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President's Message

As we enter the New Year may you all be inscribed and sealed for a year of good health and prosperity.

Our Honoree for 2007 is an outstanding member of the law enforcement community. We are privileged to honor the Chief of Police of the City of Beverly Hills David Snowden. Prior to coming to Beverly Hills in 2004 Chief Snowden was the Chief at Costa Mesa (1986-2003) and Chief at Baldwin Park (1989-86). He was President of the California Police Chief's Association in 1992. He also was the recipient of many awards including receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award from CSU, Fullerton in 1989. He is currently on the Board of HOAG Hospital Foundation and had a distinguished military career both on active duty and in the California National Guard.

Included in this issue is another though provoking article by Scott Widitor in this issue; and two articles by our distinguished Chaplain, Rabbi Henry Kraus. I also wish to call your attention to the message from our national President Mike Gilbert.

On a personal note I want to thank all of you that sent me your good wishes on my "intraocular lens implants" for cataracts. I had a great ophthalmologist and surgeon, Stuart Stoll, MD of Beverly Hills and I would highly recommend him if any of you have any vision problems. His web site is: www.cornell-eye.com. My wife and I, Adele, just celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary and again I thank all of you for your very kind wishes.

At the next several meetings we will be setting the course for the future of ShomrimSocal and I hope all of you attend these meetings and participate in the planning process. This organization is your organization and we need your input. We have 16 new members added to our roster and I hope that all of our new members participate in this planning

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process. If you are unable to attend please email me
you ideas at marvgoldsmith@msn.com.

Marvin Goldsmith, President

TO ALL SHOMRIM MEMBERS ACROSS THIS GREAT NATION OF OURS

Jo and I would like to take this time to wish everyone a "Healthy, Happy, and a Prosperous 5767". "May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year." This has been a trying year for Israel and Jews throughout the world. Anti-Semitism is on the rise, and Islamic Fascists want to kill not only Jews, but Americans as well.

As we go into this New Year, we as a National Organization must get together and stay together. We have to put our past differences behind us, and think about the future not only of our organization, but of our faith as well. Let us not forget that during the 10 days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, commonly called the "Days of Awe", we will be asking God to forgive our sins with him. Among the customs of this time, it is common to seek reconciliation with people you may have wronged during the course of the year. The Talmud maintains that Yom Kippur atones only for sins between man and God. To atone for sins against another person, you must first seek reconciliation with that person, righting the wrongs you committed against them if possible.

Let us put our differences behind us, get together and move forward as one. As the Talmud says, we must reconcile and make the wrongs that were done, right. This has been too long in coming. Thank you again for all of your help and support. We are made up of individuals, who are members of local chapters, who then make up National. We are Shomrim, Guardians. We must guard our religion against all who would want, again, to destroy us. However, let us not destroy ourselves by imploding. Now is the time for us to get together. Let us not put off till tomorrow what can be done today.

Again, have a great holiday season.

Mike Gilbert, National President

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERSHIP 2006

The By-Laws provide that the annual meetings take place on the 1st Wednesday of November of each year. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors and the Membership therefore will take place on Wednesday, November 1st, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. at Metro Glatt, 8975 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles 90035 (Bet. Robertson & Doheny on the N/side) The agenda will include the nomination and election of officers and members of the Board of Directors for 2007.

2006-2007 SHOMRIM SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September/October Meeting (**New Date**)

Wednesday, October 11th at 6:30 PM
In the Succah
229 South Clark Drive
Beverly Hills

Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and the Membership

Wednesday, November 1st at 6:30 PM
Metro Glatt
8975 West Pico Blvd.
(Bet. Robertson & Doheny on the N/side)
Los Angeles

Hannukah Get Together (**Free**)

Wednesday, December 20, at 6:30 PM
Pizza World
365 South Fairfax Avenue
(Just South of Third St.)
Los Angeles

January 2007 Meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 2007 at 6:30 PM
King David Grill
6118 West Pico Blvd
(Just East of La Cienega)
Los Angeles

Annual Banquet

Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 6:00 PM
Sinai Temple
10400 Wilshire Blvd
Los Angeles

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WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Kenneth Green, Res. Officer, El Monte P.D.
(Bureau Chief (Ret.), L.A. County
Public Defender's Office)

Maureen Green, Sr. Deputy District Attorney
L.A. County District Attorney's Office

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Sheriff's Dept.

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Julie V. Frank, Police Officer, L.A. County Police
Dept.

David Scharf, Res. Deputy Sheriff, L.A.S.D.

Jonathan Petrak, Deputy in Charge, L.A. County
Public Defender's Office
(Former L.A.P.D. Officer)

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Res. Deputy Sheriff, L.A.S.D.

Onnik Mehrabian, Res. Deputy Sheriff, L.A.S.D.

Steve Lapin, Res. Officer, Montebello P.D.

Mark Rosen, Lieutenant, City of Beverly Hills
Police Dept.

MAZEL TOV TO:

Marvin and Adele Goldsmith on their Fiftieth
Wedding Anniversary, August 26, 2006.

Buddy Goldman on his promotion to Captain,
L.A.S.D. and his assumption of command
of the West Hollywood Station.

Honorary Member Dominick Rivetti on his
appointment as Chief, Bureau of
Investigation, L.A. County District
Attorney's Office.

Howard and Gity Gluck on the marriage of their
daughter Sima to Joseph Bond

Sol Benudiz
On his appointment as Chief of Police,
City of Irwindale

CONDOLENCES

Roger Reiner, on the loss of his Mother

REFUAH SHELEMAH

We wish a speedy and continuing recovery to:

Connie Passamaneck

THE HOLIDAY OF SUKKOT

By Rabbi Dr. Henry E. Kraus

The delightful beauty and warmth of Sukkot follows just five days after the solemnity of Yom Kippur, therefore is greeted with much enthusiasm. Sukkot is our Festival of Thanksgiving for the abundance of the harvest and for the great mercies shown our ancestors then wandering in the wilderness. Three names are associated with this holiday: Sukkot, Hag Ha-Asif and Z'man Simhataynu. Sukkot, the most familiar name historically comes from Sukkah, a temporary booth, the first to remind us of the journey our ancestors took through the wilderness (Leviticus 23:42-43). Hag Ha-Asif means Festival of Harvest, a thanksgiving for the fruit of the earth. Z'man Simhataynu, Time of Rejoicing, seems to sum up the whole idea of Jewish thanksgiving for our blessings.

The main symbol of the holiday besides the Sukkah is the festive branch: the Lulov, the Etrog, and Myrtle and Willow branches, with which worshippers rejoice before G-d chanting praises of

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gratitude to the Giver of all goods. Many are the explanations of the four species of this festive bouquet. The tall palm branch is said to denote men of power. The aromatic Etrog denotes men of saintliness and learning. The Myrtle denotes the average man and women of a community. The Willow represents the humble poor. All of these, together, forming one human brotherhood, mutually responsible for the welfare of all.

The first two festive days of Sukkot are followed by five days of Hol Ha-Moed - the intermediate days, which conclude with Hashanah Rabbah. By the 16th Century Hashanah Rabbah came to be looked upon as a continuation of the Day of Atonement, giving "another chance" for repentance. A symbolic beating of a bundle of willow branches closes the Hashanah Rabbah service. The full festival is resumed again on the eighth day of Shemini Atzeret (solemn assembly), which is called "Season of our Gladness." The essence of our whole Torah is contained in these three words: Reverence, Love and Joy. They are the way to bring us near to G-d. On this day we pray for rain (geshem) and we also recall the memory of our beloved departed ones, we have Yiskor on that day. The last day of Sukkot is Simhat Torah, "Rejoicing of the Law." All of the Torah scrolls are taken out of the Holy Ark and carried lovingly around the Synagogue in a procession seven times. This time, not only the adults carry the Torah but especially the children participate in the festivity marching, singing, reciting the Torah blessings and dancing and reading from the Scrolls.

The last chapter of the Torah is read and immediately the first chapter of the Torah is recited. This shows that the cycle of the Torah reading continues and the circle of the Torah is eternal without beginning or end. This holiday brings out the healthy-minded balance in human life. One day we are reciting Yiskor and the next we are happy and dancing with the Torah.

Just as there are three names, so there are three greetings that may be used on Sukkot: A simple: "Good Yom Tov" or the Sephardic: "Mo'Adim L'Simha" or the modern festival greeting: "Hag Sameah".

A very happy and joyous Sukkot to you all!

A NEW DOUBLE STANDARD IN THE MIDDLE EAST

By Scott Widitor

While the news media dwell on the death toll in Lebanese towns like Kfar Qana, little attention is devoted to the fact that Hezbollah fired missiles at Israeli civilians from places just like this village. Yet, when Israel acts to destroy these missiles in self defense it's a war crime. Are Israeli civilians any less valuable than Lebanese civilians? Is Israel to sacrifice its populace to save Lebanese civilians? No country on earth would accept such a calculus. Despite this, the world condemns Israel.

The only voice raised against Hezbollah was a muted declaration from Amnesty International, more than a month after the conflict ended, stating that Hezbollah may have violated international humanitarian law. Hezbollah acknowledged targeting civilians in rocket attacks on Israel, but said it fired in response to Israeli attacks.

It's always amazing to me how short the world's collective memory is. While television screens are filled with pictures of the violence Israel has inflicted on Hezbollah targets, there is a tendency to forget who started the latest "war".

At 9:00 AM on July 13, 2006 Moshav Zarit came under a mortar and rocket barrage. In the midst of the shelling terrorists attacked two IDF HUVMEES patrolling along the border with gunfire and explosives. Three soldiers were killed in the attack and two are taken hostage. Later in the day, four IDF soldiers were killed when their tank hit a mine inside Lebanese territory while in pursuit of the attackers. Hezbollah does not deny any of these facts. In fact, Hezbollah leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah admitted them when he said in a TV interview aired on Sunday August 27, 2006, that he would not have ordered the capture of two Israeli soldiers if he had known it would lead to such a war.

This strikes me a bit like an armed robber who complains when his would be "victim" is thrashing him within an inch of his life. The analysis would apply equally as well to the situation in Gaza following Hamas' abduction of Cpl. Gilad Shalit which set the stage for the latest war in Lebanon.

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Though the Israeli's didn't see it coming it now appears obvious that Hezbollah's actions were linked to the escalation of IDF activities in Gaza. World opinion and Arab propaganda had created such a frenzy of pan-Islamic, anti-Israel sentiment, that Iran saw an immense political opportunity to assume a dominant position in the Islamic world.

Hezbollah was founded in the 1980's by Lebanese followers of Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini and members of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps. Prior to September 11, 2001 it was responsible for the deaths of more Americans than any other terrorist group. Hezbollah is believed to have been at least partially responsible for the simultaneous suicide bombing of U.S. Marine barracks and French paratrooper headquarters in Beirut on April 18, 1983, an attack which resulted in the highest military loss of life that either nation had suffered since the Vietnam and Algerian wars.

According to press reports and many government analyses, it was the execution and impact of these attacks, combined with the subsequent withdrawal of the U.S. led Multinational Forces from Lebanon, which later inspired Osama bin Laden.

Although al Qaeda is Sunni and Hezbollah is Shiite, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States' (September 11th Commission) final report contains numerous references to cooperation between the two organizations. When left to their own devices, these two sects of Islam are more than eager to engage in a blood orgy of vicious internecine combat. However, when it comes to killing Jews, the boundary between Shiite and Sunni is not as pronounced as some analysts and academics would have you believe.

The Commission's final report goes on to detail how several of al Qaeda's "top military committee members and several operatives who were involved with the Kenya cell [which later perpetrated the 1998 bombing of the US embassy in Nairobi] . . . were sent to Hezbollah camps in Lebanon."

Counterterrorism Consultant Dan Darling, in an article in the *The Weekly Standard* magazine (edited by noted reporters William Kristol and Fred Barnes) adds the following insight.

"No discussion of the continuing threat posed to U.S. interests by Hezbollah would be complete without a mention of Imad Mughniyeh. . . . Mughniyeh has served as Hezbollah's operations chief for more than two decades, during which time he was linked to nearly every act of Hezbollah and Iranian-sponsored terrorism worldwide, including the Beirut bombings, the hijacking of TWA 847, and the kidnapping and murder of U.S. military, intelligence, and diplomatic officials in Lebanon, the bombings of the Israeli embassy and a Jewish cultural center in Buenos Aires in 1992 and 1994. He was also suspected of direct involvement in the 1996 Al Qaeda's 1996 Khobar Towers bombing in Saudi Arabia.

Rohan Gunaratna in his book *Inside Al Qaeda*, states the CIA's nightmare is that "that Osama, the leading Sunni terrorist, and Mughniyeh, the leading Shia terrorist, would combine their forces." While a terrorist alliance between Bin Laden and Mughniyeh may be disturbing, the prospects of such a development have taken a "back seat" as a truly ominous threat looms on the horizon.

DEBKA, the famous Israeli internet intelligence blog, reports that Mughniyeh's "controller," is Iran's Defense Minister Mostafa Mohammad-Najar. Najjar is notorious in his own right for his role in the earliest terror attacks on US targets in the Middle East.

In the 1980s, Muhammad-Najar was placed at the head of the Revolutionary Guards Middle East Department which controls Iranian intelligence bodies in the region, including Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf emirates. He ran clandestine projects for the "export of the Islamic revolution" to these countries. He also planted 1,500 Revolutionary Guardsmen in the Lebanese Bekka Valley. Their transit through Syria was apparently approved by the Damascus government. This Iranian outpost established the first recruiting center for the Lebanese Shiite Hezbollah.

Right from the start, Muhammad-Najar worked closely with Mughniyeh, who debuted with spectacular abductions of foreigners, mostly American and British hostages. The two became firm friends in this period.

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Later in the 1980s when Mughniyeh fled Lebanon under Israeli pressure, Najar, his Iranian friend arranged for Iranian intelligence to protect him and smuggle the Lebanese terrorist to safety in Tehran.

In October 2000, Muhammad-Najar took a hand in the Hizballah's kidnaping of three Israeli soldiers, Adi Avitan, Benny Abraham and Omar Suweid. At the end of 2001, he helped prepare the 50-ton illegal weapons cargo for loading at Kish Island aboard the Karine-A smuggling ship. The vessel and its cargo were seized by Israeli commandos on the Red Sea before they reached Arafat's terrorist squads in the Gaza Strip.

Article 154 of the Iranian constitution charges the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps IRGC with aiding the "oppressed" people of the world. This innocuous assignment has served as the justification for the longstanding and deep ties with terrorist organizations such as Hezbollah, Al-Qaeda, and Iraqi terrorists. As early August 2005, hundreds of IRGC soldiers were reported to be stationed in Lebanon alongside Hezbollah terrorists, operating massive training camps and supervising the expansion of Hezbollah's rocket force. The Iranian Defense Minister, Muhammad-Najar, is credited with organizing the 12,000 Katyusha short-range rockets Hezbollah positioned on the Lebanese-Israeli border, many of which were fired at Israel during the recent hostilities.

Anyone who doubts the utterly evil nature of these terrorist organizations need only consider the recent outbreaks of sectarian violence in Iraq. On February 22, 2006, the revered Shiite Golden Mosque in Samarra was bombed and partially destroyed by Sunni agents of al-Qaida in Iraq.

Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's - the leader of al-Qaida in Iraq - wanted a civil war between Sunni and Shia Muslims to facilitate his ultimate strategic goal of making Iraq ungovernable through the U.S.-guided democratic political process that had been set up. For this he was willing to sacrifice the lives of thousands upon thousands of Iraqis. Ultimately his evil designs may have cost him his own life and created an even more ominous threat.

According to some U.S. estimates, Shiite (Iranian oriented) militias have been killing four Sunnis for every Shiite lost. U.S. forces and their allies have

successfully decapitated Al-Qaeda by killing Zarqawi and have succeeded in eliminating scores of senior commanders and officials over the past year because Shiite militias are now turning on Al-Qaeda.

U.S. critics in Congress and Iraqi Sunni's are angry at Iraqi President Nouri al-Maliki's recent meeting with Iran's president Ahmadinejad. US New and World Report notes that Ahmadinejad told a group international affairs specialists and journalists, during his recent visit to New York, that Iran and other nations "must help the Iraqi government to establish itself." In contrast, to these benign statements, Pentagon officials have charged that Iran is funding and training violent Shiite militias in Iraq. Now the real problem in Iraq is the same one that confronts Israel in Lebanon.

The stark fact that emerges from all this is that more followers of Islam have been killed by their Iranian supported Shiite Islamic "brothers" in the last three months than were killed by all Israeli operations in the past six years - including the latest Intifada and recent war in Lebanon. Moreover, almost all of the deaths in Iraq have been among non-combatants and many have included horrific, hideous incidents of torture.

Turning back to Lebanon, it seems that global public opinion outside the U.S. has come down squarely on the side of Hezbollah. On August 12 of this year, Iran's Najar stated that the U.S. and Israel had been defeated in the region thanks to Hezbollah's resistance and the vigilance of local resistance movements in other countries. He added that: "The foundations of the Zionist regime has been placed on war and bloodshed and the leaders of this regime believe that the only way they can continue their illegal existence is through aggression and crimes such as in Qana."

We are all aware that a double standard operates in international affairs. Somehow the world seems all too eager to condemn Israel while ignoring the violence which Iran has inflicted on its Muslim "brethren" across the region. Despite this, Sunni Arab states cannot seem to muster the same anger against Iran that they do against Israel.

In the wake of its Lebanese "victory," Iran now believes that it can control the Middle East and possibly achieve its stated goal of destroying Israel.

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The problem is exacerbated by the fact that Israel, the US, Sunni Arab states and the UN have been half-hearted in their response to this looming threat.

Now it appears that Iran presents a clear and present danger of developing a nuclear arsenal. It already possesses significant ballistic missile technology. The world – as it was with Hitler- seems mesmerized by the charismatic leadership of an utterly evil enterprise and frightened by the prospect of confronting a threat which will only get worse.

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By Rabbi Dr. Henry E. Kraus

On the eve of Friday, December 15, 2006, Kislev 25, 5767, we shall light the first Hanukkah candle-just prior to lighting Shabbat candles. What is Hanukkah? It is a festival rich in symbolism and ritual. It is the joyous holiday celebrated by Jews for a period of eight days. This holiday is known by many names. It was often called the "Feast of the Maccabeans." Josephus Flavius, the historian, called it be a Greek word which means "Light" = "Festival of Lights." The word Hanukkah means dedication, so we may call it "Festival of Dedication" or "Rededication." The origin of this festival takes us back 22 centuries, when the then-known world (Middle East) had become Hellenized, that is Greek in language. This was not classic Greek culture, but idol-culture and the satisfaction of body, which was the desecration of the Judaic-Mosaic law. The Syrian Greek King Antiochus Epiphanes occupied Jerusalem and Zeus Olympus, their principal idol, was placed in the Holy Temple. The Jewish people were forced to worship the idols and denounce God. There was a priestly family by the name of Maccabees who organized the Jewish people to resist and rebel. They were determined not to perish and not to submit. They were small in numbers but they fought like lions for three years (165-163 BCE) and victoriously reoccupied Jerusalem. After cleansing the Temple, and removing all the idolatrous objects that had been used by the Syrian Greeks, one unpolluted cruse of oil was found in the Temple. Just enough oil for burning for one day. Yet miraculously the oil burned for eight days. This miracle symbolizes the miracle of the Jewish people and Judaism throughout the ages. That is why we Jews for the past 2200 years have lit candles or oil

every night for the eight days of Hanukkah. This is the traditional explanation of the Holiday.

Hanukkah has a deeper meaning for those who can see how Jewish belief transformed a military victory into a religious celebration. Hanukkah makes Judaism's triumph over paganism, the triumph of the spirit of all mankind. Between might and justice, power and faith - justice and faith triumphed! Without Hanukkah there would be no Monotheism, no Christianity, no Mohamedism. This was the first time in history that our Maccabees fought for religious freedom and ultimately for idea of One God. Hanukkah marks the victory of Monotheism and we Jews converted that day of victory into a day of thanksgiving to God.

Happy joyous Hanukkah to all my friends! Let me greet you with the prophet's word, which is in the Haftorah for Shabbat Hanukkah: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of Hosts." (Zehariah 4:6)

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Chanukah

In our egalitarian society it is important to make and understand distinctions.

To help us in this endeavor, especially at this time of the year, it seems that it is most apropos for this oldie to make the rounds. Please read and become enlightened.

1. Christmas is one day, same day every year, December 25. Jews also love December 25th. It's another paid day off work. We go to movies and out for Chinese food and Israeli dancing. Chanukah is 8 days. It starts the evening of the 24th of Kislev, whenever that falls. No one is ever sure. Jews never know until a non-Jewish friend asks when Chanukah starts, forcing us to consult a calendar so we don't look like idiots. We all have the same calendar, provided free with a donation from either the World Jewish Congress, the kosher butcher, or the local Sinai Memorial Chapel (especially in Florida) or other Jewish funeral home.

2. Christmas is a major holiday. Chanukah is a minor holiday with the same theme as most Jewish holidays. They tried to kill us, we survived, let's eat.

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3. Christians get wonderful presents such as jewelry, perfume, stereos...Jews get practical presents such as underwear, socks, or the collected works of the Rambam, which looks impressive on the bookshelf.

4. There is only one way to spell Christmas. No one can decide how to spell Chanukah, Chanukkah, Chanukka, Channukah, Hanukah, Hannukah, etc.

5. Christmas is a time of great pressure for husbands and boyfriends. Their partners expect special gifts. Jewish men are relieved of that burden. No one expects a diamond ring on Chanukah.

6. Christmas brings enormous electric bills. Candles are used for Chanukah. Not only are we spared enormous electric bills, but we get to feel good about not contributing to the energy crisis.

7. Christmas carols are beautiful...Silent Night, Come All Ye Faithful...Chanukah songs are about dreidels made from clay or having a party and dancing the hora. Of course, we are secretly pleased that many of the beautiful carols were composed and written by our tribal brethren. And don't Barbara Streisand and Neil Diamond sing them beautifully?

8. A home preparing for Christmas smells wonderful. The sweet smell of cookies and cakes baking. Happy people are gathered around in festive moods. A home preparing for Chanukah smells of oil, potatoes, and onions. The home, as always, is full of loud people all talking at once.

9. Women have fun baking Christmas cookies. Women burn their eyes and cut their hands grating potatoes and onions for latkas on Chanukah. Another reminder of our suffering through the ages.

10. Parents deliver to their children during Christmas. Jewish parents have no qualms about withholding a gift on any of the eight nights.

11. The players in the Christmas story have easy to pronounce names such as Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. The players in the Chanukah story are Antiochus, Judah Maccabee, and Matta whatever. No one can spell it or pronounce it. On the plus side, we can tell our friends anything and they believe we are wonderfully versed in our history.

12. Many Christians believe in the virgin birth. Jews

think, "Joseph, Bubela, snap out of it. Your woman is pregnant, you didn't sleep with her, and now you want to blame G-d. Here's the number of my shrink."

13. In recent years, Christmas has become more and more commercialized. The same holds true for Chanukah, even though it is a minor holiday. It makes sense. How could we market a major holiday such as Yom Kippur? Forget about celebrating. Think observing. Come to synagogue, starve yourself for 27 hours, become one with your dehydrated soul, beat your chest, confess your sins, a guaranteed good time for you and your family. Tickets a mere \$200 per person.

Better stick with Chanukah!

Chanukah Thank You

One Chanukah, a parent decreed that she was no longer going to remind her children of their thank-you note duties.

As a result their grandmother never received acknowledgements of the generous checks she had given.

The next year things were different, however.

"The children came over in person to thank me," the grandparent told a friend triumphantly.

"How wonderful!" the friend exclaimed. "What do you think caused the change in behaviour?"

"Oh, that's easy," the grandmother replied. "This year I didn't sign the checks!"

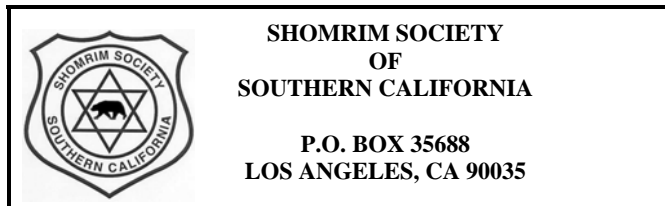
Cute Jewish Jokes

A little girl became restless as the Rabbi's High Holy Day appeal sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

The Hebrew School teacher asks, "Now, Sammy, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?" "I don't have to. My mom is a good cook."

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

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The initial membership fee is \$18.00, which includes membership for the first year. Annual membership dues thereafter are \$25.00. Associate Membership (non-voting) may be granted by the Board of Directors, to persons who are interested in furthering and advancing the purposes of the Shomrim Society of Southern California who do not qualify for Regular membership. Such members may be proposed by any Regular Member; however, such members must be approved by the Board of Directors and are subject to annual review by the Board for continued membership. The annual membership fee for Associate Members is \$36.00.

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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your comments. Active links to other Shomrim sites, including the National Conference of Shomrim Societies.

The National Conference of Shomrim Societies has a new website due to the efforts of our national webmaster Scott Bresalier:

www.nationalshomrim.org. Visit the new website and sign the guestbook and leave your comments.

If you have something you would like added to our website send an e-mail to story@shomrimsocal.org or drop us a letter to our P.O. Box.

SHANA TOVA!

May your hair, your teeth, your face-lift, your abs, and your stocks not fall .

And may your blood pressure, your triglycerides, your cholesterol, your white blood count and your mortgage interest not rise.

May you get a clean bill of health from your dentist, your cardiologist, your gastroenterologist, your urologist, your proctologist, your podiatrist, your psychiatrist, your plumber, and the IRS.

May you find a way to travel from anywhere to anywhere during rush hour in less than an hour, and when you get there may you find a parking space.

May this Yom Tov, find you seated around the dinner table, together with your beloved family and cherished friends, ushering in the Jewish New Year ahead.

May what you see in the mirror delight you, and what others see in you delight them.

May the telemarketers wait to make their sales calls until you finish dinner, may your checkbook and your budget balance, and may they include generous amounts for charity.

May you remember to say "I love you" at least once a day to your partner, your child, and your parent(s). You can say it to your secretary, your nurse, your butcher, your photographer, your masseuse, your seamstress, your hairdresser or your gym instructor, but not with a "twinkle" in your eye.

May we live as intended, in a world at peace with the awareness of the beauty in every sunset, every flower's unfolding petals, every baby's smile and every wonderful, astonishing, miraculous part of ourselves.

Bless you with every happiness, great health, peace and much love during the next year and all those that follow.

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