

**THE NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2003 10:00 AM, AT THE AVENTURA POLICE STATION, 19200 WEST COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, AVENTURA, FLA**

**DIRECTIONS**

Take the IVES DAIRY RD/NE 203 ST exit-Go East  
Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto BISCAYNE BLVD/US-1 S. 0.2  
Turn LEFT onto AVENTURA BLVD/NE 199TH ST. 0.1  
Turn RIGHT  
Turn LEFT. 0.4 mile  
Turn LEFT. 0.1 mile  
Turn RIGHT onto W COUNTRY CLUB DR. 0.2

**MAZEL TOV:**

To our Sister Doreen Baker on her promotion to the rank of Captain with the Miami-Dade County School's Police Department

**GET WELL:**

To our sister Candy Wisotski who is recovering from surgery performed in August

**WELCOME:**

To new member and Brother David Ward.  
Dave is the Chief of the Miccosukee Police Department





# **The August meeting is at the Aventura Police Department**

19200 West Country Club Drive, Aventura, Florida

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## Health and Welfare Officer

Our recently retired 1st Vice President, Jeffrey Wander, is coordinating the Health and Welfare sub-committee of the Special Projects Committee. Jeff will be asking for volunteers from all the Counties (Lee, Monroe, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade) to assist us in keeping abreast of our members conditions and representing South Florida Shomrim at events (both joyous and sad) when those times are needed. Please volunteer. It won't happen often (let's hope not at all) and will mean so much





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COLLARED SHIRTS—\$18—NOW IN  
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NEW SHOMRIM PIN FOR \$10. ASK  
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**MITZVAH CARDS AVAILABLE!!!**

Let South Florida Shomrim help you send congratulations to family and friends. 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) for more information.

## **2003 South Florida Shomrim Society Scholarship Award**

As a graduating student from Palmetto Senior High School, I believe that college will be a threshold to the ultimate educational experience. With the education that I will receive from Tallahassee Community College and from Florida State University, I will be able to go out into the real world with an educational purpose to teach and learn from others. I will be attending Tallahassee Community College and then when I enter Florida State, I will probably go into the computer engineering field or electrical engineering field.

If I choose not to go into either of these fields then I would probably go into business (Jewish engineering) or sports as a career. If I do choose to go into business I'm not sure what I'll do. Possibly something to do with the stock market. Throughout my years in high school I have worked in several different occupational fields. I have worked for Haagen Dazs Corporation. There I was able to learn how to deal with customers and how to sell merchandise.

After working at Haagen Dazs, I started working for Cookies by Design. At Cookies by Design, I delivered cookie bouquets all over Miami, Homestead, Pinecrest, Coral Gables, Miami Beach, and Broward. Delivering was something I was just able to do very well and surprisingly very quick. After Cookies by Design, I then started working at Gardners Market where I was a cashier. I was able to work everyday because of my school schedule, which was three periods in school then work experience. I had work experience all year long in my senior year. After a couple months I was then offered a job with Heavenly Ham. They offered me more hours and better pay, so I said "O.K.". I started working for Heavenly Ham inside. Then I became their delivery driver.

I worked all senior year, and now is the time for me to move on to the next level, which for me is Tallahassee. In moving on to the real world, I think I have something that very few college freshmen have, and that is work experience. Several students at Florida State University, who will be attending this fall, have never worked a day in their life, and to me the real world is nothing but work, more work, and more work. And if you have never worked before, then frankly they don't have any clue what the real world is like. Bringing this knowledge with me to college will help me and put me one step closer to understanding the true obligations of life.

On a personal note, I am and always have been very proud of my Dad and of his profession. He has been a loyal member of law enforcement for almost 30 years, a lot longer than I have been around!!

So in conclusion to what I have explained to you, all I really have to say is thank you for giving me this opportunity to explain what I have done and what I am planning to do with my life. By giving me this scholarship I will dedicate myself to school and work, like I have done in the past four years of High School. Thank You.

By Kevin Feldman  
(Kevin is the son of Brother Greg Feldman)



## **2003 South Florida Shomrim Society Scholarship Award**

I feel that going away to college will be a good experience for me in that it will give me a chance to explore my interests and it will also lay the groundwork for whatever I may end up doing in the future. There are two reasons why I would like to further my education. One reason is that I understand how important education is in being successful in the future. However, I am also looking forward to college because I have found many subjects that interest me and I feel that it will be an opportunity to explore my interests and grow as a person at the same time.

For the past few years, the areas of mathematics and science have dominated my academic interests. I have found that the challenge of reasoning in abstraction using mathematics and sometimes applying this to physical systems can be very enlightening. In the subject of computer science, I have found where my true passion lies. Making programs that perform tasks that I find either interesting or helpful in some purpose has become a hobby of mine. It is for this reason that I have decided that I would like to double major in Computer Science and Mathematics and most likely go on to work in a related field after college. It is this passion that has made me so excited about furthering my education.

In five years I see myself as just having graduated the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with the degree of Master of Engineering in Computer Science. With the extra year of school that is required for the Masters' Degree I feel I will have opened up many opportunities in terms of job applications. I will most likely be working in a science/technology related field either in the private sector, possibly as a computer programmer, or even working for a government entity such as the National Security Agency. What job I have will greatly depend on which areas of Computer Science and Math I will choose to focus on in my studies. Currently my interests within these fields vary from such areas as artificial intelligence and development of algorithms to applied mathematics, computer engineering, and cryptography. While I don't know exactly what I will be doing in five years I do have a general direction in terms of what areas I currently find interesting. While at MIT I will have the chance to immerse myself in these interests and fully discover what it is I would like to do after graduation.

By Eitan Reich  
(Eitan is the son of Brother Bruce Reich)





# 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. There is a list in this Newsletter

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.

One new member joined this month

*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 NE 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*

*And the Shomrim Person of the Year*

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW IN  
THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

**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)

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

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# 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

### **Aaaah, the memories.. (OF REAL JEWISH COOKING )**

Where is that cooking now? I'm talking about the lack of good old, down-home Jewish cooking in our homes. I am taking it upon myself to help out all you frantic housewives out there, with wonderful menus that will lead your children to a healthy, happy, and loving family unit as I knew it in my childhood. First, go down to Filene's basement (A &S or Alexander's for New Yorkers or Carson's for Chicagoans), buy a housecoat (schmata), and wear it all day, every day. Then go out and buy a live chicken, carry it wrapped in a newspaper to the Shoichet (ritual slaughterer) who will slaughter it before your very eyes (some live markets had a Schoichet in residence as well as chicken flickers). When you get it home, flick your chicken, make sure you don't leave a pinchus (feather ends).

Next, go out and buy a four-foot-long carp with huge whiskers. Fill your bathtub with water and let the fish swim in it for several days. In the meantime, roll up your Berber broadloom, and remove it from the living room, polish the hardwood floors, cover them in newspaper, cover your couch in clear plastic, or floral slip covers, and don't let anyone in your living room again (only company.) Now you're a real "BALABUSTA," which is a term of respect used for an efficient Jewish housewife, and the essence of your universe is in the kitchen. So get out your wooden matches, light the pilot light, get out the volgar holtz (wooden bowl), hock the tzibbeles (onions) and knobble (garlic), and we're Jewish again.

Before we start, however, there are some variations in ingredients because of the various types of Jewish taste (Polack, Litvack Gallicianer). Just as we Jews have six seasons of the year (winter, spring, summer, fall, the slack season, and the busy season), we all focus on a main ingredient which unfortunately, and undeservedly, has disappeared from our diet.

I'm talking, of course, about SCHMALTZ (chicken fat), which, for centuries been the prime ingredient in almost every Jewish dish, and I feel it's time to revive it to its rightful place in our homes. (I have plans to distribute it in a green glass Gucci bottle with a label clearly saying-low fat, no cholesterol, Newman's Choice, extra virgin SCHMALTZ. It can't miss!

Let's start, of course, with the "forshpeiz" (appetizer). Gehockteh leiber (chopped liver) with SCHMALTZ is always good, but how about something more exotic for your dear ones, like boiled whitefish in yoyech (soup) which sets into a jelly form, or "gefilteh miltz" (stuffed spleen), in which the veins are removed, thank G-d, and it is fried in, you guessed it, SCHMALTZ, bread crumbs, eggs, onions, salt and pepper. Love it! How about stewed lingen (lungs) -- very chewy, or gehenen (brains) -- very slimy. Am I making your mouth water yet? Then there are greebenes -- pieces of chicken skin, deep fried in SCHMALTZ, onions and salt until crispy brown (Jewish bacon ).

Another favorite, and I'm sure your children will love it, is pe'tcha (jellied calves feet). Simply chop up some cows' feet with you hock-messer (hand-chopper), add some meat, onions, lots of garlic, SCHMALTZ again, salt and pepper, cook for five hours and let it sit overnight. You might want to serve it with oat bran and bananas for an interesting breakfast (just joking).

There's also a nice chicken fricassee (stew) using the heart, gorgle (neck), pipick (a great delicacy, given to the favorite child, usually me), a fleegle (wing) or two, some ayelech (little premature eggs) and other various chicken innards, in a broth of SCHMALTZ, water, paprika, etc. We also have knishes (filled dough) and the eternal question "Will that be liver, beef or potatoes or all three?" There also might be kasha groats). Other time-tested favorites are kishkeh, and its poor cousin, helzel (chicken or goose neck). Kishkeh is the gut of the cow, bought by the foot at the Kosher butcher. It is turned inside out, scalded and scraped. One end is sewn up and a mixture of flour, SCHMALTZ, onions, eggs, salt, pepper, etc., is spooned into the open end and squished down until it is full, the other end is sewn and the whole thing is boiled. Yummy! My personal all-time favorite is watching my Zaida (grandpa) munch on boiled chicken feet. Try that on the kinderlach (children) tomorrow. For our next course we always had chicken soup with pieces of yellow-white, rubbery chicken skin floating in a greasy sea of lokshen (noodles), farfel (broken bits of matzah), arbiss (chickpeas), lima beans, pietrishkeh, tzibbeles (onions), mondlech (soup nuts), kneidlach (dumplings), kasha, (groats) kliskelech and marech (marrow bones). The main course, as I recall, was either boiled chicken, flanken, kackletten (hockfleisch-chopped meat), and sometimes rib steaks which were served either well done, burned or cremated. Occasionally we had barbecued liver done to a burned and hardened perfection in our own coal furnace. Since we couldn't have milk with our meat meals, beverages consisted of soda (Kik, Dominion Dry, Doctor Brown's or seltzer in the spritz bottles) or a glezel tay (glass of hot tea) served in a yohrtzeit (memorial candle) glass and sucked through a sugar cube held between the incisors. Desserts were probably the only things not made with SCHMALTZ, so we never had any. Momma never learned how to make Schmaltz Jello. Well, now you know the secret of how I've grown up to be so tall, sinewy, slim and trim, energetic, extremely clever and modest, and if you want your children to grow up to be like me, you're gohnsen meshuggah! (completely nuts!) ZEI MIR GEZUNT. (go in good health)...and order out

Have A Great Day!!! (Submitted by Jeff and Janet Mayers)

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**AUGUST 24, 2003, 10:00 AM MEETING AT THE  
AVENTURA POLICE STATION**

**NO SEPTEMBER MEETING**

**ROSH HASHANA BEGINS AT SUNDOWN ON  
SEPTEMBER 26**

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

**OCTOBER MEETING IS ON OCTOBER 26 AT  
10:00 AM AT THE FEDERATION BUILDING**

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

**NO NOVEMBER MEETING**

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

**NO DECEMBER MEETING**



*THE WORLD TOLERATES US BUT DO THEY  
REALLY LIKE US?*

I'll go straight to the point. I have felt all my life that the world tolerates the Jews and puts up with us but, deep inside, they can't stand us. Having their way, they would see us destroyed and annihilated and not a tear would be shed for us. This may be a very gloomy way to see life but, since I was a child, I have witnessed repeated demonstrations of Anti-Semitism and Jew-bashing everywhere I have lived.



I remember in Cuba, growing up in a mostly Catholic country, how Grand-mothers and Mothers alike would chastise their children when they would spit on the sidewalks: "Only Jews," they'd say, "spit on the streets. Good children don't do that!" "If you do that, you'd be like the Polacks from Muralla Street," some would also say. What a wonderful way to bring up little kids when, instead of teaching them tolerance and acceptance for those different than them, they instilled in their young minds dislike and contempt.

Anti-Semitism has been innate to humanity ever since the days of Adam and Eve. History is plagued with persecutions, genocide, Diaspora, expulsion from countries and, not to forget, the Holocaust. The world has tried to exterminate the Jews from the annals of history, and it has failed miserably.

One would ask, Why? However, nobody has been able to offer a reasonable explanation to such unjustified and inhumane treatment of a group of people whose only crime has been to be born Jewish. None of history's luminaries can formulate an educated opinion as to why Jews have been the target of so much discrimination and cruelty.

Maybe this is the price we must pay for having been chosen as G-d's nation but I think there are also other more human reasons, more materialistic in nature that led to some of the most despicable crimes perpetrated against anyone, in this case, us, the Jews.

To begin, I am convinced that the world is ignorant of what it is to be a Jew. We are not sorcerers, malevolent witches nor do we harbor hate and intrigue everywhere we go. On the contrary! Jews are peace loving, law abiding citizens who strive to succeed and improve not only their living conditions, but those conditions of the societies in which they dwell...Did I say, strive to succeed?



That may be the root of the evil for the hate and envy the world feels against us. We go places and, wherever we are, we plant seeds of success, not only for us, but for others as well. What is wrong with that? Why should we or anyone else conform himself to being mediocre and worthless when we can look for a chance to improve our socio-economic conditions? What is wrong with wanting to progress as opposed to remain stagnant?

Nothing, I say but to those who are incapable, unable or unwilling to become better and self-actualize themselves, that may be seen as an affront and a genesis for hate and fear.

We don't hide our religion when we are in public and let the world know who we are by how we dress and how we act. What is wrong with being proud of one's religions heritage and showing it in public? Nothing, I say, but there are those who are so entrenched in their religious beliefs that the mere presence of a Jew is seen as a threat to their individual Gods.

Why do other religions, especially the Catholic Church and the Christian denominations, condemn the Jews to hell for being Jewish? Why does the Catholic faith preaches in its First Commandment to, "Love God over all things and your NEIGHBOR, as you would for the love of God?" only to condemn us and persecute us as they have done for centuries?

What do those religions fear from us? That we will take over their religious influences and convert their faithful into our religion? They have no obvious knowledge of the Jewish faith, a religion devoted to brotherly love, peace and allegiance and adoration to G-d.

Why is it that, when the animals in Gaza and other Palestinian areas attack Israel and kill our brothers and sisters, our children and our elders, nobody in the world condemns the attack? The world stands mute as innocent Jewish blood is spilled in the streets of the Holy Land. However, whenever Israel retaliates, world leaders from George W. Bush, the Pope, and others, immediately condemn Israel for the attack. They don't waste time in accusing Israel of criminal acts but condone the Palestinian animals that maim our own people. I ask, Why?

What is the purpose of the so-called "Peace Process," that President Bush has proposed to the leaders of Israel and Palestine? Because, to me, before there can be peace, there must be peace and, peace can't be achieved when one group has historically broken every chance they have had for peaceful coexistence with Israel. So, what is the idea behind this accord? I hope it is not to tie Israel's hands behind its back and render us defenseless because, if that is the purpose, they have a surprise coming.

I could enumerate many instances where the world in general despises Jews and treat us as a second-class group of undesirables but the list would be too long to be published in this small article. So, I just will limit myself to expose in the open some things that I feel Jews worldwide need to start believing deep into our hearts, if we have not done so by now.

First of all, the world tolerates us, but they do not like us. They use us because we provide businesses, money, and status to local, national and world economies and societies. Imagine for a moment that for a month, each and every Jewish business owned and operated would close its doors and lay off their employees. World chaos would be comparable only to the whole earth disappearing under the effect of a nuclear attack.

So, those who hate us or envy us for our accomplishments, think again. Without our drive and brio to succeed and improve us, the rest of you would be relegated to archaic times. Your families would not be able to keep up with the demands of the world as it has evolved to what it is today. You need us, as well as we need you, but the question will still remain, Can you do without us? If your answer is yes, think again!

Second, we need to come to the conclusion that the world does not feel our pain nor does it feel pity for our tragedies. Only us possess the moral support and political power that as Jews we need in order to survive in this hostile environment.

Third, jealousy will always be on our path. Jealousy, fear, envy and hate seem to be the elements on which we must step with each forward step we take. These are not going away, on the contrary, they seem to augment each passing day. Is this bad for us? Hell no! The more they envy and hate us, the more difficult they make it for us, the more ground we will win and the better we will be. Don't forget: We are G-d's chosen and we always survive. It's been a proven historical fact.

So, what can we do? Nothing! We must continue to strive to be the best, to help our fellow man like we have always done so and to do our part to live our lives above and beyond what is expected. We must continue to believe in G-d so He can shine our path and protect us from our enemies. We need to believe in the words of the Torah. We need to be strong and powerful so as to repel the wickedness of our enemies.

We need to accept that out there in the real world, we are not liked or wanted, barely allowed to coexist and. We need to believe that the world is ready to turn their back on our suffering but never to stop scrutinizing our actions. We need to convince ourselves that the words, "Never Again," must be carved deep in our hearts and minds and that, if we believe their message, nobody will ever be able to inflict on us another Holocaust.

To those who accept and support us, our undivided loyalty is in order. To those who hate us and wish to see us eradicated from the face of earth, good luck. You are fighting an uphill battle, one you will never be able to win.

Israel Chai

Shalom!

**Frank Piloto**

## **2003 List of Charitable Donations**

Temple Ohev Shalom Senior Fund - Rosh Hashana  
Temple Ohev Shalom Senior Fund - Chanukah  
Temple Ohev Shalom Senior Fund - Passover  
Simon Wiesenthal Center  
Greater Miami Jewish Federation  
US Holocaust Museum  
National Conf of Shomrim Societies - Dues  
Zeiff Jewish Museum  
Jewish War Veterans - Passover  
Museum of Tolerance  
National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Fund  
PBA Love Fund  
Miami Beach Guild for the Blind  
Police Officer's Assistance Trust (POAT)  
South Florida Shomrim Scholarship Fund  
Hebrew Academy  
Yeshiva Elementary  
Mechina High School  
Masivta of Greater Miami  
Talmudic University  
Parents of Murdered Children

We have also planted several trees in Israel.