

**THE NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY,
JANUARY 25, 2003 10:00 AM, AT
THE JEWISH FEDERATION BUILD-
ING 4200 BISCAVNE BOULEVARD**

WELCOME

John McGuire, an avid supporter of South Florida Shomrim for many years.

MAZEL TOV

To Brother Andrew Cohen on his promotion to Sergeant in the Miami-Dade Police Department. He is being assigned to the Intracoastal District

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MEETING DATES

**JANUARY 25, 2004 10:00 AM
FEDERATION BUILDING**

**FEBRUARY 29, 2004 (LEAP YEAR)
10:00 AM
LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**MARCH 28, 2004 10:00 AM
LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**APRIL 25, 2004 11:00—4:00 PM
MACHEN A PICNIC—THE 2004
SOUTH FLORIDA SHOMRIM
SOCIETY KOSHER PICNIC AT:
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

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.

RABBI'S MESSAGE:

Let us attack them and abolish the covenant made with them: Sabbath, Rosh Chodesh, and Milah (Scroll of Hasmoneans (1:9))

In their plans to abolish Judaism, the Greeks under Antiochus included the elimination of our keeping our sacred calendar and replacing it that of the Pagans. From the enemy's vile insistence and from our people's fierce resistance, we can learn how important it is for us to maintain our calendar and to count our days and date our documents by this sacred system and not by that of the Pagans.

The first Mitzvah given to us as the people of Israel (see Rashi Genesis 1:1) is that of composing a calendar according to the lunar cycle (Exodus 12:2). A calendar set according to the phases of the moon has distinct divisions of months. Each cycle has a duration of 29 days, 12 hours, 42 minutes and fraction of a minute. A calendar according the phases of the sun has no distinct divisions of months. The solar cycle has only four distinct divisions: Summer, Autumn, Spring and Winter.



Since the lunar cycle does not end with a full 24 hour period, it is necessary to make six months of 29 days and six months of 30 days. A solar year has 365 days and six hours. Twelve lunar months add up to 354 days and a fraction of a day. The two must be reconciled to allow the Festivals to fall out in their respective agricultural seasons.

As long as the people of Israel were settle in the Holy Land and in its proximities, the Sanhedrin would decide on the length of each month and would declare some years 12 months and some 13 months to allow the conformity of the two cycles. The Younger Hillel in his days saw the dispersion of his People and decided to compose a perpetual calendar that reconciles both cycles. To commemorate the Sanhedrin's functions we announce the forthcoming new month on the preceding Sabbath.

Counting our days, months, and years by religious calendar makes us aware of our identity. It forges a bond with our People no matter how far away they may be dispersed. It forges a bond with the generations who preceded and those whom we precede. It also gives us the opportunity to pray on the Sabbath preceding Rosh Chodesh:

That you may renew for us this month for good and for blessing





COMMITTEE REPORTS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Chairman: Jeff Wander

Members: Helen Baimel, Beverly Morshenson,
David Waksman, Nancy Wolff

The Committee has completed preparations for the
Convention.

Cars are also 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 REVIEW COMMITTEE

Chairman: Irv Heller

Members: David Waksman , Bob Singer

The Committee is going to reviewed all the dona-
tions made in 2003 and made suggestions for con-
tinuing those, changing the amounts, or adding or
deleting recipients.

If you have any thoughts regarding charities, please
make them know to us.



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COMMITTEES (continued)

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Chairman: Barry Mankes

Members: Paul Vogel, Ken Stowe

The committee is updating the Constitution and By-laws since many are not applicable to due the structure of the Officers and Board of Directors.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Gregg Glasel

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

The Committee continues to put together the monthly Newsletter. The monthly article for the Police Benevolent Association's HEAT Newsletter, read by over 5000, was comprised and submitted for publication. The Web site was updated thanks to Steve Kaufman.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman: Mike Bentolila

Members: Irv Heller, Ben Alter, Paul Vogel, Gary Unger

Two new members this month

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This is why I LOVE being JEWISH: (Thanks to Brother Dave Pius for submitting it)

WE HAVE NEVER BEEN BETTER OFF! It's only TV and the media that make people think that the end of the world is coming.

Only 60 years ago, they were leading Jews to their death like sheep to the slaughter! No Country, No Army. 55 years ago! Seven Arab countries declared war on the small Jewish State, only a few hours old!

We were then 650,000 Jews! Against the rest of the Arab world! No IDF [Israel Defense Force]. No mighty Air Force, just tough people with nowhere to go. Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt, Libya, Saudi Arabia, attacked all at once.

The country the UN "gave us" was 65% desert. The country started from scratch!

35 years ago!! We fought the three strongest armies in the Middle East and wiped them out in six days.

We fought against different coalitions of Arab countries, with modern armies, and masses of Soviet Russian weapons, and we still won!!!

We have today a country, an army, Air Force, a Hi-Tech Economy, exporting millions. Intel - Microsoft - IBM develop their stuff here. Our doctors win world prizes for medical developments.

We made the desert flourish, selling oranges and vegetables to the world.

Israel has sent its own satellite into Space!! Three satellites all together! We sit proudly, with the US, with 250 million people, with Russia, with 200 million people, with China, with 1.1 billion people, with the Europeans -- France, England, Germany, with 350 million people, the only countries in the world to shoot something into space!!

Israel is today in the world nuclear power family with the US, Russia, China, India, France, and England. [We don't admit it, but every one knows]

To think that only 60 years ago, we were led, shameful, with no hope, to our death!

We crawled out of the burning ashes of Europe, we won our wars here with less than nothing. We built an "empire" out of nothing.

Who the hell is Arafat to make me Scared or Terrified? You make me laugh!

Passover was celebrated; Let's not forget what the story is all about. We overcame Pharaoh, we overcame the Greeks, we overcame the Romans, we overcame the Inquisition in Spain, we overcame the Pogroms in Russia, we overcame Hitler, we overcame the Germans, we overcame the Holocaust, we overcame the armies of the seven Arab countries, we overcame Saddam.

Take it easy, folks, we will overcome the present enemies too. No matter Which part of human history you try! Think of it, for us, the Jewish people, our situation has never been better! So, let's lift our heads high, let's remember:

Any nation or culture that tried to mess around with us was destroyed -- while we kept going!!!

Egypt? Anyone know where their empire disappeared to? Greeks? Alexander of Macedonia? The Romans? Does anyone today speak Latin? The Third Reich? Anyone heard any news about it lately?

And look at us, the Nation from the Bible, from Slavery in Egypt, we are still here, speaking the same language! Right here, right now.

The Arabs don't know it yet, but, they will learn that there is one God. As long as we keep our identity, we are eternal. So, sorry for not worrying, not bitching, not crying, not being scared. Things are O.K. here.

They surely can be better, But still:

Don't fall for the media junk. They won't tell you that there are festivals going on, that people keep on living, that people are going out, that people are seeing friends. Yes, our morale is low, so what? It's only because we weep for our dead while they enjoy the blood. This is the same reason why we will win, after all.

Forward this message to the whole Jewish community and to people throughout the world. They are part of our strength. It might help some of them to keep their heads up high. Tell them that there is nothing to worry about. Tell them to think BIG, and to see the whole picture.

"See You Next Year in Jerusalem."

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SHOMRIM SOCIETIES

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The 2003 National Convention

David Waksman, President, National Conference of Shomrim Societies

Steven Leibowitz, S/E Regional VP, National Shomrim, **Convention Chairman**

Arthur Krinsky, 1st Vice President, National Shomrim, **Program Chairman**

Louis Weiser, Executive VP, National Shomrim, **Convention Coordinator**

At Ramada Inn

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Thursday, December 11---Sunday December 14, 2003

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Make your reservations early by mailing your checks payable to:

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If you have any questions, please write to us at the address above; call the National Shomrim Office toll free at 1-800-SHOMRIM (1-800-746-6746); or e-mail us at leibotrio@aol.com or info@southfloridashomrim.com

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**National Conference of Shomrim Societies
2003 Convention Agenda**

Ramada/Crown Hotel
Miami Beach, Florida
December 11-14, 2003

**Law Enforcement Challenges in Dealing
with Terrorism 2003**

Thursday, December 11, 2003

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Registration & Hotel Check-in
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm National Board of Directors Meeting
8:00 pm to 9:30 pm Reception (Hors d' oeuvres & Open Bar)

Friday, December 12, 2003

Seminars Begin

All seminars are sensitive and restricted to those with convention badges which must be worn at all times. Members of outside law enforcement agencies will be attending as invited guests. No recordings or photographs may be made at any time without the express written approval of the Program Chairman. Media will not be admitted to any of the seminars.

8:00 am to 9:00 am Breakfast

9:30 am to 10:30 am Prison Gangs & Terror Groups

Instructor: Russ Epstein, Federal Bureau of Prisons; Instructor, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), Glynco, Georgia

10:30 am to 11:30 am Tools of Aviation Security

Instructor: Steve Leibowitz, Miami-Dade Police Department; Instructor Metropolitan Police Institute & Miami-Dade Community College School of Justice and Safety Administration

11:30 am to 12:30 pm Lunch

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm Officer Survival in a Terror Attack

Instructor: Dr. Fabrice Czarnecki

Friday, December 12, 2003 (continued)

- 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Synagogue Security
Instructor: Detective Mike Gilbert, Montgomery County, PA, District Attorneys Office
- 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Break-out Groups: Technology vs. Terrorism
- 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Dinner
- 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm Hospitality & Networking

Saturday, December 13, 2003

- 8:00 am to 9:30 am Breakfast (Sabbath Observance)
- 10:00 am to 11:00 am Hostage Negotiation
Instructor: Detective Sam Miller, New York Police Department
- 11:00 am to noon Recognizing Homicide Bombers
Instructor: Mr. Tomer Sade, Vice Consul, Head of Security, Consulate General of Israel, Miami, FL
- 12:00 noon to 1 pm Aviation Security
Instructor: Mr. Pelled Midroni, Security Manger, El Al Airlines
- 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Working with the INS in Identifying Terrorists
Instructor: Robert Gross, SAA, Supervisory Immigration Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service; Instructor, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center
- 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Source Development in Terrorist Investigations
Instructor: Art Krinsky, SA FBI (ret); Senior Instructor, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), Glynco, Georgia
- 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Panel Discussion
New Methods & Technology in Dealing with Terrorism
- 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm Dinner
- 7:45 pm to 8:30 pm National Meeting and Election of Representatives

Sunday, December 14, 2003

- 8:00 am to 9:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Closing Remarks
- Noon Attendees adjourn



THE DINER DANCE IN REVIEW

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

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It is in this atmosphere that, year after year, the Shomrim Society invites its members and their families, as well as members of other fraternal Law Enforcement associations, to join together in honoring persons who have distinguished themselves in their service to the community. As in past occasions, the recipients of the Shomrim's Officer of the Year, and Shomrim's Citizen of the Year Awards, have proven to be examples to follow and role models to Police Officers and citizens alike.

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

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
This year, the Officer of the Year Award was conferred upon Carlos Alvarez, Director of the Miami Dade Police Department.

Director Alvarez, a 27-year veteran, rose through the ranks and served in a variety of assignments from his initial duties in the Central District as a Patrol Officer, to his present rank. As Head of one of the largest Law Enforcement agencies in the United States, and such in Southeastern United States, Director Alvarez led his Agency to the zenith of law enforcement in the United States earning the recognition of the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, (C.A.L.E.A.). It should be noted that, this is perhaps the most coveted distinction bestowed upon any Law Enforcement Agency.

But, Shomrim's dinner dance and award presentation also serves other purposes as well:

First of all, it is the Society's most important fund raising event of the year, with all monetary proceedings devoted to a scholarship fund given to two young Jewish people. Education has historically been an integral part of Jewish life and Shomrim supports such endeavor as a mean of improving life in our community.





Second, it serves to forge a bond of fraternal fellowship between the brothers and sisters that comprise this organization.



And, finally, equally important is the fact that, this celebration also serves to spread Jewish traditions, religious and cultural values, and a sense of Jewish identity among others who attend, most of whom are not of the Jewish faith.



When the evening has ended, and the last guest has departed, Shomrim's members hope that, those in attendance who are not of Jewish background may have gained some knowledge of what is like to be Jewish, of how great our pride in our background is, and how Jews live up to of our sense of duty to G-d, family and country.

The evening started with a social hour at the Center's lounge where delicious appetizers were served and open bars offered drinks and sodas to all. It's during this hour that many old friendships are rekindled between retirees who attend and new members and guests. The "ice" is broken and by the time the dining room opens its doors, an hour later, there is such a camaraderie in the air that all feel as being part of one great happy family.

This year's program began with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and the Ha'tikva, magnificent renditions by Cantor Schulhof of the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Community Center. His clear and powerful voice brought to the audience the reverence that both songs are meant to convey, bring chills to the skin of some, and tears to the eye of others.

Rabbi Pinchas Weberman, Spiritual Leader of the Southeast Florida Chapter of the Shomrim Society, and founder of the Chaplain's program of the Miami Dade Police Department, followed with the invocation, a strong religious message of hope and care for those men and women who everyday risk their lives in their communities. Once again, Cantor stepped to the microphone to interpret the Misheiberach, a prayer for healing, again bringing with his superlative abilities, realm and spirituality to the moment.





Following the introduction of the members of the Board of Directors, a selected group of members and Officers of the Society distributed a small stuffed animal to each and every one of the attendees as a token of appreciation for their presence and as a gesture of goodwill. Those present received the animals, small dogs wearing a blue yarmulke and sporting the Star of David on one ear, with glee.



At this time, the Chapter's President, Steve Leibowitz, called to the front the recipients of the Shomrim's 2003 Awards, Director Carlos Alvarez (Officer of the Year), and Premier Caterers, Bryant Security and Weberman's Traditional Foods (Supporters Awards.) The audience rose to their feet for a deafening round of applause.



The time had now come for the presentation of the keynote speaker, Mr. Matti Cohen, Vice Consular General of the State of Israel for Miami and Puerto Rico.

Mr. Cohen, with an eloquence and command of the art of public speaking, recounted the elements that make life in Israel so perilous such as terrorist attacks resulting in injuries and death, and provided some startling statistics. He compared in a relative way, the number of death in Israel in the past 3 years, (over 900), with the total population of both countries.

"Had the United States suffered a substantially comparable rate of attacks and deaths as Israel has, the amount of deaths in the United States would have been over 39,000 death in 13 attacks of the nature of 9/11. The economic impact would have been devastating," he asserted.

Mr. Cohen's speech was short, concise and profound. He asked for help for our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land and insisted that Israel needed help from us in the United States and other countries.





“Visit Israel now and experience our problems, not later, but now,” he pleaded. “Buy our products and help us with our economy, in shambles because the tourist industry has suffered a great deal,” he continued. One of Mr. Cohen’s most ironic and thought provoking comments was that, “the tourist populace in Israel is mostly non-Jewish, but rather, Christian and Catholic church groups, traveling to the Holy Land for religious pilgrimages,” he reported.

Mr. Cohen finished his speech issuing a call for Jews of the world to band together to fight the common evil that afflicts our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land: Palestinian-supported terrorism, and repeatedly thanked the United States and President George W. Bush for his support of the State of Israel.



The Diplomat’s retort was followed by Rabbi Weberman’s benediction and Hamotzie or Blessing of the Bread, recited by Chief Irving Heller, in Hebrew and in English. With a raffle of the tables’ beautiful centerpiece, the official ceremony ended and the guests enjoyed a delicious dinner including appetizer, main course, (a choice of chicken or salmon), and dessert.

The bar remained opened and the music began with a variety of tunes for all ages and tastes. The dance floor crowded with dancers who moved in circles to the tune of Jewish songs as well as Salsa, Disco and Champagne music for the “less young ones.”

In all, the event was a total success, an oasis of joy and relaxation in the midst of otherwise chaotic and turbulent times, not just for our people in Israel, but also for us here and abroad.

The year 2003 has proven to be one in which Israel fights its toughest battle for survival. Our enemies surround us, persecute us, maim and kill our brothers and sisters and it seems like we are living another holocaust. But, we are not, and we will not!

As long as Jews of the world turn everyday to the east, to the walls of the Temple, and for a few seconds quietly, contemplatively, repeat to ourselves, “Never Again, Never Again!” and truly believe in our hearts those two words, we will conquer our enemies as we have done through history.



Let the rest of the world turn their back on us or condemn us as they have in the past. Let the world look at us with disdain and hate. As long that we live by the example of G-d's teachings and the pride of being the chosen people of G-d, the battles and vicissitudes that await us in the paths ahead will dissipate and soon, we will make the words of the Ha'tikva a dream come through: "To live in peace in the land of Zion and Jerusalem."

The Shomrim society, with its motto of "Bringing together Police Officers of the Jewish faith for the betterment of all," wants to be an integral part of the process of peace in Israel. We will continue to support our brothers and sisters in their struggle against the animals that want to destroy us and will help rebuild our Holy Land with our example and cooperation.

Our devotion to G-d, family and community is second to none. Our devotion to Israel, unshakeable. Our Judaism, deeply rooted in our souls. Our strength, the bonds that brought us together two nights ago!

Shalom
Frank A. Piloto Jr.,
Retired, Miami Dade Police Department

PICTURES OF THIS YEAR'S DINNER DANCE WILL SOON BE
AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ON THE SOUTH FLORIDA SHOM-
RIM SOCIETY WEB PAGE

President's Message

I have very little to add to the outstanding article submitted by Frank Piloto on the Dinner Dance. My thanks goes out to all those that participated in the preparations, sold tickets, bought tickets and attended. It was attended by more South Florida Shomrim members than any other Dinner Dance in recent memory. The traditional Jewish prayers that were chanted by Cantor Schulhof left everyone with a little taste of our customs and traditions. The inspiring Invocation by Rabbi Weberman, the speech by Vice Consular General Cohen, and the renditions of the Star Spangled Banner and Ha'tikva started the evening out. The food, music and mingling made it all that we wanted it to be. Look for pictures on the Web Site.

Mr. Adam Cohen, a reporter for the Community Newspaper, attended the event and interviewed many people. We look forward to his article on our Chapter, Shomrim, and the event. We must, again, thank him for getting the word out to all the local communities.

I cannot end this list without thanking Mr. Mark Gordon, President of the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center for his support. He, along with the entire Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center staff, were accommodating—no generous—to the extent that I cannot say thank you enough.

During the next 10 months we have many important items to work up and complete, culminating in our elections scheduled to begin this summer and end with the October vote and swearing in of officers at the next Dinner Dance in November 2004.

Between now and then, though, there are several events. The convention comes to mind. Greg Glasel, Jeff Wander, Barry Mankes, Steve Kaufman, Mike Bentolila and I have been working with the National leaders to put on a great seminar series. This year, the Miami-Dade Police Department is co-sponsoring the event. Look inside this Newsletter for details.

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After that we will plan our Annual Free Kosher Picnic. The date will be April 25, 2004. YES, APRIL! The weather will be a little cooler. This date is after all the Holidays have concluded.

But still, there is more to do. Barry Mankes has been feverishly working on the Constitution and By-Laws update (in between his Dinner Dance duties). We will get all this information to the membership as soon as we sift through all the updates and changes. Then we will seek the approval of the membership for all the changes. I feel confident that we will be able to expand our membership once we adopt the new rules.

We will finalize our books before the January meeting and present a full report to the membership at the meeting. Please look inside this Newsletter for your 2004 dues notice. Same low cost as last year—\$36 (double Chai). In the past we have had our “stalkers” track some of you down. Just remember, we have virtually no administrative overhead except for the Newsletter costs. All your dues goes to charities that you select. Scholarships, synagogues, veterans, and handicapped people benefit from your tax deductible donation.

Lastly, thanks for making 2003 the best year in our Chapter’s history. More members participated in more South Florida Shomrim Society events than ever before.

Fraternally,

Steve Leibowitz