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## President's Message

As we approach year end I want all of you to participate in the remaining events for the year. Our November meeting is where we nominate and elect our officers for 2008. This is a very important meeting as the officers set the tone of our organization for this coming year. In addition our Hanukkah party has moved its day and location. This location in "the valley" hopefully will bring a greater response than we have had and Packman says it has the best pizza in L.A.

The Shomrim National convention and the IAJPSE's convention and seminar are being held "back to back" in December. Both of these events are well worth your effort in attending. I encourage all who can attend to do so.

The International Association of Jewish Public Service Employees (IAJPSE), in cooperation with the South Florida Shomrim Society has announced their 2007 Conference. Due to the request of several of the attendees and the convenience of those that are going to the National Conference of Shomrim Societies, this conference begins the day after National's Cruise ends (ship returns December 17). That means you can attend both with only one airplane ticket and spend more winter time on Miami Beach! Breakfast and lunch is included. As this conference is approved through the US Department of Justice and sponsored by the Miami-Dade Police Department's Training Bureau (with Florida Department of Law Enforcement, FDLE, in-service credits), your department may pay for all or part of your travel and registration. If not IAJPSE has said it will waive the registration fee.

One note on the "Past President" Members of the Board. The only Past Presidents who are listed there are those who are currently active i.e. current dues are paid. I would encourage all of you who have not

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paid your 2007 dues to do so. We have begun the task of dropping non-payers.

I hope all of you enjoy Scott Widitor's latest literary effort - an outstanding article on Scotch Whiskey, and, with respect to the riddle, the first person to email me ([marvgoldsmith@msn.com](mailto:marvgoldsmith@msn.com)) the correct answer receives a free lunch La Gondola.

*Marvin Goldsmith*, President

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERSHIP 2007**

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 7th, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. at King David Grill, 6118 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90035. (Just East of La Cienega on the South side of Pico). The agenda will include the nomination and election of officers and members of the Board of Directors for 2008.

## **2007 SHOMRIMSOCAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors  
and the Membership  
Wednesday, November 7th at 6:30 PM  
King David Grill  
6118 West Pico Blvd., L.A.  
(Just East of La Cienega)

Hannukah Get Together  
Wednesday, December 5th at 6:30 PM  
Café del Mar  
12526 Burbank Blvd. (West of Whittset)  
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818 487-8171

Annual Banquet 2008  
Tuesday, April 15th at 6:00 P.M.  
Sinai Temple  
10400 Wilshire Blvd. (at Beverly Glen  
Blvd.) Los Angeles

January meeting & the rest of 2008 to be determined at the November meeting.

## **MAZEL TOV**

To Jon & Sandy Olesen on the birth of their second grandchild, Tova Emma Rosenbaum.

To Deputy District Attorney Andrew E. Cooper who was promoted to Reserve Captain at the L.A.S.D. Emergency Operations Bureau.

To Barry and Cecile Mankes on the birth of their first grandchild. Barry is President of the South Florida Shomrim Society and a member of ours.

To Steve Liebowitz (one of our members also) who has retired from the Miami Dade Police Department.

To Howard and Sharon Gluck on the birth of a grandson, Eliyahu Betzalel.

To Marvin Goldsmith, Mark Mintz, Scott Flacks and Jim Osbrink who have been promoted to L.A.S.D. Reserve Sergeant.

## **WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Yael Hellman, (Professor and L.A.S.D. Advisor)  
Gary S. Goltz, (L.A.P.D. Defensive Tactics Advisor)

## **REFUAH SHELEMAH**

To Marc Cohen who is recovering from hip replacement surgery and to his mother who is recovering from angioplasty.

To Rabbi Henry E. Kraus.

## **CONDOLENCES**

We regret to inform you of the passing of one of our long time members, and a retired investigator for the State Department of Motor Vehicles, Cary Shore. May the Almighty comfort the bereaved family along with all mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

To Merrill Kelem (President of the Shomrim Society of Philadelphia) on the passing of his father, Harry "Chick" Kelem. May the almighty comfort the bereaved family along with all mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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## HANUKKAH

By Rabbi Dr. Henry E. Kraus

On the eve of Tuesday, December 4, 2007, Kislev 25, 5767, we shall light the first Hanukkah candle. 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)

## SCOTCH WHISKEY - PART 1

By Scott Widitor

To be called Scotch Whisky the spirit must conform to the standards of the Scotch Whisky Order of 1990 (UK), which clarified the Scotch Whisky Act of 1988. These statutes mandate that Scotch whiskey must:

1. Be distilled at a Scottish distillery from water and malted barley, to which only other whole grains may be added;
2. Have been processed at that distillery into a mash, converted to a fermentable substrate only by endogenous enzyme systems, and fermented only by the addition of yeast,
3. Must be distilled to an alcoholic strength of less than 94.8% by volume so that it retains the flavor of the raw materials used in its production,
4. Must be matured in Scotland in oak casks for no less than three years,
5. Must not contain any added substance other than water and caramel coloring, and,
6. May not be bottled at less than 40% alcohol by volume.

## **Types of Whisky**

### **Single v. Blended Whiskies**

There are two major categories of whisky -single and blended. The term “single” means that the entire product is from a single distillery, while “blended” means that the product is composed of whiskies from two or more distilleries.

### **Malt v. Grain**

Malt whisky must contain no grain other than malted barley and is traditionally distilled in pot stills. Grain whisky may contain unmalted barley or other malted

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or unmalted grains such as wheat and corn and is typically distilled in a continuous column still, known as a Patent or Coffey still, named for Aeneas Coffey who refined the column still in 1831.

## Single Malt

Single malt whisky is a 100% malted barley whisky from *one distillery*. Malt whisky must contain no grain other than malted barley and is traditionally distilled in pot stills. Barley is malted—by soaking or wetting the barley with water, and then allowing it to get to the point of germination. Malting releases enzymes that break down starches in the grain and help convert them into sugars. When the desired state of germination is reached the malted barley is dried using smoke. Many (but not all) distillers add peat to the fire to produce peat smoke into the drying kiln. This adds phenols, as well as a smoky aroma and earthy, peaty flavor to the whisky. Today only a handful of distilleries have their own maltings; these include Balvenie, Kilchoman, Highland Park, Glenfiddich, Bowmore, Laphroaig, Springbank and Tamdhu. Even those distilleries that malt their own barley produce only a small percentage of the malt required for production. All distilleries order malt from specialized maltsters.

## Single Grain

Single grain whisky is a grain whisky from *one distillery*. Note it *does not have to be made from a single type of grain*. The majority of grain whisky produced in Scotland goes to make blended Scotch whisky. The average blended whisky is 60%–85% grain whisky. Some higher quality grain whisky from a single distillery is bottled as single grain whisky. As of 2006, there are only seven grain whisky distilleries in Scotland.

## Blended Malt

Blended or “vatted” malt whisky—also called *pure malt*—is one of the less common types of Scotch: a blend of single malts from more than one distillery and with differing ages. Vatted malts contain only malt whiskies—no grain whiskies—and are usually distinguished from other types of whisky by the absence of the word ‘single’ before ‘malt’ on the bottle, and the absence of a distillery name. The age of the youngest whisky in the bottle is that used to describe the age on the label, so vatted malt marked “8 years old” may include older whiskies.

## Blended Whisky

Blended Scotch whisky is a mixture of single malt whisky and grain whisky, usually from multiple distilleries. Blended whisky constitutes over 90% of the whisky produced in Scotland. Blended Scotch

whiskies generally contain 10–50% malt whisky, blended with grain whisky, with the higher quality brands having the highest percent of malt. They were initially created for the English market, where pure malt whiskies were considered too harshly flavored. Master blenders combine the various malts and grain whiskies to produce a consistent “brand style”. Blended whiskies frequently use the same name for a range of whiskies at wildly varying prices and (presumably) quality. Notable blended Scotch whisky brands include Dewar's, Johnnie Walker, Cutty Sark, The Famous Grouse, and Chivas Regal.

To Be Continued.

## GOOGLE AND YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER

Google has implemented a new feature which enables you to type a telephone number into the search bar and hit enter and you will be given the person's name and address. If you then hit MapQuest, you will get a map to the person's house. Everyone should be aware of this! It's a nationwide reverse telephone book.

If a child gives out his/her phone number, someone can now look it up to find out where he/she lives. The safety issues are obvious, and alarming.

You can have your phone number removed or blocked if you wish.

In order to test whether your phone number is mapped, go to: Google (<http://www.google.com/>) Type your phone number in the search bar (i.e. 555-555-1212) and hit enter. If you want to BLOCK Google from divulging your private information, simply click on your telephone number and then click on the Removal Form. Removal takes 48-hours.

## RIDDLE

Before the Days of Motor Cars a man rode into town on his Horse.

He arrived on Friday, spent three days in town, and left on Friday.

How is that possible?

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## GIGGLES

### **Happy New Year! - L'shanah Tovah!!**

Sing to the tune of: "As Time Goes By".

You must remember this,  
A bris is still a bris,  
A chai is just a chai.  
Pastrami still belongs on rye,  
As time goes by.

With holidays in view,  
A Jew is still a Jew,  
On that you can rely.  
No matter if we eat tofu  
As hours slip by.

Old shtetl customs, never out of date.  
All those potatoes mother has to grate.  
Honey, tsimus, latkes,  
chopped liver on our plate  
The best that gelt can buy.

Some would send us to perdition,  
But we're strengthened by tradition,  
That no one can deny.  
We roam, but we recall our birthright,  
As time goes by.

Dreidels and chocolate, never out of date.  
Ancient Jewish stories that we all relate.  
Blue-and-white gift wrap,  
everything that's great  
And festive chazerai!

It's still the same old Torah,  
It's still the same menorah,  
We've latkes still to fry.  
It's at yomtov when we feel most blessed,  
As time goes by.

L'SHANAH TOVAH!

### **Red Buttons**

Red Buttons said, "Sure, I've gotten old. I've had 2 bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. I have bouts with dementia,

poor circulation, hardly feel my hands or feet anymore, can't remember if I'm 85 or 92 but....thank God, I still have my Florida driver's license."

### **Jewish Mother**

A Jewish mother's answering machine: If you want lox and eggs, press 1; If you want knishes press 2; If you want chicken soup, press 3; If you want matzoh balls! with the soup, press 4; If you want to know how am I feeling, you are calling the wrong number since NOBODY ever asks me how I am feeling. Who knows? I could even be dead by now.

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

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

We are pleased to announce the formation of a Shomrim Society Chapter in Northern California. Jerome Cobert has taken the lead in its formation. He may be contacted at [jcopd@comcast.net](mailto:jcopd@comcast.net). Let your friends in Northern California know about this new chapter-I'm sure they would be welcomed.

## NATIONAL SHOMRIM AND SHOMRIMSOCAL ON THE WEB

Visit our website. We're at [www.shomrimsocal.org](http://www.shomrimsocal.org) just a click away. Get the latest updates on meetings and announcements, read about your organization, look at photos of recent events, etc. Our webmaster 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.

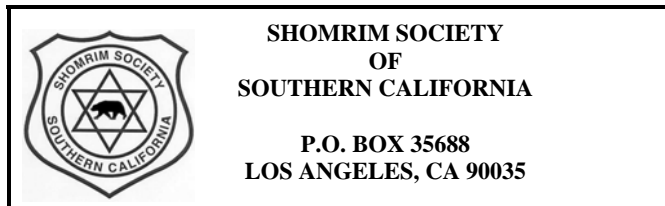
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