

TEACH-A-THON GOALS MET

By Abbey Gezunt

The South Florida Shomrim Society participated in the Great American Teach A Thon, Wednesday, November 29th. The Education Fund holds this event to raise funds to be used by Miami-Dade County School Teachers to fund classroom projects. The South Florida Shomrim Society is an organization of Jewish Public Safety Officers made up of Local, State and Federal Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Correction Officers, and other dedicated Jewish Public Service Officers serving their respective communities. This fraternal organization has a mission of giving, "Tzedakah" in Hebrew, to charities and organizations needing or seeking assistance.

South Florida Shomrim Society members Helen Baimel, Secretary and Barry Mankes, President, taught the 2nd grade class of Mrs. Elizabeth Brotter at Ojus Elementary School. The So Fla Shomrim Society raised pledges for Baimel and Mankes in the classroom. The goal to raise one hundred times eighteen dollars, \$1,800 was met and surpassed. The number 18 has a special significance, in Hebrew "Chai", it represents Life. The brother & Sisters, friends and supporters of the So Fla Shomrim Society made it possible to reach this lofty goal. Once again the Sisters and Brothers of the So Fla Shomrim Society made this another successful event. Chief David Ward, Shomrim Board of Directors, made a donation in the name of the Miccosukee Police Department for \$900, half the goal. It was the generosity and dedication of Marv & Adele Goldsmith and Shomrim Society of So Cal that put the fundraising effort over the top to meet the goal.

The theme and lesson plan for the day related to The Role of Law Enforcement in the Community. The real treat was the exposition and the tools, provided by the Miami-Dade Police Department, used by Law Enforcement officers every day. Mrs. Brotter's class was able to climb aboard a real helicopter, on a trailer, brought by Offs Gil Cascante and Arthur Wellons, Community Affairs Bureau.

MEETING THE MAYOR

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The South Florida Shomrim Society is always looking for networking opportunities in the community. The three year association with the Aventura Marketing Council has, and continues, to present the Society with these opportunities. Recently, newly elected South Florida Shomrim Society President, Barry Mankes received a phone call from Eileen Glastein, Southeast Director, B'nai Zion Foundation, requesting assistance. Having met during an Aventura Marketing Council event, Ms. Glastein was scheduling meetings in preparation of the forthcoming visit to Florida of Yona Yahav, Mayor of the City of Haifa, Israel. Mankes working with Lewis Nadel, a Friend & Supporter of the South Florida Shomrim Society, arranged a meeting with Rabbi Bennett H. Greenspon and members of the Board of Temple Beth Emet, Cooper City. According to Ms. Glastein the meeting was a total success.

South Florida Shomrim Society President Barry Mankes was invited to a breakfast to meet Mayor Yahav. The breakfast gave the two the opportunity to discuss a range of topics including Haifa's recovery after the bombings this summer, American support for the State of Israel and the good works of the South Florida Shomrim Society. As the two parted company they agreed to keep in contact with each other and expressed hopes to visit again in the future.

The children had a great time imagining what it would be like to fly over the houses and streets protecting the citizens of the community. The children were treated to Police motorcycles brought by Officers Mark Alonso and Charles Corban, Special Patrol Bureau, ATV & Segway brought by Sergeant Tom Buchanan and Officer Minya Litterdragt, Special Operations, Intracoastal District. One of the biggest thrills of the day was Officer Mike Tang & his K-9 partner "Puma", Airport District, who showed how they searched for explosives. When Sergeant Tom Turpin arrived the entire class was spellbound, yet they never got to actually meet him. Sergeant Turpin arrived in a real helicopter and did several orbits over the school and then he was off to assist Police Officers from high above the streets of Miami-Dade County.

After being thoroughly amazed by the Police equipment it was back into the classroom for more surprises. Each child received a book bag filled with school supplies provided by Sergeant Joe Bermudez, Community Affairs Bureau, and Great American Teach A Thon sponsor Staples Office Supplies. Mrs. Brotter was presented with a South Florida Shomrim Society hat and shirt by Helen Baimel and Barry Mankes as a way of saying thank you for the opportunity to meet and teach the children. The day resulted in successes for everyone, the teachers and students of Miami-Dade County, the Police Officers, the Education Fund and most of all the South Florida Shomrim Society. The mission of the South Florida Shomrim Society is to do good deeds, in Hebrew "Mitzvot", and giving of one's time in the service of the community is one of the greatest deeds a person can do.

PEACE

Two sentences really say it all.

If the Arabs put down their weapons today, there would be no more violence.

If the Jews put down their weapons today, there would be no Israel.

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During a service at an old synagogue in Eastern Europe, when the Shema prayer was said, half the congregants stood up and half remained sitting. The half that was seated started yelling at those standing to sit down, and the ones standing yelled at the ones sitting to stand up.

The rabbi, learned as he was in the Law and commentaries, didn't know what to do. His congregation suggested that he consult a housebound 98 year old man who was one of the original founders of their temple. The rabbi hoped the elderly man would be able to tell him what the actual temple tradition was, so he went to the nursing home with a representative of each faction of the congregation.

The one whose followers stood during Shema said to the old man, "Is the tradition to stand during this prayer?"

The old man answered, "No, that is not the tradition." The one whose followers sat said, "Then the tradition is to sit during Shema!"

The old man answered, "No, that is not the tradition."

Then the rabbi said to the old man, "But the congregants fight all the time, yelling at each other about whether they should sit or stand."

The old man interrupted, exclaiming, "THAT is the tradition!"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & MAZEL TOVS

MAZEL TOV:

To all the newly installed Officers and members of the Board of Directors of the South Florida Shomrim Society.

To Brother Glenn Stolzenberg on his promotion to Major with the Miami-Dade P.D. Glenn is assigned to the Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force.

To Brother David Zbik and his wife Casey on the arrival of their First Born Son, Mason. Mother and Son are doing fine.

CONDOLENCES:

To Liddy and Marty Millar on the passing of Liddy's father, Benjamin "Boris" Zivick.

GET WELL:

To Brother Bob Novak of the Simon Wiesenthal Center

WELCOME

To new member and Brother Miguel Maldonado. Miguel is a Sergeant with Miami-Dade PD currently assigned as a Field Training Supervisor in Cutler Ridge District.

To new member and Brother Bob Clearfield - a long time member of Shomrim of Philadelphia and a firefighter in Pennsylvania.

To new member and Sister Eileen Glastein of the B'nai Zion Foundation.

To new member and Brother Jeffrey Levinson, VP of Mellon Bank, Aventura.

To new member and Brother Justin Grosz, Former Broward County Assistant State Attorney; Private Practice; Current Appointment by Michael Satz, Broward County State Attorney, as Special Prosecutor on Jimmy Rice Cases in Broward County.

To new member and Brother Milton Meadows. Milton is a retired New York State Court Officer (NYS Supreme Court).

The President's Message to the Membership & Community

From Barry Mankes

This being MY first President's Message I believe it is appropriate to express my feelings of anticipation and honor to serve YOU. The anticipation is a positive force powered by a plan. MY plan is the blueprint for the future, very simple only having four points. I call them the "4 Planks of My Presidency":

- § **Growth**
- § **Recognition**
- § **Involvement**
- § **Tzedakeh**

OUR growth over the past two years under the leadership of Gregg Glasel was notable. The continued growth of the South Florida Shomrim Society is essential to OUR long term existence. As WE bring in new active Public Safety members OUR future is secure.

WE have been working very hard to become an "A" List organization An organization that is involved and invited to events in the community on a regular basis. Additionally, when WE introduce ourselves as Jewish Public Safety Officers the response will not be. "I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WERE ANY JEWS DOING THAT."

In the past month WE have made major accomplishments in this area;

- * Several articles in the Aventura News
- * Radio Interview on "The Best of You" Radio Station WLVJ - 1040AM
- * We have been contacted and met with Yona Yahav, the Mayor of Haifa, Israel.

WE continue to work with and develop relationships with other organizations, civic groups and Local, State and Federal officials and politicians, in order to increase OUR organizational recognition.

WE will continue to work on becoming involved in new projects in OUR community and those related to the State of Israel. WE look forward to continuing OUR participation in past projects like the Yom Hashoah Ceremonies at the Holocaust Memorial and the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center.

The last plank of the platform is Tzedakeh. This is the essence of what WE do and who WE are. We will continue to raise the funds so WE may keep supporting and donating to

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South Florida Shomrim Society Honors Community Leaders at Record-Breaking Dinner Dance

By Abbey Gezunt

More than 300 people enjoyed an evening of wining, dining and superb musical entertainment at South Florida Shomrim Society's Annual Dinner Dance, held November 9th at the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center- Beth Jacob. "This was by far the biggest and most successful dinner-dance in our 24-year history," said Shomrim President Barry Mankes.

The South Florida Shomrim Society is a fraternal organization of Jewish public safety officers, including local, state and federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, correction officers and associate members who support the group's goals and objectives. In addition to members and their families, he said, many notables from the law enforcement and political communities throughout the area were in attendance.

The event's honorees were Russell Galbut, this year's Person of the Year, and David Ward, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Galbut, a local developer and philanthropist, was honored for his service to the local Jewish Community and the South Florida Shomrim Society, Mankes said. Galbut recently established a South Florida Shomrim Society scholarship in the name of his late father, Captain Hyman P. Galbut, and is a benefactor of Simon Wiesenthal Center - Moriah Films. Ward, Chief of Police of the Miccosukee Police Department, has been instrumental in establishing a relationship between the South Florida Shomrim Society and Chairman Billy Cypress of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida. "Chief Ward and the Miccosukee Tribe continue to support and work with the South Florida Shomrim Society," Mankes said, "on issues of mutual interest and importance."

The Shomrim Society's newly elected Executive Board of Officers, beginning with President Barry Mankes, were sworn in by Chief Judge Joseph Farina, assisted by Judges Linda Singer-Stein, Miriam Lehr, Bronwyn Miller, Scott Silverman, Maria Korvic and Sheldon Schwartz.

The musical entertainment for the evening was provided by the Ray Stevens Band. Steven and Michael Pollack of Events by Premier presented the cocktail hour and delicious dinner, made visually enchanting with centerpieces designed by Shelley and Steve Costin of Miami Gardens Florist. The Costins received a service award for their ongoing support and friendship to the Society as did Dave Zimmerman who hosts the Society's website.

The South Florida Shomrim Society founded in 1984 to satisfy the needs of Jewish Law Enforcement Officers and support personnel in Miami-Dade County. It now sets the standards that future fraternal Jewish law enforcement chapters will strive to match. The Society's next big social event is its Annual Picnic, to be held Sunday, March 11, 2007 at the C.B. Smith Park in Pembroke Pines.

RABBI'S MESSAGE

(President's Message Continued)

the many religious and educational institutions, charitable and civic organizations. In doing this WE fulfill OUR organizational goals and objectives and religious tenants to do Mitzvot.

In reading this one thing becomes immediately apparent, when speaking about the South Florida Shomrim Society the pronouns used are almost always in the plural, or the collective. There is a reason, because this organization can never be just one person. It is all of US that make the South Florida Shomrim Society the prototypical fraternal/philanthropic Public Safety organization, I believe, in the nation. Together WE will continue doing OUR good works.

Rabbi Pinchas Weberman is the spiritual leader of Temple Ohev Shalom and the South Florida Shomrim Society. He is also a Chaplin for Miami Beach P.D., A.T.F. and M.D.P.D.

I have set the L-rd before me at all times - I shall not falter (Psalm 16:8)

Cheshvan abruptly ends a two month sequence of holy days. From the first day of Elul when we hear the first blast of the Shofar; the reciting of additional Psalms; fervent prayer of Selichos; the intensity of Rosh Hashanah; the days of Penitence; the soul lifting of Yom Kippur; the final shofar blast at Neillah; the happiness of the Succah, Lulav, and Esrog; the special feelings when clapping Hashanos; and the merriment of Shemini Atzeret and Simchas Torah, one might take the mundane days of Cheshvan as a let-down. The whole purpose fo the holy months might come into question if after all this, we slide down to a spiritual apathetical negligence.

The same question can arise when assessing our daily routine. Our morning prayers start with a thankful recognition for another day of miraculous physical abilities, followed by high praises, declaration fo faith in and love of G-d in the Shema and pious prayers in the Amidah. What happens to us the rest of the day out in the mundane world? Do we slide down to a spiritual apathetical negligence?

It need not and it should never be so. The powerful inspiration acquired during the Holy season and that of the daily prayers becomes deeply embedded in the depths of our souls as a mighty subconscious force. It is a residual form of energy that is always available to draw on to maintain our level of spiritual heights as if we would be in the midst of the holy season and in the midst of fervent prayer. As we remain receptive to it, the spiritual influence of our holy worship will extend as a flow of holiness and holy thoughts.

He girds me with strength and makes my path perfect (Psalm 18:33)

IT'S A MIRACLE Doctor Bloom who was known for miraculous cures for arthritis had a waiting room full of people when a little old lady, completely bent over in half, shuffled in slowly, leaning on her cane. When her turn came, she went into the doctor's office, and, amazingly, emerged within half an hour walking completely erect with her head held high. A woman in the waiting room who had seen all this walked up to the little old lady and said, "It's a miracle! You walked in bent in half and now you're walking erect. What did that doctor do?"
She answered, "Miracle, shmiracl . . . he gave me a longer cane."