happy?" The old man replied, "I had a sandwich with G-d at the park today - he is a lot younger than I expected..."

Thanks to Mark Jeter, Member of the Board of Directors, for this submission.

**MEETING DATES AND  
LOCATIONS FOR  
THE SOUTH FLORIDA  
SHOMRIM SOCIETY  
FOR 2005**

May 4, 2005, 6:00 PM, Aventura Turnberry Jewish  
Center's Yom Ha'Shoah Ceremony

May 5, 2005, 6:00 PM, Holocaust Memorial Center's  
Yom Ha'Shoah Ceremony

NO MAY MEETING

JUNE 26, 2005, AVENTURA POLICE STA-10AM

JULY 30, 2005, FEDERATION BUILDING-10AM

AUGUST 28, 2005, TO BE ANNOUNCED-10AM

NO SEPTEMBER MEETING

OCTOBER 23, 2005 FEDERATION BUILDING-10AM

NOVEMBER 10, 2005—TURNBERRY JEWISH  
CENTER—DINNER DANCE—6:30PM

NO DECEMBER MEETING

# **DUES ARE DUE FOR 2005**

**THIS YEAR'S DUES ARE \$36 OR  
DOUBLE CHAI.**

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**SOUTH FLORIDA SHOMRIM SOCIETY**  
**CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2004**

The Simon Wiesenthal Center  
The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum  
The Zeiff Jewish Museum  
The Museum of Tolerance  
Ohev Shalom Senior Fund - For Passover  
Ohev Shalom Senior Fund - For Chanukah  
Ohev Shalom Senior Fund - For Rosh Hashana  
Jewish War Veterans  
Greater Miami Jewish Federation  
Police Officers Assistance Trust  
Dade County Police Benevolent Assn Love Fund  
Broward County PBA Hope Fund  
The Hebrew Academy  
Machina School  
South Florida Shomrim Society Scholarship Fund  
Miami Beach Guild for the Blind  
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation  
Parents of Murdered Children  
Temple Hatikva (Homestead)  
Temple Torah (Delray)  
The National Conference of Shomrim Societies  
Unity Golf Classic  
American Heart Association  
Leukemia society  
Misioneros Del Camino  
Miami-Dade County Humane Society

# YOM HaSHOAH

Shoah is the Hebrew word for "whirlwind." It is the term used to describe the conflagration that swept up six million Jewish souls between 1938 and 1945. A war was waged against the Jews in which unspeakable atrocities were perpetrated against a defenseless people. Men and women, young and old alike, were butchered at the hands of the accursed Nazis, may their name be eradicated for all time. Every year, on Yom HaShoah, we remember the martyrs who sanctified the name of G-d in the camps, the ghettos, and in the gas chambers.

To survivors, the Holocaust remains real and ever-present, but for some others, sixty years makes the Holocaust seem part of ancient history. Year-round we try to teach and inform others about the horrors of the Holocaust. We confront the questions of what happened? How did it happen? How could it happen? Could it happen again? We attempt to fight against ignorance with education and against disbelief with proof.

But there is one day in the year when we make a special effort to remember (Zachor). Upon this one day, we remember those that suffered, those that fought, and those that died. Six million Jews were murdered. Many families were completely decimated.

On April 12, 1951, the Knesset (Israel's parliament) proclaimed Yom Hashoah U'Mered HaGetaot (Holocaust and Ghetto Revolt Remembrance Day) to be the 27th of Nissan. The name later became known as Yom Hashoah Ve Hagevurah (Devastation and Heroism Day) and even later simplified to Yom Hashoah.

There are various beliefs about what is and is not appropriate on this day - and many of them are conflicting. In general, Yom Hashoah has been observed with candle lighting, speakers, poems, prayers, and singing. Often, six candles are lighted to represent the six million. Holocaust survivors speak about their experiences or share in the readings. Some ceremonies have people read from the Book of Names for certain lengths of time in an effort to remember those that died and to give an understanding of the huge number of victims. Sometimes these ceremonies are held in a cemetery or near a Holocaust memorial.

May the merits of six million martyrs rise before G-d, and may their merits - and those of the survivors - succeed in bringing an end to our long dispersion. May we see the building of the Third Temple, speedily in our days, Amen.

The Holocaust of European Jewry can be divided into four periods:

1. 1933-1939: The aim of the Nazis during this time was to "cleanse" Germany of her Jewish population (*Judenrein*). By making the lives of the Jewish citizenry intolerable, the Germans indirectly forced them to emigrate. The Jewish citizens were excluded from public life, were fired from public and professional positions, and were ostracized from the arts, humanities, and sciences. The discrimination was anchored in German anti-Jewish legislation such as the Nirenberg Laws of 1935. At the end of 1938, the government initiated a pogrom against the Jewish inhabitants on a particular night which came to be known as Kristallnacht. This act legitimized the spilling of Jewish blood and the taking of Jewish property. The annexation of Austria in 1938 (*Anschluss*) subjected the Jewish population there to the same fate as that in Germany.

2. 1939-1941: During this time, the Nazi policy took on a new dimension: The option of emigration (which was anyway questionable because of the lack of countries willing to accept Jewish refugees) was brought to a halt. The Jew-hatred, which was an inseparable part of Nazi policy, became even more extreme with the outbreak of World War II. As the Nazis conquered more land in Europe, more Jewish populations fell under their control: Jews of Poland, Ukraine, Italy, France, Belgium, Holland, etc. The Jews were placed in concentration camps and compelled to do forced labor. Ghettos were set up in Poland, Ukraine, and the Baltic states in order to segregate the Jewish population. In the camps and ghettos, great numbers of Jews perished because of impossible living conditions, hard labor, starvation, or disease. The political police force of the Hitler, the Gestapo, had been founded two months after the Nazi rise to power. It became the most terrifying and deadly weapon of the Nazi government, and was used for the destruction of millions of Jews.

3. June 1941 - fall 1943: This was the time during which the Nazis began carrying out the *Final Solution* to the Jewish problem. Systematic genocide of the Jewish people became official Nazi policy as a result of the Wannsee Conference (Jan. 1942). Special task forces, known as *Einsatzgruppen*, would follow behind the German army and exterminate the Jewish population of newly conquered areas. In this manner, entire Jewish communities were wiped out. At this point, many concentration camps which had been set up shortly after the Nazi rise to power,

became death camps used for the mass-murder of Jews in gas chambers. Some of the more well-known extermination camps were Auschwitz, Chelmno, Bergen-Belsen, Sobibor, Treblinka, Majdanek, and Belzec.

4. 1943 - May 1945: The beginning of 1943 was a turning point in the war. This time saw the gradual collapse of the Third Reich until its ultimate surrender on May 7th, 1945. Despite the weakened position, the Nazis continued with their plan of destruction of the Jewish population in the ghettos and camps still under their control. As the Soviet army proceeded westward, the Nazis hastened the destruction of the Jews and then of their own facilities in order to cover the tracks of their crimes. In the fall of 1944, the Nazis began the evacuation of Auschwitz, and in January 1945, Himmler commanded to evacuate (by foot) all camps toward which the Allied forces were advancing. In this so-called "Death march", tens of thousands of more Jewish lives perished.

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## Yom Hazikaron

Yom Hazikaron is Israel's Memorial Day for its fallen soldiers. Although Memorial Day in some countries-the United States, for example-is marked by ballgames and barbeques, Yom Hazikaron is a somber day throughout Israel. Israelis don't listen to music, and many attend memorial ceremonies for relatives and friends who died in combat

Air raid sirens are played throughout the country in the evening and again in the morning (days in the Jewish calendar begin in the evening). Upon hearing the sirens, Israelis stand in silence. Drivers stop their cars and stand as well.

The date chosen for Yom Hazikaron was 4 Iyar, the day before Israel's national independence day. Some Israelis found it awkward to put a sad day next to a celebratory holiday, but by doing so the government made it clear: without the soldiers who gave their lives, there would be no Israeli independence to celebrate.

## Yom Yerushalayim

*Yom Yerushalayim*--Jerusalem Day--is the most recent addition to the Hebrew calendar. It is celebrated on the 28th day of Iyar (six weeks after the Passover Seder one week before the eve of Shavuot). Although Jerusalem has been considered the capital city of the Jewish people since the time of King David--who conquered it and built it as the seat of his monarchy in approximately 1000 B.C.E.--there has never been a special day in honor of the city until the Israeli army took over the ancient, eastern part of the city on the third day of the Six-Day War in June 1967.

Shortly after the Six Day War, "a municipal unification" of the two sections of the city took place, ending 19 years of separation between predominantly Arab and Jewish suburbs of Jerusalem, following the War of Independence in 1948.

Due to the young age of this holiday, there is still not much which makes it unique in terms of customs and traditions. It is gradually becoming a "pilgrimage" day, when thousands of Israelis travel (some hike!) to Jerusalem to demonstrate solidarity with the city. This show of solidarity is of special importance to the State of Israel since the international community has never approved the "reunification" of the city under Israeli sovereignty, and many countries have not recognized Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish State (The United Nations "partition plan" of November 1947 assigned a status of "International City" to Jerusalem).

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## Yom Ha'atzmaut

Israeli Independence Day. It is the anniversary of Israel's Declaration of Independence made on 14 May 1948 (5 Iyyar 5708). It is observed as a public holiday in Israel.

The official "switch" from Yom Hazikaron to Yom Ha'atzmaut takes place a few minutes after sundown, with a ceremony on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem in which the flag is raised from half staff (due to Memorial Day) to the top of the pole. The president of Israel delivers a speech of congratulations, and soldiers representing the army, navy, and air force parade with their flags. In recent decades this small-scale parade has replaced the large-scale daytime parade, which was the main event during the 1950s and '60s. The evening parade is followed by a torch lighting (*hadlakat masuot*) ceremony, which marks the country's achievements in all spheres of life.