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*The South Florida Shomrim Society
Proudly Presents the 2004*

Annual Dinner - Dance

Wednesday, November 10, 2004

6:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception

8:00 p.m. Dinner

*Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center
20400 NE 30 Avenue
Aventura, Florida*

**Hors D'ouerves*

**Open Bar*

**Live Band*

Honoring Chief Irving Heller (ret.)

*South Florida Shomrim Society
Law Enforcement Officer of the Year*

Tickets: \$60.00 each or a table of 10 for \$600

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NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS IN THE
SOUTH FLORIDA SHOMRIM SOCIETY
FROM NOVEMBER 11, 2004 THROUGH NO-
VEMBER 10, 2006 WERE HELD AT THE
LAST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.
HERE ARE THOSE NOMINATIONS:

PRESIDENT
GREG GLASEL

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
BARRY MANKES

1ST VICE PRESIDENT
MICHAEL BENTOLILA

2ND VICE PRESIDENT
LOUIS BORNSTEIN

3RD VICE PRESIDENT
MICHELLE SABAG

TREASURER
BEVERLY MORSHENSON

RECORDING SECRETARY
HELEN BAIMEL

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
KENNETH GOODMAN

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS
ELLIOTT LIPSON

ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION
AND BY-LAWS OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA
SHOMRIM SOCIETY, ARTICLE V, SEC-
TION 7: *If there is only one candidate to an
elected office, that nominee shall be considered
elected by acclamation.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS
WHO WILL BE SWORN IN AT THE
DINNER DANCE!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Chairman: Greg Glasel

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.

COMMITTEES (continued)

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Jeff Wander

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, Gary Unger, John Walenda

One new member joined this month (sponsored by Shay Ben David)

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman: Steve Leibowitz

Members: *Barry Mankes*

Scholarship Committee will be idle until next year

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)

THIS PRESIDENT'S LAST MESSAGE

Shalom All:

It has come time for the new South Florida Shomrim President to take over this column after this installment. I am sure that Greg Glasel will continue the Chapter's growth in both numbers and reputation. He, along with Barry Mankes, Mike Bentolila, Lou Bornstein, Michelle Sabag, Beverly Morshenson, Helen Baimel, Ken Goodman and Elliott Lipson will make up the Officers for the next two years. They are a wonderful mixture of old guard and new blood. I would ask all of you to continue to support them as you did those in my administration over the past 4-5 years.

I have to thank all of them for their help, as well as Jeff Wander, who served with me as 1st Vice President. Our Board of Directors under the leadership of Irv Heller has been more active in our business than ever before.

I wanted to fill everyone in on our accomplishments over these past years since there has been a lot happening. We revived the Dinner Dance which has grown each year (see the ad in this month's Newsletter—then buy a ticket and come out for this event); we initiated a Free, Kosher Picnic which has drawn over 200 people each year; our membership has increased by more than 50%; we expanded that membership into the ranks of the firefighters, Broward County and several other federal agencies; we rewrote the Constitution and by-Laws to bring it up to the 21st century; as the host chapter of the National Conference of Shomrim Societies Convention we have helped change it from a reunion to an educational experience (with the blessing of National President and former South Florida Shomrim 2nd VP David Waksman) sponsored by one of the largest police departments in the country (the Miami-Dade Police Department); our treasury is healthier than any other time in our past; we

have increased our scholarship money by 6 fold; our charitable contributions have gone from 12 organizations to 23 different donations; we have established great communications with other fraternal organizations throughout Miami-Dade County like the Progressive Officer's Club (POC) and the Hispanic Police Officers Association (HPOA); and there is more to brag about. I have been speaking to President-elect Greg Glasel and his Executive Vice President-elect Barry Mankes about the future path that they see us taking. I can say that I am certain that what has been happening over the past years will continue and that we will continue to grow.

The key to the future of this organization does not lie with just a few people. We averaged between 30 and 40 people at our meetings. We moved some of the meetings to the north end of Dade County and saw many new faces attend. I am certain that this trend will continue. The support of the membership is the most important aspect that is needed. Seeing the large number of members at the Picnic and the Dinner Dance over the past two years is indicative of the future.

There is no way to thank everyone that has contributed to our successes. My predecessor, Bob Singer, left me with a good base from which to work. Just as with his presidency, there was growth and expansion. I wish the same for the "next generation" of Shomrim Officers. I look forward to remaining as an active participant of the South Florida Shomrim Society and pledge my full support and cooperation to the incoming Officers and Board of Directors. It has truly been a pleasure to serve as your President.

Steve

Excerpts from Blessing of Closure
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By Jennifer H. Siller

Cops Care Like Parents Do

Dealing with horrifying realities,
Cops are parental influences too...
Not all cops are parents,
But cops do care like parents do...

Police have that authority to read us our rights,
Question why we deal in drugs or speed...
Lie to our parents, or beat up on minorities...
Provoke fights or endless beatings...
Question rapists known as sexual predators...

Have you heard of the Scientific Method possibly?
Police are mentors in communities...
Friends who talk about beneficial opportunities...
Experts on finding morality by either mentoring,
Or enforcing respect toward authority...

Some police officers patrol schools of teaching,
Or spend hours instructing students in courses
such as
Forensic Accounting...
Cops will keep caring like parents do,
And will enforce guidelines, to keep crime to a
minimal

Some Humor.....

When young David was asked by his father to say the evening prayer, he realized he didn't have his head covered...so he asked his little brother Henry to rest a hand on his head until prayers were over. Henry grew impatient after a few minutes and removed his hand. The father said, "This is important...put your hand back on his head!" to which Henry exclaimed, "What, am I my brother's kipa?"

Morris returns from a long business trip and finds out that his wife has been unfaithful during his time away.

"Who was it!!!???" he yells. "That alta kakker Goldstein?"

"No," replied his wife. "It wasn't Goldstein."

"Was it Feldman, that dirty old man?"

"No, not him."

"Aha! Then it must have been that idiot Rabinovich!"

"No, it wasn't Rabinovich either..."

Morris was now fuming. "What's the matter?" he cried. "None of my friends are good enough for you?"

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!"

Because of the Websites run by Shomrim Chapters, we were able to put some family members into contact with each other after many years apart. I spoke to Jack Kessler's (deceased South Florida Shomrim Society member) widow and she was elated to "find" her cousins. This is the e-mail that started it.

My Mother Lillian K Shapiro and myself...Lynne A Shapiro are trying to locate Ruth B (Gitlen) Kessler....whose husband Jack D Kessler passed away on May 30, 2003....and his death was listed at The Shomrim Memorial Garden site on line. Ruthie is our first cousin...to my Mother....my Mother's mother and Ruth's father were brother and sister. We had lost contact mainly since we moved cross country...and would appreciate your assistance regarding locating her...and her telephone number. I have been in real estate for 19 years and trying searching through the Miami-Dade County Records...however nothing came up as a current address. You can contact me at (XXX)-XXX-XXXX...or by e-mail. We would appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Respectfully;
Lynne A Shapiro,PC,BA,CRS.GRI
Cave Creek, Arizona
85331-6070
My Mother's number (623)-XXX-XXXX

Law enforcement chaplains do some or all of the following:

- Counsel peace officers
- Counsel other members of the department
- Counsel the families of peace officers and other departmental personnel
- Visit sick and injured officers and departmental personnel in home and hospital
- Make death notifications
- Provide assistance to victims
- Teach officers in areas such as Stress Management, Ethics, Family Life, Pre-retirement courses
- Serve as liaison with other clergy in community
- Provide for the spiritual needs of prisoners
- Furnish expert answers for religious questions
- Offer prayers at special occasions such as recruit graduations, awards ceremonies, dedication of buildings
- Serve as part of the Crisis Response Team
- Assist at suicide incidents
- Serve on review boards, awards boards, and other committees
- Deal with transients and the homeless

APPOINTMENTS

One of my great joys as President of the South Florida Shomrim Society has been to get others involved in both decision making and hands on activities. We would not have progressed as much as we have over these last years without many minds and even more hands pitching in. Perhaps that old saying "The more the merrier" has some merit. Since the passing of our Brother, Rabbi Jeremiah Burstyn, we have relied upon Rabbi Pinchas Weberman for our spiritual guidance. He has been and will continue to be an invaluable asset providing that knowledge and wisdom to us at our functions, meetings, and throughout our lives. But as our organization grows we need to evolve as well. With that in mind, and knowing my desire and our need for our organization to continue to get spiritual direction and the services of a chaplain, I would like to formally announce the appointment of Rabbi Pinchas Weberman as South Florida Shomrim Society's Spiritual Advisor and Shaya Weberman and David Weberman as South Florida Shomrim Society's Chaplains. This announcement is actually a mere formality. All three of these Brothers of ours have been performing those functions for years for us. I cannot recall how many times Rabbi Weberman has opened or closed one of our events with inspirational words and prayer. Shaya Weberman and David Weberman have been willing to stand in when Rabbi Weberman is unavailable and they have visited our sick and represented us at sad events like funerals and other services. All three are trained Police Chaplains and are very active in that program. None of them has asked anything of us but for us to be good, kind and charitable and to adhere to our ideology of "So That Public Safety Officers of the Jewish Faith May Join Together For the Welfare of All". I have discussed this with incoming South Florida Shomrim Society President Greg Glasel and he is in total agreement. Since they need not be introduced to us, let me put pen to paper and officially announce the South Florida Shomrim Society Spiritual Advisor Rabbi Weberman; South Florida Shomrim Society Chaplain David Weberman and South Florida Shomrim Society Chaplain Shaya Weberman and on behalf of the Officers, Board of Directors (incoming and outgoing), and general membership whom you have served so graciously for so many years, thank you.