

The Shomrim of Southern California Installation Dinner

Barry Mankes became the first sitting President of the South Florida Shomrim Society to attend another Chapter's Installation Dinner. I attended as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Jewish Public Service Employees, of which both Southern Cal and South Florida are charter members. Just as an aside, the cost to South Florida was "zero" as we were in California for the Tools for Tolerance for Law Enforcement program at the Wiesenthal Center.

Our most gracious hostess and host, Adele and Marvin Goldsmith took care of us throughout our four days in LA. We flew in Tuesday and had a barbecue at the Goldsmith residence, along with Scott Widitor and Steve _____, members of Southern Cal. We also had Shabbat dinner at the Goldsmith home (Friday evening). Sharing the traditional Shabbat meal with friends is very important, especially when you are so far from your home

Wednesday was the Shomrim of Southern California Installation Dinner. Adele picked us up at our hotel (just minutes from their home and a short drive to the Hall). Once we got there the social hour was under way. Two familiar faces were those of Faith and Toney Levey. They were former members who used to live in the Florida Keys. Toney, who is with DEA, was promoted and moved to the LA area. Faith glowed as most pregnant women do! We wish them nothing but *nachas* and *mazel* in the future. Being that the event was in LA, there were several other "notable" supporters in attendance. Lou Ferrigno (aka the Incredible Hulk from the television series), Debbie Reynolds, and Dick Van Patten were among those who chatted and posed for pictures throughout the night. The dignitaries from the Law Enforcement end were limitless. Police Chiefs from all over the area, prosecutors, and all the other law enforcement officers who came to honor Chief Dave Snowden of th Beverly Hills Police Department. Some pictures will be posted on the South Florida Shomrim website very soon (www.southfloridashomrim.com).

The swearing in of the Officers and members of the Board of Directors of the Shomrim of Southern California was conducted by the elected Sheriff of the largest Sheriff's Department in the United States, Los Angeles County Sheriff Leroy Baca. Barry and I got to speak to the Sheriff during the event about a variety of topics. It seems that policing is the same on the west coast as on the east coast.

We thoroughly enjoyed the company and the food. Barry and I would like to thank Adele and Marv for being such gracious hosts to us throughout our time in LA.

Steve Leibowitz

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

It is the time of the year for the South Florida Shomrim Society to award its' numerous scholarships to deserving college bound students. Awards totals have increased each year over the previous years' amount. The qualifications are this simple:

- 1) Be a family member of a South Florida Shomrim Society member (regular or associate) in good standing (meaning that the 2007 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 barry.shomrim@gmail.com or mail the essay (before June 20th, 2007) to the Scholarship Committee, South Florida Shomrim Society, 20533 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 244, Aventura, Florida 33180. 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 Scholarship 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.)

GOOD LUCK!!!!!!

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Shmuel had a bad car accident involving a large truck. Weeks later, in court, the trucking company's fancy lawyer was questioning Shmuel. "Didn't you say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine,'?" asked the lawyer. Shmuel responded, "Vell, I'll tell you vat happened. I just put my dog Moishele, into the..." "I didn't ask for any details", the lawyer interrupted. "Just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!'?" Shmuel said, "Vell, I just got Moishele into the car and vas driving down the road..."

"The lawyer interrupted again and said, "Judge, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the Highway Patrolman on the scene that he was just fine. Now several weeks after the accident he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question."

By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Shmuel's answer and said to the lawyer, "I'd like to hear what he has to say about his dog Moishele". Shmuel thanked the Judge and proceeded. Vell, like I vas saying, I just loaded Moishele, my lovely hundteleh (dog) into the car and vas driving him down the highway when this huge semi-truck and trailer ran the stop sign and smacked my truck right in the side. I vas thrown into one ditch and Moishele vas thrown into the other. I vas hurting, real bad and didn't want to move. However, I heard Moishele moaning and groaning. I knew he vas in terrible shape just by his groans.

Den a Highway Patrolman came along. He could hear Moishele moaning and groaning so he vent over to him. After he looked at him, and saw vat terrible condition Moishele was in, he took out his gun and shoots him between the eyes. Den the Patrolman comes across the road, gun still in hand, looks at me and says, "How you feeling?" "Nu, Judge, vat vould you say?"

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MAZEL TOV:

To OUR President, Barry Mankes, who just received news that he and Cecile will be Grandparents for the first time this August - K'hine ahorah!!!!

To Ayelet and Shay Ben David on the birth of their son Aylon. Mommy and 6 opund 12 ounce son are well and at home

To our Executive Vice President, Mike Bentolila, on his promotion to Lieutenant in the Aventura Police Department

To Brother Jau Leiner, Broward Company Sheriff's Office, co-authored a college textbook on Forensic Accounting, (McGraw Hill with FAU Professors Dr. William Hopwood and Dr. George Young).

GET WELL:

To Brother Matthew Kaplan recovering from a recent illness. Matt is assigned to the NW Station, Miami Dade Police Department

To Brother Bob Novack of the Simon Wiesenthal Center OUR continued prayers and wishes.

WELCOME

To Sister Riki Greenaum. Tiki is an officer with the Miami-Dade Police Department assigned to Northside District

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to tell you al, "Tthis is going to be short". I say that because if I keep it short WE can get more information and pictures in this great publication. That having been said, Thank You to Board of Director member Sonny Levitt. Sonny is Vice President of Public Relations with Riverside-Gordon Memorial Chapels. Once again Sonny has arranged for a generous donation from Riverside Gordon to underwrite the cost of our Newsletter. Thank You to OUR friends and supporters at Riverside Gordon Memorial Chapels.

I want to thank all the Shomrim Brothers and Siasters who assisted to make the Machn A Piknik a great success. We had a great time and sent OUR Brother Steve Leibowitz into retirement with a great memory. The Weberman family once again ministered to OUR souls and appetites all in the same day. The food was beyond spectacular. OUR thanks go out to the Ben David family (Bryant Security), Aventura Commissioner Billy Joela dn hi lovely wife Sandy, and Dr. David Muransky for underwriting the cost of the entertainment. I just want to note that they are all OUR Brother an Sister members fo the South Florida Shomrim Society.

My personal thanks go out to Marv and Adele Goldsmith (Shomrim of Souther California) for their hospitality when Steve Leibowitz and I visited their home in California. Keeping California in mind, my thanks goes to Rabbi Meyer May of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, and his entire staff at the Tools for Tolerance for Law Enforcement Officers Training. It was a spectacular program and if yo have the opportunity to attend, do not even think twice about nor attending.

Lastly, thank you for all YOUR support in all WE do. Together WE will make great things happen.

Barry

Tools for Tolerance Program for Law Enforcement

Barry Mankes and I were fortunate to have applied for and been selected to attend the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Tools for Tolerance for Law enforcement Officers from March 14-16, 2007. The experience included several very in depth tours of the Museum of Tolerance that lasted for many hours, classroom lecture and classroom workshops wit the 30 other law enforcement officers from around the country in attendance. These other officers were from a variety of states like Massachusetts, Arizona, Colorado, California, Washington and more. Their experience varied from 3 years on the job to 32 t=years and they were all ranks (including a newly appointed chief). Some of them worked in investigative units, others on the street and some in the jails.

The Museum of Tolerance, located in Beverly Hills (but not on Rodeo Drive) covers more than just the Holocaust. The time periods span through the present day incidents of prejudice and Hate Crimes. As expected, security was always present from the moment you entered through the doors. The main lobby's walls are covered with the names of donors and we were elated to see so many that we know, including may that have supported this Chapter. The three floors were connected by a circular ramp in the center of the building (or elevator if needed).

The three floors contained exhibits that touched everyone who walked through. Films continuously played, artifacts were in the open so as to be seen easily, and the tour guide asked questions of us to stimulate thought. Periods also covered throughout the Museum were the Native American conquests, Civil War, WW I & WWII, the Civil Rights movement and the modern day crisis in places like Darfur.

Across the street from the Museum was a learning center where we met for many hours of classroom lecture and workshops. The staff of the Center were very accommodating and the facilitators very knowledgeable. One of the more important aspects of those facilitators was that they were current and retired law enforcement officers. As we know, credibility is very important and the presenters were comfortable speaking to us because they had sat in those very seats and knew what was expected from them.

Perhaps the most rewarding experience was getting to meet and speak with officers from around the country of various backgrounds., Many were chocked at the reality of the Holocaust and admitted that they didn't understand the full scope fo the atrocities of WWII that were committed against not only the Jews, but the ,millions of other victims as well. Neither ethnicity, r the color of ski n nor the color of the uniform mattered to anyone. We ate lunch as a group and the seating was open. Each day we just sat down where ever we wanted and the conversation was pleasant.

When we left on Friday, we knew we had made some new contacts that would last a long time. We also knew that we had learned a lot about others and ourselves.

Steve Leibowitz

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