

THE NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY,
JANUARY 30, 2004 AT 10:00 AM,
GREATER MIAMI JEWISH FED-
ERATION BUILDING
4200 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33137

MAZEL TOV

To Jennifer and Richard Lasry on the birth of their son, "Daniel Mark Lasry" – 19.5 inches (50cm) and 7.7lb (3.3Kg). Mother, father and baby are doing very well.

To Aleidy Piloto, wife of Brother Frank Piloto on joining the "President's Circle" with AAA again this year. This award is given to the top sales people. Aleidy handled the reservations for the National Shomrim Convention this year.

WELCOME

To new Sister Detective Estelle Abrams with Ft. Lauderdale Police Department's Code Enforcement

To new Brother Detective Sergeant Larry Abrams with Ft. Lauderdale Police Department's Auto Theft Unit

To new Brother William Silverman, Agent-In-Charge (retired), US Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Presidents Message:

Shalom:

Hello to all of my brothers, sisters and friends. When I joined the Shomrim Society about 10 years ago, I had no idea that one day I would have the honor of being elected as President. That dream is now a reality and I will have the privilege to serve you. I would like to welcome my Executive Board; Barry Mankes, Michael Bentolila, Lou Bornstein, Micelle Sabag, Beverly Morshenson, Helen Baimel, Ken Goodman and Elliott Lipson.

Steve Leibowitz, my friend and mentor has done a terrific job the past 5 years. He has modernized the South Florida Shomrim, and we have seen increased membership and charitable giving of our organization. I know that I have big shoes to fill, but with the guidance of Rabbi Weberman, Irv Heller, the Board of Directors, the Executive Board and the membership we will continue to build on Steve's legacy and meet his goals of making the South Florida Shomrim Society the most successful chapter in the nation.

During my tenure, I would like to continue our charitable donations, adding more recipients, increasing our scholarships, increase membership, forging new relationships with other fraternal organizations, improve on our dinner dance (if that's possible) and enhance the Shomrim National Convention.

I would also like to thank Steve Kaufman and David Zimmerman for their support in establishing and maintaining our web site (www.southfloridashomrim.com). If you have not had the time to visit, please do. They did a terrific job and we have received numerous compliments.

I welcome our newest Board of Directors appointees; Steve Leibowitz, Chief David Ward, Major Donald Rifkin, Major Mark Jeter, Mr. Kenneth Stowe, and Mr. Jeffrey Wander.

With your support and guidance, we will continue our good work and forge new friendships. Remember our motto; "So that Law Enforcement Officers of the Jewish Faith May Join Together for the Welfare of All."

Sincerely,

Gregg Glasel, President

SOUTH FLORIDA SHOMRIM SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2004-2006

IRVING HELLER, Chairman, Chief (ret) North Bay Village Police Department, Assistant Director (ret) Miami-Dade Police Department

RABBI PINCHAS WEBERMAN, Police Chaplain – Miami Beach Police Department; South Florida Shomrim Society Spiritual Advisor

STEVEN LEIBOWITZ, Immediate Past President, South Florida Shomrim Society; Southeast Regional Vice President, National Conference of Shomrim Societies

STEVE ROTHLEIN, Deputy Director–Miami-Dade Police Department

RANDY HELLER, Division Chief– Miami-Dade Police Department

DAVID WARD, Chief—Miccosukkee Police Department

MARK JETER, Major– Miami-Dade Police Department

GREG FELDMAN, Captain – South Miami Police Department

DONALD RIFKIN, Major– Miami-Dade Police Department

PAUL NOVACK, Former Mayor-City of Surfside, Florida

KENNETH STOWE, President, Aetna Painting, Inc.

JEFFREY WANDER, President, Lakes of the Meadow Homeowners Association

RICHARD H. PLAGER, Chief (Retired) – Sanibel Police Department

HERB SCHOENFELD, Former President (Dec.) – National Shomrim

THE SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS IN THE
SOUTH FLORIDA SHOMRIM SOCIETY
FROM NOVEMBER 11, 2004 THROUGH NO-
VEMBER 10, 2006 WAS HELD AT THE 2004
DINNER DANCE AND PERFORMED BY
THE HONORABLE JUDGE LEONARD
GLICK. HERE ARE THOSE OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT
GREG GLASEL

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
BARRY MANKES

1ST VICE PRESIDENT
MICHAEL BENTOLILA

2ND VICE PRESIDENT
LOUIS BORNSTEIN

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ELLIOTT LIPSON

CHAPLAIN
SHAYA WEBERMAN

CHAPLAIN
DAVID WEBERMAN

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Chairman: Barry Mankes

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

The Committee has been finalizing their preparations for the 2004 Dinner Dance and 2004 National 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 AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Irv Heller

Members: David Waksman, Bob Singer

The Committee is going to reviewed all the donations made in 2004 and made suggestions for continuing those, changing the amounts, or adding or deleting recipients.

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

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Michael Bentolila

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: Louis Bornstein

Members: Irv Heller, Ben Alter, Gary Unger, John Walenda]

Three new members this month

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman: Michelle Sabag

Members: TBA

Scholarship Committee will be idle until next year

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The South Florida Shomrim Society takes great pleasure in announcing the establishment of the Dr. Mark I. Siller Scholarship Award in loving memory of Dr. Mark I. Siller. This scholarship, which shall be given in addition to the existing awards, has been presented to us by Sister Jennifer and Brother Richard Lasry.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:
ANYONE WHO WISHES TO BE APPOINTED TO ONE OF THE COMMITTEES PLEASE CONTACT PRESIDENT GREGG GLASEL OR EXECUTIVE VP BARRY MANKES. YOUR ASSISTANCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED AND IS NEEDED.

THANK YOU

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SHOMRIM SOCIETIES

Proudly Presents

The 2004 National Convention

And Training Seminar

Law Enforcement Challenges Dealing with Terrorism 2005

Plus

Law Enforcement and Public Safety Technology Exhibit

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, Exec Vice President, National Shomrim, **Convention Coordinator**
Wednesday, December 1---Sunday December 5, 2004

TOTAL COST FOR 4 NIGHTS	TOTAL COST FOR (3 NIGHTS
DOUBLE - 4 NIGHTS - \$599.00 TOTAL	DOUBLE - 3 NIGHTS - \$464.00
SINGLE - 4 NIGHTS - \$499.00 TOTAL	SINGLE - 3 NIGHTS - \$344.00
INCLUDES 3 MEALS EACH DAY PP	INCLUDES 3 MEALS EACH DAY

National and Internationally recognized lecturers, as well as public safety technology exhibits.

Costs include: GLATT KOSHER lunch and dinner; non-supervised kosher breakfast (continental style) provided by the hotel; all taxes; Sabbath elevator (keys available); Synagogue on premises; large pool with free chaise lounges and towels; large beach behind hotel; pool bar and grill; lobby shops; side trips; and more! Meet and greet other Jewish Public Safety Officers.

Make your reservations early by mailing your checks payable to: **The South Florida Shomrim Society**

c/o Steve Leibowitz
13845 SW 75 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33158

If you have any questions, please write us, call us at 305-219-4235, call the National Shomrim Office toll free at 1-800-SHOMRIM (1-800-746-6746), or e-mail us at leibotrio@bellsouth.net or info@southfloridashomrim.com

Please detach and send this form in with your payment

Enclosed please find \$_____ for _____ person(s)
for _____ nights (if 3 nights specify which 3)

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

City _____ St _____ Zip Code _____

Chapter Affiliation _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please list any special request; Sit with; Room near; (we will try to fulfill them – but no guarantees).

Cancellation reservation within 72 hours of Convention will result in a \$75 fee (one night room charge)

The 2004 South Florida Shomrim Society Dinner Dance

What a truly pleasurable event this was. Right on schedule, at 6:30 pm, our friends began to gather for social hour (or hour and a half). By 8:00 pm we were entering the dining room. Rabbi Weberman, our spiritual adviser, gave the invocation and outgoing President Steve Leibowitz welcomed those in attendance.

This year's service awards were presented to people who have served this Chapter in a variety of ways. One of them, Jeffrey Wander, was presented a service award for his long standing as an officer. Two others were presented service awards for their volunteer hours. Mr. Lou Bornstein has worked our Picnics and National Conventions selling anything we gave to them. Mr. Steve Kaufman has been the Webmaster of our website (incidentally, it was the first of now many Shomrim chapter websites and the forerunner of the National Shomrim website) performing periodic updates and improvements. Two other awards were presented to organizations that have supported us in many ways. Ms. Elaine Adler, President of the Aventura Marketing Council and Mr. George Berlin, a member of their Board of Directors accepted on their behalf. The Aventura Marketing Council and its members continue to help South Florida Shomrim expand our active community role. Chief David Ward, Police Chief of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians Police Department accepted the award on behalf of the Tribe. Their friendship and sponsorship helped make this event possible and we hope to continue our relationship in the future.

The Officer of the Year Award was presented to our own Chairman of the Board of Directors, Irving "Red" Heller. In his 46 years in law enforcement (43 with Miami-Dade PD where he rose to the rank of Assistant Director and three with North Bay Village as its Chief) Irv has served admirably. Shomrim is close to his heart, as well. Certainly no finer choice could have been made.

A surprise plaque was presented to outgoing President Steve Leibowitz by incoming President Gregg Glasel and incoming Executive Vice President Barry Mankes for his leadership and service to our Chapter.

Miami-Dade County Circuit Court Judge Leonard Glick who, along with his wife, Diane have been big supporters of this event, administered the oath of office to the newly elected officers of the South Florida Shomrim Society

There flower arrangements on each table were stunning. The food, provided by Premier Caterers (thank you Steven and Michael) was as always, perfect. We have to thank the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center for their hospitality which is second to none.

The seven piece band provided music in all forms and because we had a quick awards ceremony (no speeches) we were able to enjoy the dancing that went along with the music.

Each year those who plan this event try to make it bigger and better than the previous year. They succeeded in that goal again.

The Story of Chanukah
HANUKKAH - THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
25th of Kislev



The festival of Chanukah celebrates the Jewish peoples' struggle for religious freedom. The festival has been observed, in Israel and the Diaspora, sometimes even at the risk of life. The story behind the holiday, of how the menorah in the Holy Temple miraculously stayed lit for eight days, with very little oil, is recounted each year as we light the Chanukah candles.

History and Meaning

The story of Chanukah actually begins in the year 336 B.C.E. when Alexander the Great conquered the Persian Empire which included Judea (modern day Israel).

The Jews' relationship with Alexander was long and fruitful. Alexander promised the Jews that his empire would not interfere with their religious practices both in Judea and in the Diaspora. He exempted the Jews from the royal tribute and invited them to participate in the Greek army which showed that their loyalties were not suspect.

After the death of Alexander, Judea was ruled by Ptolemies of Alexandria. During this period, many of the Jews were influenced by the ideas of Hellenism and began to assimilate the Greek culture. It was at this time that King Ptolemy, to promote a better understanding of the Jews, commissioned the famous Greek translation of the Bible known as the Septuagint. Later, the Ptolemaic Empire of Egypt and the Seleucid Empire of Syria fought to gain control of Judea. The Seleucids won. Judea was ruled by the Syrian king Antiochus IV who did not allow the Jews to freely worship one God but demanded that everyone bow down to the many idols of Greek religion.

A strong-willed old priest named Mattathias grew increasingly outraged with the Syrian dictate. He stirred up the passions of his people, urging them to fight against the religious oppression. With his five sons and a band of Jewish settlers - mostly farmers and shepherds - Mattathias fled the town of Modin, outside Jerusalem, and gathered the 'troops' in the Judean Hills. Here, Mattathias' son, Judah the Maccabee ("The Hammer") took over as leader of the small army and led the men in guerrilla warfare against the Syrian army.

Judah's brilliance as a fighter and commander cannot be overlooked. Against all odds, and after many battles, the Jews gained victory over the Syrian soldiers.

When the Maccabees and their army returned to Jerusalem they found their Temple in ruins. They scrubbed, cleaned and put it to order again. On the 25th day of Kislev, Judah called the people together to re-dedicate the Temple.

When it came time to re-light the Menorah only one small jar of oil that had not been defiled by the Greeks could be found within the entire Temple. It would take an eight-day round trip journey to obtain new pure oil. But the high Priest, determined to rededicate the Temple even if the menorah could be kindled for only one day, lit the menorah. The next day, to everyone's amazement, the menorah was miraculously still lit. The oil burned for eight days, until a new supply of oil could be brought. The community rejoiced, thanking God for his favor. To honor this occasion and the spirit of free thought, Jews around the world have celebrated Chanukah every year since then.

WEDNESDAY TO WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8-15, 2004

25 KISLEV THROUGH 3 TEVET, 5765



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.

That which we have heard and know that our fathers told us. We will not withhold from our children, telling the

later generation (Psalm 78:38)

The month of Cheshvan is a time of return to the regular routine of life after the intense holy days and festivals of Tishrei—*And Jacob went on to his way (Genesis 32:2)*. The Torah portions of this month consist of the life stories of our Patriarchs and Matriarchs. On Simchas Torah the cycle of reading is completed as we rejoice in reading the last portion and ready ourselves to begin a new reading cycle. This is done year after year in all areas of the world.

The Torah is a book of instruction—not of history. There are many gaps in the stories of the Torah. The only events that are recorded in the Torah are those whose parables serve as a guide of life to people of all kinds, at all times and in all places. Not all of the Torah is written in chronological order. The stories are structured to present stories of the life of individual characters as a whole lesson and return them to the life story of the next character.

The passing of time brings about changes in world events that universally affects nations and humanity as it surely affects the life of every individual. We need to resume the study of the Torah anew every year to allow us to adjust our insights and outlook commensurate with the new horizons of the new year.

Great is Torah, as it gives life to its practitioners in this world (Ethics 6:7)



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

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.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S SAFETY ACT OF 2004

In July 2004, President Bush signed into law the Law Enforcement Officer's Safety Act, which allows both qualified current and retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed firearms nationwide.

In order to be eligible to carry a concealed firearm nationwide, a **current** law enforcement officer must carry with them their department issued photographic identification and must:

- 1) Be authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law, **and** has statutory powers of arrest;
- 2) Be authorized by the agency to carry a firearm
- 3) Not be the subject of any disciplinary action by the agency
- 4) Meet standards, if any, established by the agency which require the employee to regularly qualify in the use of a firearm;
- 5) Not be under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance; and
- 6) Is not prohibited by Federal law from receiving a firearm

In order to be eligible to carry a concealed firearm nationwide, a **retired** law enforcement officer must meet the following conditions:

- 1) Retired in good standing from service with a public agency as a law enforcement officer, other than for reasons of mental instability;
- 2) Before such retirement, was authorized by law to engage or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law, **and** had statutory powers of arrest;
- 3) Before such retirement, was regularly employed as a law enforcement officer for an aggregate of 15 years or more **OR** retired from service with such agency, after completing any applicable probationary period of such service, due to service connected disability, as determined by such agency;
- 4) Has a non-forfeitable right to benefits under the retirement plan of the agency;
- 5) During the most recent 12-month period, has met, at the expense of the individual, the State's standards for training and qualification for active law enforcement offices to carry firearms;

- 6) Is not be under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance;
- 7) Is not prohibited by Federal law from receiving a firearm;

Moreover, a qualified **retired** law enforcement officer must carry the following identification:

- 1) A photographic identification issued by the agency from which the individual retired from service as a law enforcement officer that indicates that the individual has, not less recently than one year before the date the individual is carrying the concealed firearm, been tested or otherwise found by the agency to meet the standards established by the agency for training and qualification for active law enforcement officers to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed firearm; **OR**
- 2) A photographic identification issued by the agency from which the individual retired from service as a law enforcement officer; **and** a certification issued by the State in which the individual resides that indicated that the individual has, not less recently than one year before the date the individual is carrying the concealed firearm, been tested or otherwise found by the State to meet the standards established by the State for training and qualification for active law enforcement officers to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed firearm.

NOTE: THE STATE OF FLORIDA DOES NOT HAVE A PROCEDURE OR STANDARDS IN PLACE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED CERTIFICATION FOR RETIRED OFFICERS.