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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**

## WELCOME

To new member and Brother Dr. Jeffrey Solomon. Dr. Solomon operates a mobile chiropractic center that travels to police stations to assist officers.

## MAZEL TOV

To Brother Mark Schoenfeld on his promotion to Sergeant in the Miami Beach Police Department

To Brother David Zimmerman who is now a certified fire fighter with the Miami-Dade Police Department (Up next—EMT certification)

To Brother George Birne whose daughter, Susan Birne-Stone, graduated NYU with a Doctorate in Psychology

To Brother Steven Kaufman who graduated Lynn University with a Masters Degree in Emergency Management and Public Administration

To Brother Mark Read and his wife on the birth of son Jashar Liam Read.

**TO AVOID THAT DREADED LATE DUES  
NOTICE, PLEASE USE THE CENTER  
PART OF THIS NEWSLETTER TO REMIT  
YOUR 2005 DUES.**

## EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JUNE 2005

Date Line: Los Angeles  
Memorial Day Weekend

I had the pleasure of visiting with Marv and Adele Goldsmith in Beverly Hills, California with my beautiful bride, Cecile. (28 years this year - Kina Hurra) It was an evening of fraternity and camaraderie which is the essence of the "Shomrim" - Both South Florida and Southern California. During the time spent together we spoke of the South Florida Shomrim Society's continuing growth, the recent Annual Picnic and the planning of the IAJPSE first event in early 2006. Let me say, I was very proud to announce to Marv all the good works we do here in South Florida and even prouder to be told that we are looked at as the première chapter. Wait !!!! it was not just Marv and I schmoozing about Shomrim in front of Cecile and Adele all night. We had a wonderful time talking about the Kids and upcoming Simchas and began planning our next trip to California to see all that we missed on this short but enjoyable trip.

On the next page are just a couple of pictures from our night out together.

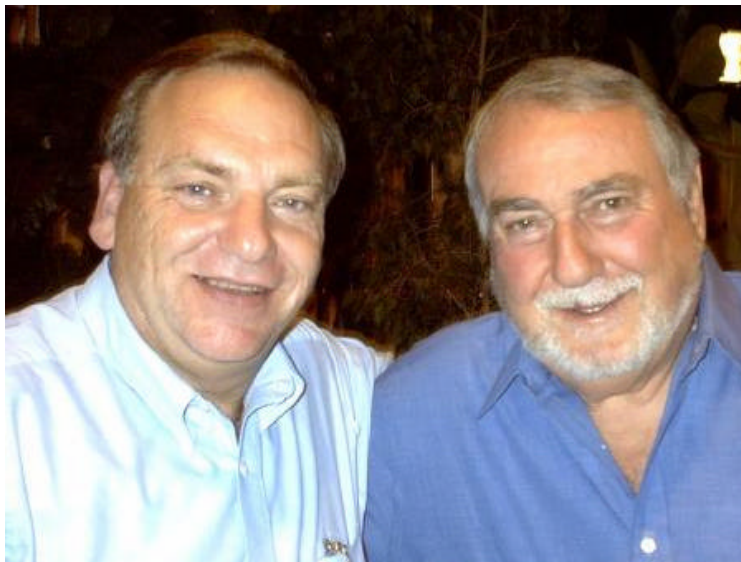
With Regards,

Barry



Top From Left to Right: South Florida Executive VP Barry Mankes;  
Shomrim of Southern California President Marv Goldsmith; Marv's  
wife Adele; Barry's wife Cecile

Barry and Marv



*The South Florida Shomrim Society*

*is proud to announce the*

# *Annual Dinner Dance*

*Thursday, November 10, 2005*

*(November 11 is a legal Holiday—Veteran's Day)*

*at the*

*Greater Aventura Turnberry*

*Jewish Center*

*20400 NE 30 Avenue Aventura, Florida*

*Hours D'ouerves at 6:30 pm*

*Dinner at 7:30pm*

*Open Bar, A band for Music, and Dancing*

*Convenient Parking*

*Honoring:*

*Law Enforcement Officer of the Year*

*&*

*Shomrim Person of the Year*

**TICKETS ARE \$60 EACH  
OR A TABLE OF TEN FOR \$600**

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

2005 has been a banner year for the South Florida Shomrim Society's growth and support. Our membership has grown by more than 10% in the past six months; our picnic attendance hit a new high with 300 attendees; our meetings continue to have between 30 and 45 members; our expansion into Broward County has begun and individual participation has increased dramatically.

In order to make our Dinner Dance the biggest and best yet, we are announcing it 5 months in advance. We want you to mark your calendars and make sure you attend this premier event. Last year we had a record number of members in attendance and we look forward to continuing that tradition. Remember, November 11 (the day after) is a legal Holiday (Veteran's Day).

The Board of Directors does not take lightly the task of selecting the honorees for this event. That is why we are asking you, our membership, to let us know a person or group that is worthy of nomination. The Person of the Year may be someone who has displayed leadership in directing charitable acts or supporting the goals and objectives of our organization. The Officer of the Year may be someone who has displayed leadership, courage, or in some other way represented law enforcement in an exemplary manner. We also give out awards to people & organizations that support our activities. If you want to nominate a person or group for this, please tell us.

You can tell us in person at a meeting, call us on the phone, or e-mail us. Your input is important.

Irving Heller, Chairman of the Board of Directors  
South Florida Shomrim Society

**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.)

**GOOD LUCK!!!!!!**

## **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***

Members: 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

# Shavuot

The holiday of Shavuot is observed on the sixth day of the third Hebrew month Sivan. For those living in the Diaspora, Shavuot is also observed on the seventh day of Sivan. Shavuot takes place in the Spring, generally in late May or early June.

Shavuot is the holiday Jews universally accept as the day when G-d gave the Jewish people the Torah following Moses' descent from Mount Sinai. However, nowhere in the Torah is the holiday of Shavuot actually linked to Matan Torah, the giving of the Torah. Instead, the Torah refers to Shavuot as an agricultural festival. It marked the transition between the barley harvest, which was brought to the priest in the Temple in Jerusalem on the sixteenth of Nisan and the start of the wheat-ripening season, which began the first week of Sivan.

The Torah refers to Shavuot as Hag ha-katzir, (Exodus 23:14-19) the feast of the harvest, as Hag Hashavuot, the festival of weeks, and as Yom ha-bikurim, (Leviticus 23:9-22) the day of first fruits, when farmers brought their produce to the Temple as an offering.

Shavuot is the second of the shalosh regalim, the three annual pilgrimage holidays of Pesach, **Shavuot**, and Sukkot, when Jews from all over Israel and beyond converged onto Jerusalem to celebrate and bring temple offerings.

The Torah commands that Shavuot be celebrated exactly seven weeks after the second day of Pesach, the day of the first Omer, the early barley harvest offering. This explains the name Shavuot – Hebrew for weeks, or as it's known in Greek, Pentecost, meaning fiftieth day.

“You shall count off seven weeks; start to count the seven weeks when the sickle is first put to the standing grain. Then you shall observe the Feast of Weeks for the Lord your G-d, offering your free will contribution according as the Lord your G-d has blessed you”

Kabbalists saw in the number seven the concept of the sefirot, the spiritual spheres that surround the heavens and G-d. The number 49 is also symbolic of the 49 gates of impurity from which the ancient Israelites were released as they left the land of Egypt.

According to a very old tradition, the period between Pesach and Shavuot is also a season of mourning. Marriages are not performed, hair is not cut and live music is not played or heard. The reasons for this are not entirely clear.

One tradition suggests that since this period was preparatory to receiving the Torah, these days were set aside for serious reflection and study. Therefore, frivolous activities were put on hold.

The most widely accepted explanation is that a mysterious plague cost the lives of many of Rabbi Akiva's students during the Roman period. On the thirty-third day of the Omer, the mysterious plague stopped. This is why Lag Ba'Omer, the thirty-third day of the Omer, is observed as a special, though minor Jewish holiday, when marriages, haircuts and live music are permitted.

In Israel, Lag Ba'Omer is also observed as the *yahrzeit* of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, the author of the Kabbalistic Book of Mysticism called the Zohar. A *yahrzeit* is the anniversary of a person's death. Large numbers of people visit his grave in the city of Meron to commemorate the day each year. He is believed to have died on Lag Ba'Omer in the middle of the second century. It is interesting to note that Jews commemorate the *Yahrzeit*, rather than birthdays of its departed loved ones and sages as a reminder that it is not as important to celebrate the birth of those who pass away as it is to reflect on their life's accomplishments

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

**JUNE 26, 2005, AVENTURA POLICE  
STATION—10AM**

**JULY 31, 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.**

PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW  
AND MAIL THIS PAGE WITH YOUR TAX DE-  
DUCTIBLE \$36 DUES TO:

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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

COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

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**SOUTH FLORIDA SHOMRIM SOCIETY**  
**CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2005**

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

## **YOU MIGHT BE JEWISH IF.....**

**You** watched Ed Sullivan every Sunday night, and your parents laughed out loud at Myron Cohen.

**You** spent your childhood thinking everyone called pot roast "brisket."

**You** grew up thinking it was normal for someone to shout "Are you okay? Are you okay?" through the bathroom door when you were in there longer than 3 minutes

**Every** Sunday afternoon was spent visiting your grandparents and/or other relatives.

**You** experienced the phenomenon of 50 people fitting into a 10-foot-wide dining room hitting each other with plastic plates trying to get to a deli tray.

**You** had at least 1 female relative who penciled on eyebrows - always asymmetrical.

**You** were as tall as your grandmother by the age of seven.

**You** were as tall as your grandfather by the age seven and a half.

**You** can understand Yiddish but you can't speak it.

**You** thought speaking loud was normal.

**Your** family dog responded to commands in Yiddish.

**You** know how to pronounce numerous Yiddish words and use them correctly in context, yet you don't exactly know what they mean Kina hurra.

**You** considered your Bar or Bat Mitzvah a "Get Out of Hebrew School Free" card.

**You** can look at gefilte fish and not turn green

**You** think eating half a jar of dill pickles is a wholesome snack.

**Your** mother smacked you really hard and continues to make you feel bad for hurting her hand.

**You** thought pasta was stuff used exclusively for Kugel and kasha with bowties.

**You're** compelled to mention your grandmother's "steel cannonballs" upon seeing fluffy matzo balls served at restaurants.

**And finally**, you knew that Sunday night and the night after any Jewish holiday was designated for Chinese food.

Thanks to our Sister Mindy Gross for this retrospective look.....

## THE TRUE MEANING OF SHOMRIM.....

My wife, Linda and I recently had the occasion to go to Boston for a conference I had to attend for work. I wore the heavy coat with the Shomrim Society emblazoned across the back of it (picture on the next page). When I walked into the lobby, a Lt. Fred Corsino from the Philadelphia PD walked up to me. I had not met Fred before this but he was there for the conference, as well. He said he recognized the Shomrim Society and that when he was promoted Shomrim was the only fraternal organization to send him a congratulatory note. He also spoke fondly of the entire Itzko Family—Steve, Mark and Joe. This just goes to show that Shomrim is known by many people of many different ethnic backgrounds.

A couple of months before we went, I contacted Art Winer from Shomrim of Massachusetts to let him know we would be in his area and see if we could get together for a meal and good conversation. As you can see by the picture on the next page, we got together for a great dinner and spoke at length about Shomrim and issues of mutual concern.

I had met almost everyone at one of the past 5 years worth of Conventions we hosted in Miami Beach. The Winer's and the Feldman's are members of South Florida Shomrim Society, too. Everyone at the table shared the concerns that we have here in South Florida with the continued growth of Shomrim throughout the country.

After the conference I had to attend, Linda and I went on to stay in northern Massachusetts so we could go into Maine and New Hampshire for some sightseeing and shopping at the many outlet stores. While we were driving back from the White Mountains of New Hampshire Art "chirped" me up on the phone to talk about meeting for dinner again. When I told him where we were, he told me to get off the highway in Tilton and shop and eat there. Turned out to be more good advice!

We were able to meet with Art & Lois (although they were last minute plans our last night in Massachusetts) and ate at the "No Name Restaurant", a fixture on the pier in Boston Harbor.

THANKS SHOMRIM OF MASS.....

LINDA & STEVE LEIBOWITZ

## 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.

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Clockwise around the table from the front left:

Sandy Feldman, Marty & Rona Melamed, Mickey and Carole Mushnick (current President of Shomrim of Massachusetts), Lois and Art Winer (current Northeast Regional VP for National Shomrim), Linda Leibowitz (not in photo is Steve Leibowitz who took the picture) and Bob Feldman



Who's Holding the Bird?

South Florida Shomrim members Sister Harriett Bartomeo (above) and Brother Stu Portner (below) - also members of New York City PD Shomrim—are caught holding the bird while visiting with our Brothers and Sisters from the Shomrim of Massachusetts

