

**IMPORTANT DATES TO
REMEMBER**

**OCTOBER 26, 10:00 AM MEETING AT THE
JEWISH FEDERATION BUILDING**

NO NOVEMBER MEETING

**YOM KIPPUR BEGINS AT SUNDOWN ON
OCTOBER 5**

**2003 SOUTH FLORIDA SHOMRIM SOCIETY
DINNER DANCE IS ON NOVEMBER 10, 2003
STARTING AT 6:30 PM AT THE AVENTURA
TURNBERRY JEWISH CENTER**

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SHOMRIM SO-
CETIES CONVENTION AT THE RAMADA
INN, 4041 COLLINS AVENUE, MIAMI BEACH,
FLORIDA, DECEMBER 11-14, 2003**

NO DECEMBER MEETING



**SOUTH FLORIDA SHOMRIM SOCIETY COL-
LARED SHIRTS—\$18—NOW IN BLUE OR
WHITE. ALSO AVAILABLE ARE SHOMRIM
HATS FOR \$8 AND THE NEW SHOMRIM PIN
FOR \$10. ASK ABOUT OUR DISCOUNT FOR
BUYING ALL THREE AS A SET.**

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.



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:

In order to afflict you and in order to test you (Deut 8:16)

In preparation for the Days of Judgment, the month of Elul is a time for soul-searching accounting of the past year. As we think back about the temptations and tribulations we experienced, pressing questions might enter our minds: Why does the All-Merciful place us in compromising situations; under pressure of temptation; under the burden of challenges to our faith? Why not let us relax comfortably in an environment that is solely conducive to observing the Torah and Mitzvot?

The structure and the function of our souls and our bodies parallel each other. Without proper understanding of physics, one might draw a conclusion that the best way to maintain a body would be to consume a vast amount of food and to remain as motionless as possible. With almost no outflow of energy, we would strengthen our bodies.

The reality is the opposite. A sedentary life will result in disintegrating atrophy. The muscular structure of the body will waste away as a result of disuse. The energy and strength of the body are relative to the volume of their outflow. Exercise builds up a body's muscular and vascular systems. Of course, an extreme amount of pressure could be just as destructive to the body as no pressure. The formula for health is a balance of exertion and relaxation.

The temptations and challenges that constantly confront us are exercises that generate power to our souls. The pressure brings out the hidden potential of the essence of our souls. The Holy One does not come on with tyranny (Talmud Avoda Zara 3:B). We must bear this in mind as we face the varying circumstances of life. Our Merciful Creator places us in situations of pressure and challenge. He never places us in a situation beyond our ability. Whatever the situation, we can, we shall and we will overcome. We will emerge victorious and spiritually strong; ready to face the future with confidence.

*Just as the father will chastise his son,
Your G-d chastises you (Deut 8:5)*



COMMITTEE REPORTS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Chairman: Jeff Wander

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

The Committee will begin its preparations for the events in 2003. The 2003 Dinner Dance is next up.

Cars are also for sale with a variety of police logos.

Embroidered shirts, and hats are on sale. New South Florida Shomrim 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 donations made in 2002 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.



COMMITTEES (continued)

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Chairman: Barry Mankes

Members: Paul Vogel, Ken Stowe

The committee is updating the Constitution and By-laws since many are not applicable to due the structure of the Officers and Board of Directors.

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, Paul Vogel, Gary Unger

The membership drive and the dues collection process for the 2003 dues continued.

The South Florida Shomrim Society
is proud to announce the

Annual Dinner Dance

Monday, November 10, 2003

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

at the

Greater Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center
20400 N.E. 30 Avenue Aventura, Florida

Hors D'ouerves at 6:30 pm

Dinner at 7:30pm

Open Bar, Music, Dancing & Convenient Parking

Honoring the Law Enforcement Officer of
the Year, Director Carlos Alvarez of the
Miami-Dade Police Department

Honoring the Shomrim Person of the Year

TICKETS ARE \$55 EACH
OR A TABLE OF TEN FOR \$550

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SHOMRIM SOCIETIES

Proudly Presents

The 2003 National Convention

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, Executive VP, National Shomrim, **Convention Coordinator**

At Ramada Inn

Miami Beach, Florida

4041 Collins Avenue

Thursday, December 11---Sunday December 14, 2003

\$170.00 per person (double/2 persons)

\$225.00 per person (single/1 person)

Extra nights: \$60.00 per room per night (single or double – no meals)

(\$20 non-refundable reservation fee included in the room cost)

GLATT KOSHER MEALS, TAXES, & TIPS included. Also, a large pool with free chaise lounges and towels; a 20 minute walk on the Boardwalk (behind hotel) to South Beach; a large, clean & sandy beach behind hotel; breakfast served Friday, Saturday & Sunday; lunch on Thursday & Saturday; dinner Thursday, Friday (Shabbos Dinner), & Saturday; Cocktail reception Thursday after dinner; nightly entertainment, music, dancing, and snacks; National meeting, side trips, great guest speakers; and more!!!! Meet and greet Jewish Public Safety Officers from around the nation. Seminars will be presented on Terrorism and Security issues.

Make your reservations early by mailing your checks payable to:

South Florida Shomrim Society

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

If you have any questions, please write to us at the address above; call the National Shomrim Office toll free at 1-800-SHOMRIM (1-800-746-6746); or e-mail us at leibotrio@aol.com or info@southfloridashomrim.com

Please detach and send this form in with your payment

Enclosed please find \$_____ for ___ person(s) @ \$170 per person
double occupancy or \$225 for a single

Name(s)

Address: _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Please list any special request you might have (low floor – shomer Shabbos); Sit with; Room near; etc.

National Conference of Shomrim Societies

2003 Convention Agenda

Ramada/Crown Hotel
Miami Beach, Florida
December 11-14, 2003

Law Enforcement Challenges in Dealing with Terrorism 2003

Thursday, December 11, 2003

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Registration & Hotel Check-in
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm National Board of Directors Meeting
8:00 pm to 9:30 pm Reception (Hors d' oeuvres & Open Bar)

Friday, December 12, 2003

Seminars Begin

All seminars are sensitive and restricted to those with convention badges which must be worn at all times. Members of outside law enforcement agencies will be attending as invited guests. No recordings or photographs may be made at any time without the express written approval of the Program Chairman. Media will not be admitted to any of the seminars.

8:00 am to 9:00 am Breakfast

9:30 am to 10:30 am Prison Gangs & Terror Groups

Instructor: Russ Epstein, Federal Bureau of Prisons; Instructor, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), Glynco, Georgia

10:30 am to 11:30 am Tools of Aviation Security

Instructor: Steve Leibowitz, Miami-Dade Police Department; Instructor Metropolitan Police Institute & Miami-Dade Community College School of Justice and Safety Administration

11:30 am to 12:30 pm Lunch

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm Officer Survival in a Terror Attack

Instructor: Dr. Fabrice Czarnecki

Friday, December 12, 2003 (continued)

- 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Synagogue Security
Instructor: Detective Mike Gilbert, Montgomery County, PA, District Attorneys Office
- 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Break-out Groups: Technology vs. Terrorism
- 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Dinner
- 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm Hospitality & Networking

Saturday, December 13, 2003

- 8:00 am to 9:30 am Breakfast (Sabbath Observance)
- 10:00 am to 11:00 am Hostage Negotiation
Instructor: Detective Sam Miller, New York Police Department
- 11:00 am to noon Recognizing Homicide Bombers
Instructor: Mr. Tomer Sade, Vice Consul, Head of Security, Consulate General of Israel, Miami, FL
- 12:00 noon to 1 pm Aviation Security
Instructor: Mr. Pelled Midroni, Security Manger, El Al Airlines
- 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Working with the INS in Identifying Terrorists
Instructor: Robert Gross, SAA, Supervisory Immigration Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service; Instructor, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center
- 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Source Development in Terrorist Investigations
Instructor: Art Krinsky, SA FBI (ret); Senior Instructor, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), Glynco, Georgia
- 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Panel Discussion
New Methods & Technology in Dealing with Terrorism
- 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm Dinner
- 7:45 pm to 8:30 pm National Meeting and Election of Representatives

Sunday, December 14, 2003

- 8:00 am to 9:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Closing Remarks
- Noon Attendees adjourn

Here are the thoughts of one member on the actions of the US government concerning Israel.

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No, I am not practicing my singing skills to join the Mickey Mouse Club. I think that, at age 51 and having never liked the program, it's now too late for me to become a Musketeer. What you read at the top of this article is a transliteration of the phrase, "Middle East Peace Process."

That's right, the whole process or lack of it, stinks, and it has become an insult to the minds and brains of those who are aware of what is going on in the Middle East and, in particular, the land of Israel. This entire political course of action is an abortion of common sense, decency and goodwill.

It has been a month or so since the famous handshake in Jordan between PM's Sharon and Abbas. At the time, many thought that this crack at peace would for the first time in history, has the sturdiness that such endeavor would need in order to reach a suitable elucidation

Well, many thought so. I didn't, and still don't.

In light of recent events in Israel, I am more than ever convinced that the Peace Process attempt has been a disguised action by our own government, and President Bush, to tie the hands of PM Sharon behind his back to prevent him from defending Israel and its people from aggression and genocide by means that the majority of the world do not approve.

In doing so, President Bush seeks to gain popularity with allies and other world power to compensate for an otherwise international political agenda that proves day after day to be a fiasco.

Not even 48 hours had passed since the historical handshake, that a Jewish girl was murdered in a sniper attack in the Golan Hts. Followed by other acts of terror leading to the suicide bombing on board a bus in Jerusalem this week, the puny if any possibility of a peaceful accord, has disintegrated like a house trailer in the path of Hurricane Andrew.

George W. Bush has demonstrated his poor shrewdness when it comes to Middle Eastern issues. Additionally, he has made known to the world his jaundiced eye toward the Palestinian people and their regime of terror and murder against the so-called enemies of G-d, mostly Israel and United States.

Mr. Bush forced PM Sharon into an peace attempt while having Israel's hands bound with chains, expecting Israel to offer all the concessions in favor of a group of people that Mr. Bush knows too damn well are unqualified to coexist with normal human beings. Conversely, President Bush has not made an effort to enforce any obligations or expectations on the part of the Palestinians, other than a childish threat of, "Behave or I will tell your mommy."

Bush's anti-Israel politics are disguised with rhetoric and demagogue, built by a group of advisers that are oblivious to reality, truth and sincerity in government. While this President pretends to be a friend of Israel, his actions and words denote a different reality of his inner self.

When PM Sharon recently visited the White House, at a press conference, a Jewish journalist asked Mr. Bush what he was going to do in order to facilitate or secure the release of Israeli soldiers who are being held in Palestinian areas, as P.O.W.'s Mr. Bush answer was that, "He was working hard with Mr. Abbas so those who spread terror would be kept confined, away from hurting innocent men, women and children."

The Israeli soldiers are terrorists? Really?

I could say that I heard such stupidity in disbelief but, knowing this President's track record toward Israel and other issues of domestic and international connotation, and his incapability or trepidation to deal effectively with the ONLY source of Palestinian poison and hatred, Yasser Arafat, his words did not surprise me.

On the contrary, they served to carve deeper in my mind the belief that the only reason PM Sharon agreed to give this process another try was after being coerced somehow by the Bush administration into agreeing.

What Mr. Bush, the King of Jordan, and others, ignore or choose to ignore is that, PM Abbas is just a puppet, a wimp--someone who people may even feel sorry for due to his lack of manhood, guts and acumen needed for the job he was supposedly elected or chosen to carry on. Abbas is nothing but a yo-yo in the hands of Yasser Arafat and his top collaborators and, as long as Yasser Arafat continues to rule the Palestinian government, there will not be peace anywhere in the world.

Mr. Bush, either play fair and equal to both sides and stop playing cupid and butt kisser to Arafat and his tribe of animals, or retreat to your ranch in Texas and be concerned about issues such as the economy, the ecology and the lack of trust that your own people have in the American government and your Administration.

Stop deceiving the world and the American people with false promises and deceitful statements and, if you still can't figure this out, mind your own business.

If you are not going to be the source of the solution, you then become the core of the problem!

PM Sharon, unlock the handcuffs that the United States have placed on your wrists and proudly march onto Gaza and other centers of human decay, and destroy each and everyone responsible for the carnages that scourge our people on an almost daily basis. Israel has won

bigger battles against better-equipped and smarter enemies. People who attack tanks with rocks show their highest levels of stupidity and lack of intellectual development.

Mr. Abbas why don't you buy an attack-trained German Sheppard? They say that, when one is in fear, one must either hide, or get a dog. If you doesn't have the manly attributes that you need in order to handle the problem of Palestinian terror against Israel, then resign, go into exile, commit suicide, or do whatever you feel is more honorable. So far, I don't believe you have what it takes to take either road. I pray that the world would scrutinize the whole picture. That before world and religious leaders jump on their seats and condemn Israel for so called "atrocities" against the Palestinian people, they look at who initiates the attacks, at who is the first to pull the trigger. Humans have the right to defend themselves.

The Torah says so, very clearly. No country allows aggression. Why should Israel be any different? This Peace Accord attempt is a gag, another fictional mockery at a course of action that has never, and will never, have a chance to congeal as it is presently sought. Only when there is goodwill and honesty, an objective stands a chance of overcoming obstacles and reach its zenith.

It is impossible to reason and negotiate with animals who, being incapable of having a real woman in their beds, need to kill themselves, and everyone around them, in order to have 77 imaginary virgins waiting to serve them at some imaginary heavenly like place. Only someone with less IQ than a cucumber would believe in such God and such religion.

When people are willing and wanting to die in order to achieve what their lives has always shorn them, as in the case of Palestinians and other Muslim world's suicide bombers, the only way to achieve peace with them is by annihilating them and pulverizing their roots and future generations.

Can anyone trust the intentions of the Palestinian Authority, Yasser Arafat, PM Abbas, and anyone else associated with their cause? Nobody in their right mind can accept the politicians in Washington and a few other clowns who can't think on their own.

And then, we chastise the 60's generation for being on drugs and hallucinating all the time! Is there a difference? Has anything changed since the days of Haight- Ashbury and the Summer of Love?

Frank A. Piloto, Jr., Ret.
Shalom

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Designation of HAMAS Leadership and European Funding Sources Under Executive Order 13224

PRESIDENT BUSH: "At my direction, the Treasury Department has moved today to block and freeze the assets of six top HAMAS leaders and five non-governmental organizations that I am advised provide financial support to HAMAS. By claiming responsibility for the despicable act of terror on August 19, HAMAS has reaffirmed that it is a terrorist organization committed to violence against Israelis and to undermining progress toward peace between Israel and the Palestinian people

I call upon all nations supportive of peace in the Middle East to recognize HAMAS as a terrorist organization and to take all appropriate actions to deny it support."

President Bush has trouble concealing his sympathy for Israel. When White House aides suggested Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz as Bush's personal representative to address the pro-Israel rally in Washington on April 15, the president responded without hesitation. He could have had a low-level official from the State Department or the National Security Council or the White House staff speak at the event, someone with less of a reputation as a firm supporter of Israel, someone who'd signal friendship with Israel but not strong backing in the current fighting with Palestinians, someone whose presence wouldn't upset Europeans and Arabs. Bush didn't ask for another option.

This was hardly an isolated episode. Some of the president's pro-Israel utterances are well known, notably his comment after Secretary of State Colin Powell returned from his trip to the Middle East that Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon is a "man of peace." Other comments have escaped media attention. Example: Bush's private remark to Jewish leaders last year about his disdain for State Department diplomats with anti-Israel leanings. Vice President Dick Cheney echoes Bush. In a little-noticed speech last week at the Israeli embassy--it was Israel's Independence Day--he said Israel's battle against terrorists is the same as America's war on terrorism. Cheney cited Israeli support for America's war and added, "Israelis have lived at the front lines of this struggle for decades."

The President was silent on the subject of Israel's need to retreat hastily--no words, no arm-twisting. Of course, Bush could have exerted enormous pressure on Israel. He or an administration official could have raised the possibility of a "reassessment" of Middle East policy, a tactic used by President Ford in the mid-1970s. Leaks about potential cuts in aid to Israel could have been engineered. Or a State Department official could have suggested the United States could do nothing to stop Europeans from imposing trade or economic sanctions against Israel. None of this happened.

What can we draw from this? At the very least, Bush didn't feel strongly about stopping Israel from completing its anti-terrorist drive in the West Bank. Rather, he seemed quite happy to see it continue, so long as Sharon was beginning a gradual pullout and thus allowing Bush to claim credit. As for Powell's mission to the Middle East, the White House announced he had maximum flexibility to decide what to do. As luck would have it, he decided as Bush would have. Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat expected Powell to spring him from his headquarters in Ramallah, where the Israelis were keeping him. Powell didn't. Nor did he free the Palestinian fighters besieged in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, as the fighters had expected he would. Naturally, the press called Powell's trip a failure because a cease-fire, requiring Israeli troops to quit the West Bank, wasn't reached. But from Bush's pro-Israel standpoint, things worked out fine.

The President said very clearly at the press conference with Prime Minister Abbas, "I don't expect anybody to release somebody from prison who will go kill somebody. That doesn't make any sense. I mean, if we're trying to fight off terror, and we're interested in a peaceful settlement, it doesn't make any sense to release somebody who is going to get out of prison and start killing." This was in reference to Sharon releasing Palestinian prisoners. We must get the facts straight and in context.

President Bush said: "All parties agree that a fundamental obstacle to peace is terrorism, which can never be justified by any cause. Last month in Aqaba, Prime Minister Abbas committed to a complete end to violence and terrorism. The Palestinian Authority must undertake sustained, targeted and effective operations to confront those engaged in terror, and to dismantle terrorist capabilities and infrastructure. We're determined to help Prime Minister Abbas as he works to end terror, and establish the rule of law that will protect Israelis and Palestinians alike.

Today, I urge Arab states to follow through on the pledges made in Sharm el-Sheikh, to actively contribute to these efforts, and to reject the culture of extremism and violence from whatever source or place. The rise of a peaceful Palestinian state and the long-term security of the Israeli people both depend on defeating the threat of terrorist groups and ending incitement and hatred.”

We must never forget that it was President Roosevelt that sent the 900 souls on the Saint Louis back to Germany for extermination. Roosevelt stated that he didn't want to become involved in a European war to appear that it was done just to save the Jews. Even Truman and Nixon made disparaging comments about the Jews. President Clinton promised to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem by the end of his term. What happened to that promise? Clinton's favorite White House guest was Yassar Arafat. Arafat was invited to the Clinton White House more than any other person. President Bush has never invited Arafat to the White House.

Don't let uninformed, blind hatred of a conservative Republican president distort your vision of Bush's actual policies in the Middle East. Jews are no longer tied to the Democratic Party or our socialist past.

Compiled and written by Brother Jeff Wander

Newsletter Editor's Note:

As you are aware, our status as a 501c3 organization prohibits us from endorsing any candidate for political office. It does not, however, cause us to be silent about issues. Both of our Brothers, Frank Piloto and Jeff Wander, have expressed their opinions about the current status of the relationship between the United States government and the government of Israel.

Anyone wishing to have their comments or articles posted need only submit them for publication. We will print as much as we can, but are limited by available space.

Remember, we will not edit your submission. If it will jeopardize our non-profit tax exempt status, we'll let you know.

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One dark night outside a small town, a fire started inside the local chemical plant and in a blink it exploded into flames. The alarm went out to the fire departments from miles around. When the volunteer fire fighters appeared on the scene, the chemical company president rushed to the fire chief and said, "All of our secret formulas are in the vault in the center of the plant. They must be saved. I will give \$50,000 to the fire department that brings them out intact.

But the roaring flames held the firefighters off. Soon more fire departments had to be called in as the situation became desperate.

As the firemen arrived, the president shouted out that the offer was now \$100,000 to the department who could bring out the company's secret files.

From the distance, a lone siren was heard as another fire truck came into sight. It was the nearby Jewish rural township volunteer fire company composed entirely of *menchen* over the age of 65. To everyone's amazement, the little run-down fire engine operated by this Jewish Fire Department passed all the newer sleek engines parked outside the plant.....and drove straight into the middle of the inferno.

Outside the other firemen watched as the Jewish old timers jumped off and began to fight the fire with a performance and effort never seen before. Within a short time, the Jewish old timers had extinguished the fire and saved the secret formulas. The grateful chemical company president joyfully announced that for such a superhuman feat he was upping the reward to \$200,000, and walked over to personally thank each of the brave, though elderly, Jewish fire fighters.

The local TV news reporters rushed in after capturing the event on film asking, "What are you going to do with all that money"?

"Well," said Abe, the 70-year-old fire chief, "the first thing we are going to do is fix the brakes on that @#@ing fire truck!"

