NYPD SHOMRIM SOCIETY 4TH ANNUAL “OLD TIMERS LUNCHEON CELEBRATION”

(No one is old at this event) Everyone is welcome to attend...
Retired - Active - Uniform - Civilian

Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 12:00 noon at
Ben’s Kosher Restaurant and Delicatessen of Bayside
211-37 26th Avenue Bayside, New York 11360

Join some of your long time friends and make some new ones.

RSVP by: Friday May 27, 2016
Make check payable to the Shomrim Society $35.00 per person
Send to: Shomrim Society - Chaplains Office,
1 Police Plaza New York, NY 10038 Attn: LUNCHEON - Paul Daniel
For additional information please contact:
Bro. Paul Daniel at 516-731-6977
or shomrim.oldtimersluncheon@gmail.com

If you have a transportation issue please contact me
and we will do our best to accommodate you.
***Dress Code: Casual / Come as you are***

CELEBRATE ISRAEL PARADE
SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016
Show your Support!

Time to practice marching with pride. This year the Celebrate Israel Parade will take place Sunday, June 5th. After the usual rounds of handshaking with those who have come from afar and buddies we haven’t seen since Academy days, we move out to 56th Street and 5th Avenue, where the parade will kick off at 11:00 sharp. UMOS please report in dress uniform.

PRE-PARADE COLLATION 8:30 AM
55TH STREET SYNAGOGUE
308 EAST 55TH STREET
GATHERING FOR PARADE 11:00 AM
AT 56TH STREET AND 5TH AVENUE

EVENTS

MAY MEETING - 7:30 PM
Monday, May 16, 2016
POLICE ACADEMY
130-30 28th Avenue, Room 606
(between Flushing and College Point)
College Point, Queens
(NOTE: Special location and tour of Academy. Active and retired MOS bring I.D. card. Honorary Members contact Pres. Podber or Bro. Portner to put your name on security guest list)

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL WEEK
MAY 13 – 15, 2016
Washington D.C.

OLD TIMERS LUNCHEON
Thursday, June 2, 2016
(details at left)

CELEBRATE ISRAEL PARADE
Sunday, June 5, 2016
(detail at bottom left)

Baseball Game and Bar-B-Q
(see June News for date and details)

CIGAR NIGHT
(see June News for dates and details)

ONEG SHABBOT
in September
(details next Month)

COLLABATION
Bro. Gary Katz in memory of his uncle Life Member Bro. Samuel Katz, his Aunt widow member Celia Katz and his cousin Edward Arthur Katz
I’d like to start by thanking Bro. Jacob Novikov for running this year’s “Rabbi Jack M. Sable Passover Distribution”. Also we can’t forget Marcia Portner and the Chai riders without whose help we never could have pulled it off.

To bring you an update on the Rising Star promotion blog, most of the offensive posts have been taken down since our last newsletter. We did not get the meeting with Commissioner Bratton which we had asked for, instead it has been referred to a Department unit which cannot be named in this newsletter for investigation. I will keep you informed as more details come my way.

This month, Shomrim Society members will be traveling to Washington, DC for National Police Week, which honors the men and women who have given their lives in the line of duty to protect others. It will be my second time making the trip and it is a wonderful experience meeting police officers from all over the United States. Friday May 13 is the candle light vigil and Sunday May 15 is the memorial. Remember to reserve your rooms if you plan to join us.

I look forward to seeing all of our active members in dress uniform marching up 5th Avenue for the Salute to Israel Parade on Sunday June 5th along with our civilian and retired members.

The Old Timers luncheon is Thursday June 2nd. Remember to check your email for the upcoming BBQ ball game and cigar night.

Michael Podber
President

EDITOR’S NOTE:
If you are still getting the SHOMRIM NEWS delivered to you by the Post Office you are not getting it in a timely manner. If it is at all possible for you to get it on line you will have it on your computer much sooner. In any case meeting dates are posted in the EVENTS box on page 1 for at least the next two meetings.
All of us look forward with tremendous anticipation to the annual celebration of Israel’s birthday. As Israel prepares for its 68th year of independence, we wish that peace and good will would at long last come to that troubled area of the world. We long for joy that will be boundless and merrymaking that will be limitless. Alas, that is not to be. For even as we rejoice over the existence of the State of Israel, there is a mood of deep concern, anxiety, and even melancholy that violence and hatred roil the Middle East more than ever.

Legitimate and proper apprehension over continuing enmity, however, should not be allowed to obscure the many real achievements of the State and the multitudinous reasons for our hearts to be overflowing with gratitude to Almighty God. First and foremost, with all its problems and imperfections, we do have a Jewish homeland, a place where Jews from all over the world can come with the knowledge that they will receive a warm and eager welcome. Never again will a Jew be a man without a country. Not only has the Jew been reborn, but the land itself has also been reborn. What had been a barren wilderness for many hundreds of years is now a green, flourishing, fertile, and productive country. The people of Israel have also rejuvenated their language and their culture. The Hebrew tongue which had been the private preserve for almost two millennia of the scholar and sage is now the property of the whole people, spoken by taxi-driver and taxidermist, the merchant and the mason, the physician and the plumber, the man in the street and the university professor. What’s more, this humane and cultural society functions within a wholly democratic framework, the only democracy in the entire Middle East.

By every conceivable standard, this country has succeeded magnificently; every standard, that is, but one – Jew hatred. Israel has not solved the deep-rooted enmity toward the Jews that goes back to the very beginnings of our history. If anything, hostility toward the Jew today is more intense than it has ever been. But having a State of our own gives us a tremendous advantage over all previous generations. We no longer cower in fear before the enemy. We give back what we get, and then some. It would be nice if we lived in a world without enemies; but, if we have to have them, it is infinitely better to be strong, capable, and prepared than to sink away in trepidation.

The greatest danger from our enemies is not that they will destroy the State; but that in defending ourselves against them they will make us like them. If we emulate their brutality, barbarism and cruelty, then they will in truth have become the victors even if the Holy Land remains under Jewish sovereignty. There is but one answer to hatred, the answer given to us by Isaac when he returned to the place where Abraham had dug wells to sustain his life. Isaac restored those wells and prospered greatly when the Philistines ordered him to leave. They proceeded to destroy Isaac’s wells and started a war. Isaac, however, would not acquiesce to Philistine aggression. He called the place Esek (i.e., strife) and dug new wells. The Philistines devastated those wells too, and intensified their hatred. Nevertheless, Isaac remained undaunted. He called this place Sitnah (i.e., hatred) and persisted in digging more wells until ultimately, the Philistines refrained from bothering him. Isaac then called the place Rehovot, “for now the Lord hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful on the land! (Genesis 26:13-22.) ” Like Isaac, we too must hold out and continue to dig wells, springs of life. We must do that no matter how long it takes because we must have faith that eventually the impulse toward life and love will prevail. The worst thing we can do is succumb to the sadistic level of our enemies and allow them to suffocate all our positive and generous predispositions.

The Messiah is not here! Jew hatred still exists! That quite properly disturbs and worries us. But, thank God, we have the State of Israel; and that makes us better off than Jews have been for 2000 years. With all the difficulties and apprehensions we still have good reason to be happy and to make this 68th anniversary celebration of Israel’s independence the biggest and best ever.
Mazel Tov

Bro. Ben Gelber promoted to Sgt.

Bro. Joe Cohen promoted to Det. 3rd Grade

Bro. Howard Krieger, his daughter has a new TV show on PBS starting this May on Sundays. The show is called “Ellie’s Real Good Food”. Check it out for healthy entertainment and recipes. She is the granddaughter of the late Bro. Nathan Krieger

IN MEMORIAM

Ernest Daniel father of Bro. Paul Daniel

Rabbi Oscar Hoch father of Bro. Joseph Hoch

Arnold Anfang father of Bro. Barry Anfang and grandfather of Bro. Daniel Anfang

Widow member Georgia Padaetz

Widow Member Gladys Milgraum

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This Date in Shomrim History

50 Years Ago – May 1966
The normal course of business was suspended in order for the attendees to enjoy the Annual Ladies Day event.

And Throughout The Rest Of The World:
Fidel Castro declares martial law in Cuba because of a possible U.S. attack.

We Were Singing In The Shower:
“Monday, Monday” by the Mamas and Papas

And We Were Watching On The Tube:
“Mission Impossible” with Peter Graves, Barbara Bain, and Greg Morris

And We Took Our Special Someone to See:
“A Man For All Seasons” starring Robert Shaw

25 Years Ago – May 1991
The Annual Oneg Shabbat was held at the East Midwood Jewish Center. The distinguished guests were Robert Merrill and Stephen Solarz.

And Throughout The Rest Of The World:
Queen Elizabeth II becomes 1st British monarch to address US Congress.

We Were Singing In The Shower:
“Baby, Baby” by Amy Grant

And We Were Watching On The Tube:
“Knight Rider” with David Hasselhoff

And We Took Our Special Someone to See:
“Thelma and Louise” with Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon

If you have any Shomrim material that you want to get rid of please contact me.

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Established as the capital of the Jewish nation 3,000 years ago, Jerusalem has more recently been a majority Jewish city since 1855. Finding a Jew there is not a great challenge, so when a cop wants to mock a detective’s observational abilities, he’ll often use the phrase, “He couldn’t find a Jew in Jerusalem.”

When I was in Jerusalem a few weeks ago, I observed thousands of Jews along with people of all nationalities, races, religions, etc. going about their business peacefully. No one had difficulty interacting with any other.

I came to Jerusalem after spending three days in the northwest Negev Desert in Israel’s Eshkol region. Eshkol’s 32 communities contain 14,100 idealistic, resilient and friendly residents who live life simply, and work the land with love, using Israeli devised technologies to grow crops. From what used to be sand dunes, Eshkol now feeds the rest of Israel and even supplies potatoes to Ireland, Britain and Belgium. They also “farm” solar energy.

I stayed on a moshav – a cooperative community of farmers. My hosts: Duby, an Israeli-born agricultural and labor advisor, and his wife, a Moroccan-born nurse. One morning, Duby brought me to the Kerem Shalom Gaza crossing to show me the trucks lined up bringing supplies to Gaza.

You would think with Eshkol having been bombarded by hundreds of rockets from the Arabs of Gaza, Eshkolites would hate them. Not so. Eshkolites refer to Gazan Arabs as “neighbors,” albeit while they roll their eyes. (And no, Senator Sanders, Israel did not bomb hospitals or use force that “was more indiscriminate than it should have been” when they did what they had to do to get the rockets to stop.)

I wondered what the root or bedrock cause was of it being dangerous for me to cross into Gaza, yet safe for an Arab to be in Israel. Similarly, why can a Muslim visit the Western Wall peacefully, but a Jew visiting the Temple Mount, administered by the Islamic Waqf (religious committee) would be harassed by women in burqas?

Why is it that Israel has a Bureau of Tourism while Gaza and other Arab areas have a Bureau of Terrorism?

Could it be, despite the claim made by those singing “Kum-ba-yah” that all cultures are equal, the Israeli side of the border blooms, while Gaza – which sucks billions of dollars of foreign humanitarian aid and turns it in to terror tunnels, rocket launchers, and general oppression of its citizens – languishes because they engage in jihad?

Are Jewish values different from other values in the Middle East?

An Eshkol resident told me, “We want life to go on. That’s the strongest power ever.” Her remark is in keeping with the Torah’s admonition, “Therefore chose life.” (Devarim/Deuteronomy 30)

In Israel all lives matter, while the rest of the Middle East abounds with groups sporting names such as “Martyrs Brigade.”

When a Jew sees a rock, he might recall the line from Psalms, Chapter 18, “The lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”

An Arab in the Middle East might think of the Hadith (the collection of the guiding words of Muhammad) encouraging him to “fight against the Jews and you will kill them until even a stone would say: Come here, Muslim, there is a Jew (hiding himself behind me); kill him.”

Dennis Prager observed, “The Arab and other Muslim enemies of Israel want Israel destroyed. That is why there is a Middle East conflict. Everything else is commentary.”

Even someone who couldn’t find a Jew in Jerusalem can see that.
NATIONAL SHOMRIM
The National Shomrim Convention has been set!
The dates will be Thursday, November 3rd thru Sunday, November 6th, 2016 and will be held at:
HILTON SAN FRANCISCO UNION SQUARE
333 O’Farrell Street
San Francisco CA 94102
415-923-5062
sanfrancisco.hilton.com

Please use this link to make your reservations:

Please make plans to sail with National Shomrim on our annual National Shomrim cruise on January 15, 2017, from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, to St. Maarten, St. Thomas and Nassau on the beautiful Royal Caribbean ship Allure of the Seas.

Shomrim members will receive a $50.00 stateroom credit at the time of booking.

Prices are as follows:
Balcony $949.00 PP/Single balcony $1,898.00
Inside $679.00 PP/Single inside $1,358.00

There are a limited amount of junior suites at $1,824.00 per person plus $111.29 tax with a $150.00 ship board credit per person for a limited time only.

Taxes are an additional $111.29 per person.
Insurance is additional and highly recommended.

A deposit of $500.00 per stateroom is required and fully refundable prior to October 16, 2016.

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