

**THE NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY,**  
**FEBRUARY 29, 2004 AT 10:00 AM AT**  
**THE AVENTURA POLICE STATION,**  
**19200 WEST COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE,**  
**AVENTURA, FLORIDA**

**WELCOME:**

To new member and Brother Brian Rafky, a detective with Miami-Dade Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit

To new member and Brother David Rafky, Instructor at the Miami-Dade Community College..

To new member and Brother Eric Baum, a lieutenant with the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

**GET WELL:**

To Barbara Heller, wife of our Chairman of the Board of Directors, Irv Heller.

**2004 DUES NOTICES INSIDE.**  
**PLEASE MAIL YOUR ANNUAL DUES**  
**BACK AS SOON AS SOON AS POS-**  
**SIBLE. THANKS**



*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:**

*Your people are all righteous, they shall inherit the land forever, they are the branch of my planting (Isaiah 60:21)*

Our religious calendar contains many events ties to agricultural seasons. Among the well known ones is the fifteenth of Shevat. It marks the revival of the trees from their wintry dormancy. The Torah itself is called "a tree of life" (Proverbs 4:2).

Like all vegetation, some parts of the tree are above ground and some parts are below ground. The casual observer is concerned only about the trunk, leaves and the fruit and not about the underground roots.

The botanist gives equal attention to the roots. He knows that the tree's very life depends upon healthy, strong roots. The tree's nourishment is delivered by the roots. Its ability to stand erect and to withstand the ravages of storms is relative to the depth of its roots grasp in the ground.

*Man is like the tree of the field* (Deut 20:19). Our physical and spiritual beings are similar in construction of the trees. The casual observer of a person is aware only of the outside appearance which is important. However, the healthy and the very life of a person is dependent upon the functions of the vascular, respiratory, digestive, neurological, cardiac parts which are known to students of biology and medicine.

The companion holds true in the area of Torah observance. Practice of the rituals and hold to disciplines are the trunk, the branches, the leaves and the fruit of the *Tree of Life*. Refinement of character, control of natural instincts of ambition, appetite and honor and development of love, reverence and respect to G-d and Man are the spiritual roots of the *Tree of Life*.

As we observe Tu B'shevat, we must reflect upon our self-improvement as we resolve to intensify our observance of ritual and discipline along with elevating our thoughts and attitudes to G-d and Man.

*Find flavor and good understandings in the eyes of G-d and Man (Proverbs 3:4)*

**SOUTH FLORIDA SHOMRIM**  
**SOCIETY OFFICERS FOR 2004**

President Steven Leibowitz  
Executive Vice President Greg Glasel  
First Vice President Jeffrey Wander  
Second Vice President Michael Bentolila  
Third Vice President Barry Mankes  
Recording Secretary Helen Baimel  
Corresponding Secretary Kenneth Goodman  
Treasurer Beverly Morshenson  
Sergeant-At-Arms Eliot Lipson  
Immediate Past President Robert Singer

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SHOMRIM**  
**SOCIETIES OFFICERS FOR 2004**

President, David Waksman,  
Executive Vice President, Lou Weiser,  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Art Krinsky  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Bruce Rottner  
Sergeant at Arms, Merrill Kelem  
Assistant Sergeant at Arms, Steve Litwin  
Recording Secretary, Murray Ellman  
Corresponding Secretary, Scott Bresalier  
Treasurer, Martin Turetzky

**REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS**

Eastern:	Art Winer
Southeastern	Steve Leibowitz
Mid-Atlantic	Bob Clearfield, Shomrim of Phil.
Northeastern	Samuel T. Miller
Western	Marvin Goldsmith, Shomrim of SoCal
Midwestern	Bernie Feinstein, Shomrim of Illinois
Central	William Davis

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# “MACHN A PIKNIK”

**South Florida Shomrim**

**Society 2004 Picnic**

**Sunday, April 25, 2004**

**CB Smith Park**

**Flamingo Road and Pines Boulevard  
Pembroke Pines, Florida (Broward Co.)**

**11:00 am—4:00 pm**

**Kosher BBQ (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken)**

Catered by Weberman's Traditional Foods

No Charge for Members and Friends

Your cost: \$1 per person to get into the Park

**Featuring: Children's Playground; Volleyball, Baseball; Bounce House; Fishing; Boat Rental; Bike Rental (or bring your own to ride); Socializing**

**PLEASE LET US KNOW THAT YOU ARE GOING TO ATTEND. WE NEED AN ACCURATE COUNT TO ORDER ENOUGH FOOD. CALL US AT 305-238-4004 OR 305-219-4235; E-MAIL US: LEIBOTRIO@AOL.COM, jml1@aol.com OR DGS44@AOL.COM**

**OR WRITE US AT THE SOUTH FLORIDA SHOMRIM SOCIETY, 4200 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD, MIAMI, FL**

**THERE WILL BE MORE INFORMATION IN THE SOUTH FLORIDA SHOMRIM SOCIETY WEB SITE: [WWW.SOUTHFLORIDASHOMRIM.COM](http://WWW.SOUTHFLORIDASHOMRIM.COM)**

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SOUTH FLORIDA SHOMRIM SOCIETY  
COLLARED SHIRTS \$15, BLUE OR  
WHITE. BADGES \$8 HATS \$6.

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**WE ARE GOING TO HAND OUT  
LAMINATED MEMBERSHIP CARDS  
AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.  
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**

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### **MITZVAH CARDS AVAILABLE!!!**

Let South Florida Shomrim help you send **New Years greetings, congratulations to family and friends, or any special message you want to send.** We have begun sending Mitzvah Cards out. Your message will be printed on a folding 6X9 card that bears the badge and name of the South Florida Shomrim Society and mailed in an envelope whose back flap has the same logos. Any donation you wish to make is placed into our Scholarship Fund and there is no set (or required) donation. Call Steve 305-238-4004 (leave a message) or 305-219-4235 for more information.



# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

*Chairman: Jeff Wander*

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

The Committee continued in their preparations for  
the 2004 Picnic.

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.



COMMITTEES (continued)

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

*Chairman: Barry Mankes*

Members: Ken Stowe

The committee has concluded updating the Constitution and By-laws and will make the presentation of those at the meeting on February 29.

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, Gary Unger

Three new members this month



## From the Desk of the President

Shalom:

As we enter into our 20th year of existence, I can tell you that we have grown, not only in numbers, but in stature of the community. Our donations to various charities, scholarships to students from a variety of schools, and volunteer programs have been recognized throughout the area.

This year I would like to see several goals attained. Increasing the scholarships given out is one that we are able to do because of the solid financial ground we stand on. Another is the expansion of our two main social gatherings—the Picnic in April and the Dinner Dance in November. Both grew larger in attendance from the year before, so we are off to a good start there. Lastly, expansion into most of the Departments in the surrounding Counties. We have already signed a member of the Miami-Dade Fire Department, a first for South Florida Shomrim, and now I would like you to spread the word of our existence throughout the many agencies in Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Monroe, Collier and Lee.

Lastly, think about getting more involved by attending the functions, meetings, or even running for one of the offices that will be available this October in the South Florida Shomrim Society.

I would like to thank all the Officers and members of the Board of Directors for their outstanding support and guidance over the past few years.

Steve





# **WHAT WE DID WITH YOUR DUES IN 2003**

## **CHARITY**

Temple Ohev Shalom Senior Fund - Rosh Hashana  
Temple Ohev Shalom Senior Fund - Chanukah  
Temple Ohev Shalom Senior Fund - Passover  
Simon Wiesenthal Center  
Greater Miami Jewish Federation  
US Holocaust Museum  
National Conf of Shomrim Societies - Dues  
Zeiff Jewish Museum  
Jewish War Veterans - Passover Food  
Museum of Tolerance  
National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial  
Dade PBA Love Fund  
Hebrew Academy  
Police Officer's Assistance Trust  
Miami Beach Guild for the Blind  
Shomrim Scholarship Fund  
Parents of Murdered Children  
Temple Hatikva



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**DUES ARE DUE FOR 2004**

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

PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BE-  
LOW AND MAIL THIS PAGE WITH YOUR TAX  
DEDUCTIBLE \$36 DUES TO:

BEVERLY MORSHENSON  
600 NE 36 STREET #405  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33137

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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OTHER CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**



FEBRUARY 29, 2004, 10:00 AM,  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT THE  
AVENTURA POLICE STATION,  
19200 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE  
AVENTURA, FLORIDA

MARCH 28, 2004, 10:00 AM  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT  
THE JEWISH FEDERATION BUILDING  
4200 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD  
MIAMI, FLORIDA

APRIL 18, 2004 6:00 PM  
YOM HA'SHOAH CEREMONY  
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

APRIL 19, 2004 6:00 PM  
YOM HA'SHOAH CEREMONY  
AVENTURA TURNBERRY JEWISH CENTER  
AVENTURA, FLORIDA

APRIL 25, 2004, 11:00 AM—4:00 PM  
SOUTH FLORIDA SHOMRIM SOCIETY'S  
"MACHN A PIKNIC"  
CB SMITH PARK  
PINES AND FLAMINGO ROADS  
PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA



**AT THE FEBRUARY 29, 2004 MEETING WE WILL BE REVIEWING AND VOTING ON THE NEW CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA SHOMRIM SOCIETY. THE NEXT FEW PAGES HAVE SOME OF THE CHANGES. PLEASE READ THESE OVER FOR DISCUSSION. THIS WILL BE THE ONLY NOTICE SENT OUT ABOUT THIS.**

Article III MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1** REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:

The membership of the Society shall consist of salaried, full or part-time and/or retired members of any duly constituted Law Enforcement or Public Safety Agency and shall include reserve police officers, firefighters, corrections officers, probation/parole officers, state attorneys/district attorneys, judges, medical examiners, and police chaplains, of the Jewish faith.

**Section 1A** ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: A person may be eligible for Associate Membership if he or she is not otherwise eligible for Regular Membership or has not been recommended for Honorary Membership.

- (1) The Associate Member Applicant shall:
  - (a) Fully support the goals and objectives of the of the Society, and
  - (b) Be a salaried, full or part-time and /or retired members of any duly constituted Law Enforcement or Public Safety Agency, including but not limited to those listed in Section 1 of this Article, or
  - (c) Be a person who is not a salaried, full or part-time and/or retired members of any duly constituted Law Enforcement or Public Safety Agency as those listed in Section 1 of this Article, but has chosen to work with, and for, the Society in achieving its goals and objectives.
- (2) Application for Associate Membership shall be made in accordance with Section 3 of this Article.
- (3) This Society, in accordance with Article III, may by two thirds (2/3) vote, elect to admit to Associate Membership those persons eligible, as provided under Sections 1(a) and 1(b) of this article after investigation by the Membership Committee of his/her character, habits, reputation and standing in the community and is reported to the membership to be worthy of Associate Membership. Such applicant for Associate Membership shall when submitting their application pay an initiation fee of Fifty (\$50.00) dollars and thereafter, if elected, shall pay the same yearly dues as the regular members.
- (4) Associate Members shall have equal rights, privileges and responsibilities in the Society. However, Associate Members shall not be voting members, hold elective office or serve on the Membership

Article V OFFICERS

Section 1 The Officers of the Society shall be as follows:

President  
Executive Vice President  
1st Vice President  
2nd Vice President  
3rd Vice President  
Recording Secretary  
Corresponding Secretary  
Treasurer  
Sergeant at Arms  
Chaplin  
Board of Directors

Section 1a The elected Officers below listed shall constitute the Executive Board of the Society:

President  
Executive Vice President  
1st Vice President  
2nd Vice President  
3rd Vice President

**Section 2** There shall be a Chaplin who shall act as the Spiritual Director of the Society to render spiritual guidance to the membership. The Executive Board shall appoint the Chaplin.

**Section 3** There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of at least twelve (12) members appointed by the Executive Board who shall act as advisors to the Society. They shall serve at the pleasure of the President.

**Section 4** All elected officers shall serve a two (2) year term, from the time of installation at the ANNUAL DINNER DANCE to the installation of the newly elected Officers at the ANNUAL DINNER DANCE two (2) years from that date.

**Section 5** Nominations for elected officers for the succeeding year shall be announced in the month of August at the meeting in that month.

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SEVERAL OF THE ARTICLES HAVE NO CHANGES AND WERE NOT LISTED IN THE NEWSLETTER. IF YOU WISH TO REVIEW THE ENTIRE CONSITUTION PRIOR TO THE MEETING PLEASE E-MAIL OR CALL STEVE LEIBOWITZ AND HE WILL GET A COPY TO YOU.

**Article XI**  
**COMMITTEES**

**Section 1 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

- (a) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President shall be the permanent chairperson. He may designate a member in good standing to act in his place.
- (b) Members of the Membership Committee shall consist of the entire Executive Board.
- (c) The Membership Committee shall investigate all applications for membership and report their findings at the next regular meeting prior to voting by the membership.

**Section 2 CHARITY AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**

- (a) The Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall be the chairperson of the Charity and Welfare Committee.
- (b) The Treasurer shall be a permanent member of the Welfare Committee.
- (c) The Welfare Committee shall be responsible for checking on the welfare of members, and their family members, who are sick, injured, or involved in a personal crisis or tragedy. Additionally, the Committee shall be responsible for all arrangements of services and religious ritual as related to holidays, funerals and other events as applicable.
- (d) The Society shall have an annual memorial service for its departed members, to be held on a date and at a place designated by the President.
- (e) The Spiritual Director of the Society shall act as advisor to the Committee.

**Section 3 SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

The President shall appoint the Chairperson of the Entertainment Committee who shall hold office at the pleasure of the President. The President shall appoint members of Special Projects Committee, as they are needed to plan and coordinate these events.

**Section 4 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

- (a) The President, or designee, shall preside over the Scholarship Committee. The members of the Scholarship Committee shall consist of the Executive Board.  
The number of annual scholarships to be awarded each year will be decided by the Executive Board, as the Scholarship Committee. The names of scholarship finalists shall be presented to the general membership for final approval vote. There shall be a separate bank account for all scholarship funds.
- © The criteria for scholarship awards are as follows:
  - (1) Only high school seniors shall be eligible for scholarship awards.
  - (2) No student shall receive a scholarship more than once.
  - (3) The criteria for determining scholarship awards shall be based on scholastics, need, citizenship, and other meritorious factors.
- (d) The Scholarship Fund shall consist of the following monies:
  - (1) The General Fund, as appropriated by the Executive Board,
  - (2) All Associate Member initiation fees,
  - (3) Any and all other monies solicited and contributed expressly for the Scholarship Fund.

Section 5      COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The President shall appoint the Chairperson of the Communications Committee who shall hold office at the pleasure of the President. The President shall appoint members of Communications Committee. The Communications Committee shall be responsible for the design, production and distribution of the monthly Newsletter.

Section 6      The President shall have the power and authority to establish and appoint members to other committee, standing or special, as it becomes necessary to carry on the work of the Society. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

Article XIII ELECTIONS

Section 1      The officers of the Society, except as otherwise herein provided, shall be elected at the regular meeting held in the month of October. All elected officials shall hold office for a term of two (2) years, from the date of installation at the ANNUAL DINNER DANCE to the installation of new officers at the ANNUAL DINNER DANCE two (2) years from that date.

Section 2      The President, Executive Vice President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and 3<sup>d</sup> Vice President shall not hold that office for more than two (2) consecutive terms of office and shall not run for that office for a third consecutive term. Vacancies shall be filled as provided in Section 6 of this article.

Section 3      Nominations for elected officials for the succeeding year shall be held and announced at the August regular meeting. Any member in good standing may make nominations for office from the floor of the Society. A member in good standing must second all nominations for office.

Section 4      A member not present may be placed in nomination, however, the member nominating shall have the written consent of the member whose name is being placed in nomination for office.

Section 5      Nominations shall appear on the ballots in order of their nominations. Australian form of balloting shall be used.

Section 6      If there is only one candidate to an elected office, that nominee shall be considered elected by acclamation. If there is more than one nominee to an Elected Office, the election ballot shall be published in the Newsletter and delivered through the United States Postal Service. The elections shall begin as soon after the nominations are completed as practicable. It shall be the responsibility of the members to mail their completed ballots back to the Elections Supervisor, designated by the President, or bring the completed ballot to the October regular meeting, where the ballots will be collected, tabulated, and the results announced. All Members present at such meeting may witness the opening and tabulation of the ballots

**GOOD DIRECTIONS TO THE FEBRU-  
ARY 29, 2004, 10:00 AM SOUTH FLOR-  
IDA SHOMRIM SOCIETY MEETING  
AT THE CITY OF  
AVENTURA POLICE STATION**

FROM INTERSTATE 95 (I-95) NORTH OR  
SOUTH BOUND—  
EXIT AT IVES DAIRY ROAD AND GO EAST.  
AT BISCAYNE BOULEVARD GO SOUTH.  
GO TO AVENTURA BOULEVARD (ALSO  
KNOWN AS NE 191 STREET) AND GO LEFT  
(EAST).  
GO TO W. COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE AND GO  
RIGHT (SOUTH).  
AFTER YOU UNDER THE OVERPASS THE  
POLICE STATION IS ON YOUR RIGHT.

FROM BISCAYNE BOULEVARD (NORTH  
OR SOUTH OF AVENTURA) -  
GO EAST ON AVENTURA BOULEVARD (NE  
191 STREET).  
GO TO W. COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE AND GO  
RIGHT (SOUTH).  
AFTER YOU UNDER THE OVERPASS THE  
POLICE STATION IS ON YOUR RIGHT.