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It is the time of the year for the South Florida Shomrim Society to award its' 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](mailto: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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### **"FRIENDS VS. JEWISH FRIENDS"**

**FRIENDS:** Never ask for food.

**JEWISH FRIENDS:** Always bring the food.

**FRIENDS:** Will say "hello."

**JEWISH FRIENDS:** Will give you a big hug and a kiss.

**FRIENDS:** Call your parents Mr. and Mrs.

**JEWISH FRIENDS:** Call your parents mom and dad

**FRIENDS:** Have never seen you cry.

**JEWISH FRIENDS:** Cry with you.

**FRIENDS:** Will eat at your dinner table and leave.

**JEWISH FRIENDS:** Will spend hours there, talking, laughing and just being together.

**FRIENDS:** know a few things about you.

**JEWISH FRIENDS:** Could write a book with direct quotes from you.

**FRIENDS:** Will leave you behind if that's what the crowd is doing.

**JEWISH FRIENDS:** Will kick the whole crowds' ass that left you.

**FRIENDS:** Would knock on your door.

**JEWISH FRIENDS:** Walk right in and say, "I'm home!"

**FRIENDS:** Are for a while.

**JEWISH FRIENDS:** Are for life.

# SOUTH FLORIDA SHOMRIM SOCIETY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2007

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & MAZEL TOVS

### MAZEL TOV:

To Ann Morshenson, Mother of Shomrim Treasurer Beverly Morshenson, on the occasion of her 95th Birthday.

To Brother Larry Bornstein on his recent promotion to Captain with the Miami Beach Police Department.

To Esther & David Weberman on the marriage of their daughter, Devorah, to Tivon Feeley entire Weberman Gonsa Mespucha were in attendance.

To Cecile & Barry Mankes who will be first time parents in August. Sarah & Saul are the excited and proud to be parents.

### GET WELL:

### WELCOME:

To Brother Sam Harte. Sam is the President of Philmoss & Co., Telecommunications consulting. Sam is involved in many local and national organizations. WE hope he brings all his experience to US.

To Brother James Edwards. James is a Miami-Dade P.D. Sergeant assigned to Doral District.

To Brother John Koch. John is a Miami-Dade P.D. Detective assigned to the Homeland Security Bureau.

Brother Dr. David Muransky. Dr. Muransky a Chiropractor operates the Aventura Chiropractic Care Center. He is a member of the Aventura Marketing Council and has been OUR frined for year.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Let me start out this message by saying "THANK YOU". Thank you to all OUR members, friends and supporters who continue to make the South Florida Shomrim Society the great organization that it is. I get calls and emails saying the most wonderful things about the activities, projects and events WE continually involve ourselves with. A special thanks to OUR out of town Members in NY., PA, CA, MA- You guys are great.

What a wonderful and busy time WE have had since the last newsletter. Yom Haatzmaut was a busy holiday for the South Florida Shomrim Society. This year WE participated in three Honor Guards. My thanks to all the participants who responded to the call for assistance:

**Holocaust Memorial:** Shomrim Members Harvey Honig and Irv Weinsoff, and Irv's colleagues from the The South Florida Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, Ron Stirlacci, Myles Gill and Roger Labonte.

**Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center:** Shomrim Officers Mindy Gross (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President) and Jorge Ghitis (3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President).

**Temple B'nai Zion:** Shomrim Members Miguel Maldonado, Mindy Gross, Irv Weinsoff and Irv's colleague from The South Florida Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, Robert Buffington. A special thanks to Officer Melissa Nair, Miami Beach Police Department, who came out to lend a hand for this Honor Guard ceremony.

WE participated in the Aventura Marketing Council Poker Tournament and this was the first year that I played in the Tournament. In years past WE had someone play for US. WE came So Close but, NO CIGAR! As they say in professional sports "There is always next year."

WE are moving forward on the TORAH PROJECT. Rabbi Aron Blatt, Talmudic University of Florida, Miami Beach, and I have talked and met in the past month. Once the infrastructure is set up WE will announce all the exciting details of this monumental and bound to be historic project.

OUR scholarships have been announced and the submission of applications should begin soon. WE will again be awarding scholarships to graduating seniors from the Hebrew Academy. Mr. Kurzinsky continues to be OUR conduit to this marvelous expression of giving and support of education.

WE experienced the loss of good friends. Lucy Zelman, wife of Jack Zelman, a South Florida Shomrim Society Founding Member, passed after a long illness. Shomrim Society representation at Lucy's funeral was noteworthy. Thanks to OUR members and supporters who joined me attending the funeral

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## ROBERT L. NOVAK, 56

### Fought against anti-Semitism

For two decades, Robert L. Novak was the South Florida face of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, tirelessly raising money for the fight against anti-Semitism and hatred. Bob Novak, 56, died Monday, May 14th, 2007, of complications from esophageal cancer at Boca Raton Community Hospital.

Although he had been sick since October and had undergone months of grueling treatment in New York, his death "was very sudden," said his wife, Edie Novak, as he watched his beloved New York Mets on television.

Novak held two titles at the Center: Southern Region Director and National Development Director. In the latter capacity, he was peerless, said Rabbi Meyer May, the Center's Executive Director. One of Novak's biggest achievements was helping to secure a \$10 million donation from Claire's Stores Chairman emeritus Rowland Schaefer for the center's Frank Gehry-designed Museum of Tolerance in Jerusalem, May said. That sort of transaction "takes hard work. You have to . . . look someone straight in the eye with total conviction that you're doing him or her the biggest favor of their lives." Novak had that conviction. "He loved the Jewish people and the [center's] mission. He was born after Holocaust and saw what it did to people he knew, and saw the importance of the state of Israel," May said.

Novak, from Fresh Meadows, N.Y., graduated from C.W. Post College, then got involved in fund raising, mostly for Jewish causes: the United Jewish Appeal, Israel Bonds and the Jewish Theological Seminary. "His motto," said his wife, 'is, 'What did I do for you today?' " Novak met many world figures through the Wiesenthal Center, Edie Novak said, including Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir, several U.S. presidents and Jordan's King Hussein. Of Simon Wiesenthal, the Nazi hunter, "he was in awe," she said.

Real estate broker Edie Laquer, honored April 22nd at the center's South Florida Annual Tribute Dinner, called Novak "one of those people you meet and have kindredship with almost immediately. He touched my life in so many profound ways." That night, he was "the star," Edie Novak said. "People circled him and touched him and loved him. Everybody who walked on stage talked about him before anything else."

In addition to his wife, Edie, Novak is survived by daughters Rachel, Jessica and Aleeza, and brother Steven Novak. Services were held at B'nai Torah Congregation, 6261 SW 18th St. in Boca Raton, with burial at Eternal Light Gardens in Boynton Beach.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, the Wiesenthal Center's Dean and Founder, delivered a eulogy by phone from Israel.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

services; Irv Heller, Randy Heller, Mark Jeter, Jeff & Martha Wander, Mindy Gross, Jorge Ghitis, Naim Erched., Rabbi Weberman, Shomrim Society Spiritual Advisor, conducted the service.

WE lost Bob Novak, National Director for Development, Simon Wiesenthal Center, after a courageous battle with cancer. Bob was also a Shomrim Society member and more importantly a good friend. Through Bob WE were introduced to Rabbis Marvin Heir, Meyer May and Abraham Cooper, the leadership of the Simon Wiesenthal Center and the Museum of Tolerance. Thanks to Marty Millar for representing the Shomrim Society with me at Bob's funeral service.

OUR prayers go out to Jack Zelman and his family and Edie Novak and daughters Rachel, Jessica, and Aleeza.

I ask that each of you ALL OUR MEMBERS share the vision of the South Florida Shomrim Society that WE are working so hard to male a reality. Individually each of you has the power to make a difference. When the call goes out for volunteers please don't think someone else will answer the request. Be the one who responds to make US great. Make a commitment to come to a meeting, celebrate with US at the Dinner Dance and MACHIN A PIKINIK Remember "So that Public Safety Officers of the Jewish Faith May Join Together for the Welfare of All".

Barry

## RABBI'S MESSAGE

*Rabbi Pinchas Weberman is the spiritual leader of Temple Ohev Shalom & the So. Fla Shomrim Society. He is the Chaplin for Miami Beach P.D., A.T.F. & M.D.P.D.*

**But Man is born to struggle as sparks are blown upwards. (Job 5:7)**

Whatever pursuits in life may be undertaken, all involve a vast amount of struggle. A successful life is dependent upon the ability to recognize priorities and to diligently put them in place. Decisions must be carefully reached as to where the most of our efforts be directed.

In preparation of food, clothing and shelter, a substantial amount of effort is extended in more than just acquiring the materials needed. While a person can basically live with bland food, drab clothing and shamble housing, this will leave him in a state of great discomfort. Therefore, much effort is made in creating the necessities in a fashion in which they are savory, orderly, clean, neat and beautiful. In calculating the proportion of money the population of developed nations spend for needs, a greater amount is spent initially for the beautiful embellishments of the products than for the basic forms. Our food, clothing and shelter as important as they might seem, are only incidental to that which should be our prime concerns. Our intellect, our emotions, our thoughts, our words and our deeds comprise our real selves. Our minds are beautiful, meaningful and admirable when we use it to distinguish between right and wrong; between good and evil. Our emotions which consist of ambition, appetite and self dignity are beautiful, meaningful and admirable when we blend our self-centered interests with love and commitment to everyone else and use our thoughts, speech and actions to further these goals.

We work very hard and spend much money to keep our homes beautiful, neat and clean. We always are involved in making our clothes clean and attractive. So do we make an effort to enhance our food in appearance, aroma and taste. All these are matters outside of our real selves. How much more must we struggle to purge our minds of cunning, our hearts of greed, lust, hatred and vanity and our thoughts, words and actions of false values, slander and evil acts.

The days of Sefirah are specially set aside to accomplish cleansing, beautifying, embellishing, improving our lives, spirits and souls with purity and holiness to make all the struggles of life worthwhile, meaningful and of value.