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As we enter the year 5764, I wish each and every one of you a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year. Adele and I have just returned from a 3 week trip to Israel and while we are happy to be home it is always with great sadness that we leave Israel and our large family who live literally from the North to the South in Sde Boker, from Bet El and Jerusalem to Reut. While there we were privileged to join with the NYPD Shomrim Mission to Israel in Jerusalem, led by their President Sam Miller, for one evening. We had dinner with the group and heard the Deputy Minister of Defense speak.

We have our Annual Meeting coming up and then our Hanukkah Party. We are planning a great next year (2004) with our Annual Banquet honoring a distinguished member of our community and our Annual Picnic (at a new venue) and, of course, the annual "Steak Fry". The dates for these events will appear in the next Hashomer.

And speaking about the Hashomer - my thanks to our Editor, Jon Olesen, for his efforts in putting out the Hashomer and the National Ha Shomer. Also, my thanks to all who have contributed articles for the Hashomer. Please keep sending them in.

I hope everyone can make our upcoming events in the remainder of 2003 and our to be scheduled 2004 events. Happy Hanukkah to all.

May G-d grant Shalom to Israel and its People throughout the World.

Shalom,
Marvin Goldsmith, President

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Letter sent by National Shomrim to the News Media, August 22, 2003

The National Conference of Shomrim Societies applauds the FBI, CIA, and all law enforcement and intelligence agencies involved in the investigation and the arrest of Yehuda Abraham. Abraham is alleged to be involved with the illegal activities of others charged with selling a missile to undercover agents who represented themselves as terrorists. The alleged intent was to use the missile in a terrorist attack in the United States.

National Shomrim is an umbrella organization of over twenty independent chapters throughout the United States comprised of Jewish law enforcement and public safety officers. We recognize and support the presumption of innocence built into our criminal justice system, however if found guilty, Shomrim condemns Abraham's actions in the strongest terms and we encourage the imposition of the maximum sentence that the law allows. We also trust that if others had knowledge of his activities and failed to notify authorities, be they business associates, family, or friends, they also be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

We are grateful that the plot was uncovered before innocent lives were taken and property destroyed. If guilty there is no excuse or justification for his deplorable actions; he will have disgraced his country, and his heritage. He finds no support in our ranks.

Shomrim also applauds the arrest of others involved in this heinous plot. Citizens must be aware that other criminal activities - be it dealing in counterfeit merchandise, narcotics, stolen property, money laundering, or other criminal activity - may not only be directly or indirectly aiding the financing of terror, but also aiding terror itself.

Some may say that because the agents approached the man offering the missile, this was a crime of their making. Not so, according to media reports. This individual was a ticking time bomb waiting to go off to the highest bidder. He already had the criminal intent. They merely provided the opportunity. Thankfully our agents got to him first.

Arthur L. Krinsky, First Vice President National Conference of Shomrim Societies For the Board of Directors.

2003 SHOMRIM SOCIAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All members are invited to attend the Board Meetings

October Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 14th at 6:00 P.M.
In the Succah
229 South Clark Drive
Beverly Hills

Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors
and the Membership
Tuesday, November 18th at 6:00 P.M.
Café Blue
9618 West Pico Blvd at Beverwil
On the Promenade

NATIONAL CONVENTION
December 11-14, 2003
Miami Beach, Florida

HANUKKAH PARTY
Sunday, December 21st at 4:30 P.M.
Café Blue
9618 West Pico Blvd. at Beverwil
On the Promenade

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERSHIP

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and the Membership will take place on Tuesday, November 18, 2003 at 6:00 P.M. at Café Blue (On the Ralph's Promenade at Pico and Beverwil). The agenda will include the nomination and election of officers and members of the board of directors for 2004. At the Board meeting on October 14th the Board will sit as a Nominating Committee and consider recommendations for officers for 2004.

New Members

We welcome our new members:

Rabbi Mark Alan Hyman (Rabbi, Congregation
Tifereth Jacob)

Joe Chocron (Examiner, DMV, State of California)

David Kessler (Specialist Reserve Police Officer,
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Stephen J. Cohen (Special Agent, Drug Enforcement Administration)

David T. Barnett (Intelligence Specialist, Drug Enforcement Administration)

Arthur Krieger (Reserve Officer, L.A.P.D.)

Mazel Tov's

To Marv and Adele Goldsmith on the birth of their second great grandchild Chaya, born to their grandchildren Moshe and Gittle Berghoff.

Condolences

We regret to inform you of the death of Charles Drescher. Charlie was the Director of Systems (Retired), L.A.P.D. Information Resources Division and a former Shomrimsocal Vice President. Charlie is survived by his wife Linda, son Robert, daughter Amy, and six grandchildren.

LEATHAL FORCE

By Rabbi J. Simcha Cohen Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

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Question: Does Halacha permit a Jew to use lethal force?

Response: Scripture (Exodus 22:1) notes an interesting case. It states that if a thief be found breaking into a person's home in the middle of the night, and the owner kills the intruder, the owner is innocent of any charges of murder. Why is that so? Did the thief come in with a weapon? Did the thief threaten the life of the homeowner? What are the circumstances of the case?

The Talmud (Sanhedrin 72a) suggests that this case is based on a number of presumptions which provide the homeowner with a license to exercise even lethal force.

The first presumption is that a homeowner, awoken by a thief in his own home in the middle of the night, would probably defend his home and property even with lethal weapons. The thief must be aware

of this presumption and yet still be prepared to overcome the owner even though it may result in the murder of the homeowner. In other words, the presumption is that the thief is prepared to combat the owner and kill him. Accordingly, the owner is allowed to stop the thief, even by killing him, on the grounds of self-defense.

In the event, however, that the presumption of a life-threatening condition is not operational, then the homeowner may not use lethal force. An example: A father breaks into the home of his son. The Talmud presumes that no father would ever normally seek the death of his son. Should the son awaken and catch his father in the act of stealing, there is no presumption of jeopardy to life. Consequently, the homeowner has no license at all to kill the intruder.

Of interest is the fact that once there is a presumption of a life-threatening situation, not only may the victim lawfully use lethal force, but this right is granted even to a bystander who has observed the incident.

The Talmud classifies the following case as the Law of the Pursuer (rodef). Namely, should A run after B with a weapon, threatening to kill him, and B kills A in order to save his own life, it is deemed self-defense. Should, moreover, a bystander observe the spectacle of A running after B and threatening to kill B, the bystander is not permitted to disassociate himself from the problem or make believe it does not concern him. He is mandated to help the intended victim, for it is written, "Thou shalt not stand idly by the blood of thy neighbor" (Leviticus 19:16; see Sanhedrin 73a). Accordingly, should the bystander save B by killing A, he, too, is not charged with murder. The Talmud, however, makes an interesting distinction. It says that one may kill a pursuer only if the death of the pursuer is the only way to save the victim. In the event one may save B by destroying a limb of A, then A's murder is not justified (Sanhedrin 74a).

In other words, the legal lethal usage of force requires two essential elements: 1) A presumption of a life-threatening condition; 2) a second presumption that the only means available to abort the life-threatening condition is through use of lethal force.

In Rabbinic literature there is an interesting debate on this latter issue.

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One sage (Mishneh LaMelech on Maimonides, Hilchot Chovel U'Mazik 8:10) contends that the ruling that lethal force may be exercised only if this is the only means of saving the victim is a limitation imposed on a bystander's involvement, not on the response of the victim himself. The argument is as follows: A bystander, an individual who, himself, is not pursued or attacked, has the capacity to assess a situation and to calmly and wisely determine the amount of force necessary to save another from a threatened attacker. A victim, however, is not in a state of mind to make such fine distinctions. The victim is frightened for his life. His life is in danger. He wished to save himself. His concern is how to save himself from death, not how to minimally hurt the attacker. Once the presumption of jeopardy to life is a reality, says his sage, then any act of the intended victim, including a lethal act, is not considered punishable, even if an objective outsider might have merely shot the attacker in the foot.

Some scholars even maintain that the rule of self-defense demands that one take no chances with one's life. If there is even a scintilla of a possibility that a non-lethal act would not abort the life-threatening condition, then it is prohibited to attempt to injure only the limb of a person in order to save oneself.

Author! Author!

Rabbi Stephen Passamaneck is the author of a new book entitled, "Police Ethics and the Jewish Tradition" published by Charles C. Thomas, Ltd. Steve tells us that his book is available on the net bookstores.

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Marc Cohen would like to hear from all of you with your comments. Active links to other Shomrim sites, including the National Conference of Shomrim Societies.

The National Conference of Shomrim Societies site is: www.nationalshomrim.org . Visit the website and sign the guestbook and leave your comments.

If you have something you would like to add to our website send an e-mail to story@shomrimsocal.org or drop us a letter at P.O. Box 35688, Los Angeles, Ca 90035.

GIGGLES

WHAT A WOMAN WANTS

King Arthur was ambushed and imprisoned by the monarch of a neighboring kingdom. The monarch could have killed him, but was moved by Arthur's youth and ideals. So the monarch offered him freedom, as long as he could answer a very difficult question.

Arthur would have a year to figure out the answer and if, after a year, he still had no answer, he would be put to death.

The question: What do women really want?

Such a question would perplex even the most knowledgeable man, and to young Arthur, it seemed an impossible query. But, since it was better than death, he accepted the monarch's proposition to have an answer by year's end.

He returned to his kingdom and began to poll everybody: the princess, the prostitutes, the priests, the wise men, and the court jester. He spoke with everyone, but no one could give him a satisfactory answer. Many people advised him to consult the old witch -- only she would know the answer.

The price would be high; the witch was famous throughout the kingdom for the exorbitant prices she charged.

Finally, the last day of the year arrived and Arthur had no alternative but to talk to the witch. She agreed to answer the question, but he had to accept her price first. The old witch wanted to marry

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Gawain, the most notable of the Knights of the Round Table and Arthur's closest friend!

Young Arthur was horrified: she was hunchbacked and hideous, had only one tooth, smelled like sewage, made obscene noises... etc. He had never encountered such a repugnant creature. He refused to force his friend to marry her and have to endure such a burden.

Gawain, upon learning of the proposal, spoke with Arthur. He told him that nothing was too big a sacrifice compared to Arthur's life and the preservation of the Round Table.

Hence, their wedding was proclaimed, and the witch answered! Arthur's thus: What a woman really wants is to be in charge of her own life.

Everyone instantly knew that the witch had uttered a great truth and that Arthur's life would be spared. And so it was.

The neighboring monarch granted Arthur total freedom.

What a wedding Gawain and the witch had! Arthur was torn between relief and anguish. Gawain was proper as always, gentle and courteous. The old witch put her worst manners on display, and generally made everyone very uncomfortable.

The hour approached, Gawain, steeling himself for a horrific experience, entered the bedroom. But what a sight waited him!

The most beautiful woman he had ever seen lay before him!

The astounded Gawain asked what had happened. The beauty replied that since he had been so kind to her when she'd appeared as a witch, she would henceforth be her horrible, deformed self half the time, and the other half, she would be her beautiful maiden self. Which would he want her to be during the day, and during the night?

What a cruel question! Gawain pondered his predicament.

During the day, a beautiful woman to show off to his friends, but at night, in the privacy of his home, an old witch? Or would he prefer having by day a

hideous witch, but by night a beautiful woman with who to enjoy many intimate moments?

What would you do?

(Pause awhile and do not read on until you have made up your own mind)

Noble Gawain replied that he would let her choose for herself. Upon hearing this, she announced that she would be beautiful all the time, because he had respected her enough to let her be in charge of her own life.

What is the moral of this story?

THE MORAL IS: IF A WOMAN DOESN'T GET HER WAY, THINGS GET UGLY.

If you enjoy "Giggles," feel free to contribute more. We will include as many as space allows!

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Additional Information

Further information about the Society may be obtained by writing to the above address, e-mail to shomrimsocal@msn.com, or by contacting the message number: (310) 967-2018.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION AGENDA

Law Enforcement Challenges in Dealing with Terrorism 2003

Thursday, December 11, 2003

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| 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.

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| 8:00 am to 9:00 am | Breakfast |
| 9:30 am to 10:30 am | <u>Prison Gangs & Terror
Groups</u> |

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

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| 10:30 am to 11:30 am | <u>Tools of Aviation Security</u> |
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- (Instructor: Steve Leibowitz, Miami-Dade Police Department; Instructor Metropolitan Police Institute & Miami-Dade Community College School of Justice and Safety Administration)

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| 11:30 am to 12:30 pm | Lunch |
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| 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm | <u>Officer Survival in a Terror
Attack</u> |
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(Instructor: Dr. Fabrice Czarnecki)

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| 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm | <u>Synagogue Security</u> |
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(Instructor: Detective Mike Gilbert, Montgomery County, PA, District Attorneys Office)

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| 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm | Break-out Groups:
<u>Technology vs. Terrorism</u> |
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| 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm | Dinner |
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| 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm | Hospitality & Networking |
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Saturday, December 13, 2003

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| 8:00 am to 9:30 am | Breakfast (Sabbath
Observance) |
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| 10:00 am to 11:00 am | <u>Hostage Negotiation</u> |
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- (Instructor: Detective Sam Miller, New York Police Department)

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| 11:00 am to noon | <u>Recognizing Homicide
Bombers</u> |
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(Instructor: Mr. Tomer Sade, Vice Consul, Head of Security, Consulate General of Israel, Miami, FL)

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| 12:00 noon to 1 pm | <u>Aviation Security</u> |
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(Instructor: Mr. Pelled Midroni, Security Manger, El Al Airlines)

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