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President's Message

Wow! How else can I describe our annual dinner-attended by over 210 persons honoring the Chief of Police of Beverly Hills David L. Snowden. The Master of Ceremonies this year was former Chief Deputy Attorney General and former District Attorney of Los Angeles County Robert H. Philibosian. Bob was also our first Master of Ceremonies at our first annual banquet in 1983. Carrying on a tradition started by Sheriff Sherman Block, Sheriff Lee Baca installed the new officers and board of directors for 2007. This new vitalized Board is a working board that collectively will lead us into the next quarter century.

The Shomrim Society of Southern California was originally incorporated 25 years ago as the Los Angeles County Shomrim Association. This years event was especially meaningful for those original Founding Members, led by our current 1st Vice President Joe Rosen, our Hashomer Editor Jon Olesen, and Past President's Stu Maislin and Leah Bergman, who were in attendance.

Persons attending (Chiefs, Commanders, and Captains - many of whom are Shomrim members, indicated by an "*" included:

- LA County Sheriff Lee Baca*
- LA County District Attorney Steve Cooley* and his wife Jana
- Chief Dominick Rivetti*, DA's Bureau of Investigation & his wife Mardi
- Chief Steve Simonian*, retired, DA's Bureau of Investigation, & retired Chief of Bell Gardens and Montebello PD's
- Chief Sol Benudiz*, Irwindale PD
- Assistant Chief Gary Schram, DA's Bureau of Investigation
- First Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell, LAPD
- Ron Ingels, Law Enforcement Liaison of the LA County DA's Office & retired Chief, Irwindale PD

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- Chief Wayne Clayton*, retired, El Monte PD
- Chief Lou Rosenkrantz*, retired, Vernon PD & his wife Joyce

From the Beverly Hills Police Department

- Captain Robert Curtis & his wife Sandra

From the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

- Reserve Chief Joe Korpiel*
- Commander Tom Vetter, retired
- Captain Buddy Goldman*, Commander, West Hollywood Station.

From the Los Angeles Police Department

- Alan Skobin*, Vice President Police Commission and also Reserve Commander LASD
- Commander Stu Maislin*

From Los Angeles County

- Judge Irving Feffer, Superior Court
- Judge Richard Niedorf*, Superior Court & his wife Helena

From the City of Beverly Hills

- Mayor Steve Webb & his wife Bonnie
- Vice-Mayor and Mayor-Elect Jimmy Delshad & his wife Lonnie
- Councilman Frank Fenton & his wife Judy
- City Manager Rod Wood & his wife Gina
- Treasurer Eliot Finkel & his wife Maxine
- Past Mayor Mark Egerman & his wife Lynn

We also had with us

- Assistant Special Agent in Charge Jon Goldberg* of the DEA
- Commissioner Andrew Friedman*, LA City Fire Commission & the LA County Judicial Procedures Commission
- Senior Special Advisor to Sheriff Lee Baca, Arthur Kassel*

Special Guests: Paula Kent Meehan, Debbie Reynolds, Dick Van Patten & his wife Pat, Ruta Lee, Webb Lowe, and Lou Ferrigno and his wife Carla.

Every event requires the special efforts of a few-this year's banquet was no exception. I want to thank Joe Rosen and Steve Lagin for their outstanding efforts

on our behalf who worked together with Rabbi Henry Kraus, Glenn Crites, Scott Widitor and me to make this year's event a memorable one.

You all have heard of "The Best Laid Plans of Mice and Men," we are no different. There have been date changes to the Schedule of Events. Check out and make note of the events and dates. This is not to guarantee, however, that additional changes may occur.

It is now the second quarter of the year and there are a few of you who have not paid your annual dues for 2007. There is a form in this issue, as there has been in past issues, to update your information and send in your dues. If you want to continue receiving the Hashomer and be a part of our organization please pay your dues-it's not like our dues structure is onerous or burdensome. If you are still delinquent by May 15, 2007 you will be removed as a member

The Shomrim Society of Southern California has always taken the lead in its help to worthy organizations-both of Jewish and non-Jewish affiliation. Such is the case with the Sheriff's Youth Foundation-an integral part of Sheriff Baca's crime prevention program. Please read the article on the foundation and please act accordingly by making a contribution towards its vital efforts in the Los Angeles Community.

Marvin Goldsmith, President

2007 SHOMRIMSOCAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April Meeting

Tuesday, April 17th at 6:30 P.M.
Metro Glatt
8975 West Pico Blvd. at Crest Dr., L.A.

May/June Meeting

Tuesday, May 29th at 6:30 P.M.
King David Grill
6118 West Pico Blvd. L.A.
(Just East of La Cienega)

STEAK "FRY"

Sunday, July 29th at 5:00 P.M.
(Goldsmith's BBQ)
229 South Clark Drive, B.H.

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September Meeting
Tuesday, September 4th at 6:30 P.M.
Elat Burger
9340 West Pico Blvd at Elm Dr., L.A.

October Meeting
Tuesday, October 2nd at 6:30 P.M.
In the Succah
229 South Clark Drive, B.H.

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
Monday, December 10th at 6:30 PM
Pizza World
365 South Fairfax Avenue, L.A.
(Just South of Third St.)

WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Barry Mankes, Sergeant, Miami-Dade Police
Department; President, South Florida
Shomrim Society
Arthur Kassel, Senior Special Advisor to the Sheriff;
Chief, Investigative Services, California
Department of Mental Health; President,
Eagle & Badge Foundation
Jay S. Grobeson, Deputy District Attorney, Los
Angeles County
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Bruce Frailich, Deputy Sheriff, L.A.S.D.
Steven Foonberg, Res. Police Officer, Beverly Hills
P.D.
Michael J. Carra, Police Officer (Ret.), Beverly Hills
P.D.
James Chang, S/R Deputy, L.A.S.D. (Class 107
West)
James R. Osbrink, S/R Deputy, L.A.S.D. (Class 107
West)
Rabbi Mark Hyman, Chaplain, Manhattan Beach
P.D.
Sam Storm, Res. Deputy Sheriff, Orange County
S.D.
Max Subin, Detective, Beverly Hills P.D.
Randy M. Ziegler, President, Malinow & Silverman
Mortuary

Tappan Zee, S/R Deputy, L.A.S.D.; Class 107 West
D.I., Mentor & Class
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MAZEL TOV TO:

Jon Olesen for being selected as the "Zebra"
Operator of the Year for the Los Angeles
County Disaster Communications Services.

REFUAH SHELEMAH

We wish a speedy and continuing recovery to:

Yehuda (Packman) Packer

SHERIFF'S YOUTH FOUNDATION

The Mission Statement of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department states as its first principle: "Lead the Fight to Prevent Crime and Injustice." One major way to prevent crime is to provide the "at risk" youth of Los Angeles County with programs that fill a critical void in their development. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is deservedly proud of its non-profit organization, the "Sheriff's Youth Foundation." The Sheriff's Youth Foundation (SYF) provides a number of services to "at-risk" youth throughout Los Angeles County. It's made up of three specific units: Youth Activity Leagues, Success Through Awareness and Resistance (STAR) Program, and the Vital Intervention Directional Alternatives (V.I.D.A.) Program.

The **Youth Activity Leagues** (YAL's) provide educational tutoring, computer training, cultural field trips, sports activities, and character building activities for "at-risk" children ages 8-17. These children, some for the very first time, enjoy a positive relationship with law enforcement, in addition to finding a sense of belonging with a caring adult and other children in their age group during the hours of the day that most juvenile crime is committed (3 p.m. - 7 p.m.).

The **Success Through Awareness and Resistance** (STAR) Program provides drug, gang, and violence prevention education to students throughout Los Angeles County. The deputies assigned to the STAR Unit work with 202 schools in 30 school districts, teaching more than 46,000 students on a monthly basis. The United States Department of Education's

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Principles of Effectiveness, and the "No Child Left Behind Act," require that schools provide scientifically based programs that have been proven to be effective in preventing tobacco use, alcohol use, other drug use, and violence. Deputies assigned to the STAR Unit provide such lessons from research validated, exemplary, or model programs, as identified by five different agencies. The curricula most widely used are Too Good for Drugs, Too Good for Violence, and Project ALERT.

The Vital Intervention Directional Alternative (V.I.D.A.) Program is specifically designed for "at-risk" youth who have demonstrated behaviors that appear to be leading them to serious consequences for their future. V.I.D.A. utilizes pro-active and innovative techniques leading to positive redirection for these young people. It is a 16-week program overseen by deputy personnel and community volunteers, and offers several specific methods designed to alter negative behavior, and direct these young people away from the criminal element. The program's focus is to instill, in every participant, the courage and ability to make the choices necessary for a successful and prosperous future. V.I.D.A. also provides a family guidance component to the training by offering parenting classes, family counseling, and youth counseling.

Support the Foundation

The Vice Chair of the Foundation is Tom Flesh, the current President of Sinai Temple, a relative of Rabbi Henry Kraus and a supporter of the Shomrim Society for many years. The Sheriff's Youth Foundation is a federally recognized 501(c) 3 organization. Your contributions to this vital effort may be made by sending your tax deductible check to Lt. Donnie Mauldin, Executive Director, Sheriff's Youth Foundation, 4700 Ramona Blvd., 4th Floor, Monterey Park, CA 91754-2169.

SHAVOUT

By Rabbi Dr. Henry E. Kraus

Shavuot will be celebrated this year on Wednesday and Thursday May 23th and 24th (Sivan 6th & 7th). This holiday has several names: Shavuot, the Festival of Weeks, because it falls seven weeks after Pesach concluding the Sefirah period. Shavout has great agricultural significance and is called Yom

Habbikurim, the Festival of the First Fruits and also Hag Hakatzer, the Harvest Festival. Tradition tells us that the Torah was given at Mt. Sinai on Shavuot, hence the name Zeman Matan Toratenu. The holiday commemorates the Day God revealed himself by giving the Ten Commandments through the Jewish People to Mankind. Revelation informs us that by living a life of integrity and honesty, by having the proper regard for our fellow human being, by practicing righteousness we come to have a better relationship with other human beings, but a deeper relationship with God. The Ten Commandments although brief, comprehensive and authoritative cover the duty of man to God and to his fellow man in only 120 words. These words influenced the whole course of civilization. The Laws of Sinai reaches into the very depths of the human soul. It raises every individual to the highest peak of the spirit and by this a man comes closer to man and God. Among the special prayers added to the Service on Shavuot is a hymn in praise of Torah. We also read the Book of Ruth. It is also an old custom to study Torah on the night of Shavuot. The traditional foods served at meals on this holiday are Dairy products. Our prayer on this Holiday should be, as always: May we the members of this generation prove worthy of the honor bestowed upon our ancestors at Mt. Sinai to bear the sacred trust for the welfare and peace of Israel and the World.

My best wishes for a Happy and Joyous Shavuot.

HATIKVA

A rare recording of the "Hatikva" from 61 years ago. It was recorded by a British reporter in May 1945 in Bergen-Belsen when the British army liberated the few thousand survivors in the concentration camp, half of which were Jewish, most of them were at the extremes of their strength. The British priest organized prayers for Kabbalat Shabbat for the Jews, it was the first time after 6 years of war and after more than 10 years of persecution. With a lot of effort the Jews organized themselves and, knowing they were recorded, sang "Hatikva". As you can hear they sang the original version exactly as it was written by Naftali Imber.

<http://genealogy.org.il/BergenBelsenHatikva.mp3>
Am Israel Chai!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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IF I FORGET THEE OH JERUSALEM – SOME THOUGHTS ON ISRAEL AND WINE

By Scott S. Widitor

It seems that that the Jewish community's thoughts turn to Israeli wine only on Passover. Frankly, I have read far too many articles about the fact that kosher wine is no longer syrupy and sweet. Enough already! There is something more important to be said. The real news in wine is Israel's development as a producer of "world class" wines and their desire to develop this sector of their economy in the face of extraordinary adversity.

Now – at the risk of being too religious and too political - I will start by saying that I am often astounded to find that many people still do not consider Israeli wines suitable for normal, everyday consumption. It never ceases to amaze me that Jewish people who buy California, French, Spanish or Italian wines during the year, will only consider purchasing Israeli wine for religious holidays.

A Questionable Past and a Remarkable Metamorphosis

To be fair, Israel has never been known for quality wine production. In the past there were other priorities and limited resources. Israeli wines depended on the fact that there were few alternatives in the "kosher" wine market. Jews have also never been large consumers of wine. Israeli wine manufacturers knew that whatever they produced, Jewish consumers would buy it out of pity for the fledging state and because there were few kosher alternatives available. Thankfully, Israel has matured and everything has changed.

Competition in the kosher market has also caused the quality of kosher wines to improve exponentially- although, as noted - this still seems to surprise many wine experts. Israel led the way in this regard when the Golan Heights Winery started producing high quality wines in the early 1980's.

The potential for quality has always existed. The only thing that is unique to kosher wine is that, during manufacturing, Jews who observe the Sabbath must handle the wine until it is sealed in the bottle. Now, with changing tastes and rising incomes, the potential of kosher wines has come to fruition and Israeli wines led the way.

More than 170 wineries are now producing wine throughout Israel. Many of these wines are extraordinarily good. Remarkably, many are not kosher. As incomes have increased, Israelis and Jews around the world have begun to appreciate wine as a part of secular as well as religious life.

Modern Israel is now generally divided into five wine producing regions.

The Negev

Starting in the south, one will discover the amazing new vineyards of the northern Negev where drip irrigation (technology, pioneered by Israel) has made it possible to grow grapes in the desert. Carmel was the first of the bigger wineries to establish vineyards in the Negev. They have also established a boutique winery at Ramat Arad, near the famous archeological site of Masada. Vineyards have been planted here by Tishbi at Sde Boker and by Barkan at Mitzpe Ramon.

The Judean Hills

Moving north and gaining altitude, one quickly encounters the Judean Hills – highlands surrounding the western environs of city of Jerusalem. The cooler climate of this region has proven excellent for viniculture. The soils here produce French style wines which are earthy. The French call this quality terroir. The Judean Hills are also the home to many small wineries that specialize in sweet kosher wines. The Judean Hills are Israel's most ancient wine producing region. Roman emperors drank wine from this region. Today it is home to the vineyards of the remarkable, and highly rated, Castel (very French in style) and Yatir wineries.

Shimshon

Turning westward toward the coast one finds the third region, know as Shimshon. Located between the Judean Hills and the Coastal Plain, Shimshon is home to Carmel's Rishon-le- Zion winery, one of the first in modern Israel. Now it's one of the older landmarks in the middle of a bustling city just minutes southeast of Tel Aviv.

Shomron

Following the coast north from Tel Aviv we enter the Shomron region south of Haifa. Wineries in this area include Binyamina and the Zichron Ya'acov winery of Carmel Mizrahi, as well as several boutique wineries. This is the largest grape growing

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area in the country and the oldest of the modern wine regions.

The Galilee and the Golan

Traveling northeast and moving inland once again, one finds the fifth region - the Galilee or Galil. This appellation includes the adjacent Golan Heights. With its high elevation, cool breezes, temperature contrasts and rich, well-drained volcanic soils, it is the region most suited for modern viticulture in all of Israel.

The similarities between the eastern Galil and the California wine country are striking. From the volcanic soil to the climate, to the topography these two areas possess almost identical wine making resources and, like their American counterparts, Israeli wineries are putting them to very good use.

Wines from the Galil include Dalton, Segal, Margalit and Saslove. By far the most famous of the Galilee enterprises is the Golan Heights Winery. It was the Golan Heights Winery that launched Israel's entry into the world class wine market. The winery has repeatedly won the highest recognition at major international wine exhibitions, competing against fine wines from around the world.

In 2000, the Golan Heights Winery began a joint venture with Kibbutz Yiron and created the Galil Mountain Winery. Galil Mountain is a state of the art "high tech" winery which is only about 100 meters from Lebanon.

The Future

Israel's trade ministry recently declared wine to be a priority for national industrial, agricultural and export development. Wine is a high value agricultural product. Viticulture uses relatively little water and the soils and climate in Israel are well suited to the task.

Unfortunately, at this point in time it seems that anybody and everybody is producing wine. The world is literally awash in a sea of wine. The Israelis could not have picked a more inauspicious time to make a push into the world wine market.

Last summer, additional strains were placed on Israel. The wineries of the Galilee suffered, along with the population of northern Israel, under Hezbollah's rocket attacks. Remarkably, through

the grace of G-d, hostilities ended just as the harvest was getting under way. Although little physical damage was done to the wineries, the disruptions, dislocations and damage done to the regional and national economy were quite severe. Many operations against Hezbollah's bases at Moran en Raas and Beit Jebel in Lebanon were launched from the area around the Galil Mountain Winery.

Finally, as if ignorance and prejudice, adverse market conditions and war were not enough, Israeli products (including wine) face boycotts and embargos around the world.

“If I Am Not For Myself Then Who Will Be For Me . . . “

The Jewish people owe much to Israel. It has provided refuge and sustenance to millions of Jews from around the world. It is a place where we can be free people in our own land. The words are from Hatikvah, the Israeli national anthem. As Americans we often forget the importance of Jewish homeland. Yet in every generation something occurs that reminds Jews elsewhere in the world of the value and necessity of the State of Israel.

Almost eight hundred years ago the great Jewish philosopher and rabbi – Moses Maimonides, also known as the Rambam, in his famous “Guide to the Perplexed” developed an analysis of tzedakah (charity) which included eight levels of assistance. His highest and most noble level was to provide assistance through a loan or by accepting someone into a business partnership or by helping someone find employment. By extension, this analysis includes doing business with those who need support.

Tzedakah is not pity or guilt. It comes from the root work tzedek which means “justice.” Anyone who appreciates good wine will quickly come to understand that Israeli wines are as good as any in the world and better than most. They deserve a fair opportunity to compete and develop. Certainly they deserve more respect than they have been getting in the world market.

Over two thousand years ago the great Hillel wrote: “If I am not for myself, then who will be for me? (Pirkei Avot 1:14) We have always realized that Israel needs all the help it can get. Now it is time for

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all of us to put into practice what the Rambam taught us and to recall the words of the great Rabbi Hillel.

Israeli culture is a beautiful remarkable fusion of ancient and modern traditions. Modern Israeli viticulture and enology are wonderful examples of this phenomenon. Ancient traditions of kashrut and modern winemaking have been harmonized to create some of the best wines in the world. So, seek out and try some Israeli wines. If you don't find them in stores ask for them. Buy them and enjoy them. Better yet, show them off to rest the world. Your friends, Jewish and Gentile, will appreciate the wines and Israel will appreciate the business.

CATASTROPHIC FAILURE OF SEMIAUTOMATIC HANDGUNS

The following bulletin was received from the New Jersey State Police - Officer Safety Division

Date: February 23, 2007

Continuous reloading and chambering of the same round may cause catastrophic failure in semiautomatic handguns.

The Security Force at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, New Mexico, recently reported on the catastrophic failure of a semiautomatic handgun when it was fired. The internal explosion caused the frame to break while the slide and barrel separated from the weapon and traveled down range. No one was injured in the incident. An investigation revealed that security personnel were repeatedly charging the same round of ammunition into the chamber.

Technical personnel at Glock Inc. advise that repeated chambering of the same round may cause the bullet to move deeper in the casing, further compacting the propellant. When a normal cartridge is fired, the firing pin hits the primer, igniting the propellant. When the propellant burns, the gas pressure drives the bullet out of the case and down the barrel. However, if the propellant has been compact, the pressure may increase beyond the gun's specifications, causing the weapon to break apart. Sigarms Inc's personnel confirm that reloading the same round five or six times will cause the problems, noting that reloading the same round even once will void their warranty. Both manufacturers

stress that the problem is not with the gun, but with chambering the same round repeatedly.

The NJ Regional Operations Intelligence Center urges all law enforcement officers not to chamber the same round when loading their weapons.

***For example, when you clean your weapon, most of us drop the magazine and then pull the slide back thereby ejecting the round in the barrel. After cleaning the weapon many of us will return the "same" round to the barrel that we initially extracted. Each time the slide slams forward on that same round it seats it deeper into the cartridge. Apparently, by seating the round deeper into the cartridge, it creates greater pressure when the round is intentionally detonated by a firing pin strike and is causing weapon's to explode.

TRIVIA

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "the rule of thumb."

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden"...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28% (now get this...) the percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%.

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GIGGLES

Actual Ads From Israeli Newspapers

These are actual Personal Ads from Israeli newspapers:

Shmuel Gabbai, 36.
I take out the Torah Saturday morning.
Would like to take you out Saturday night.
Please write.

Couch potato latke in search
of the right applesauce.
Let's try it for 8 days.
Who knows?

Divorced Jewish man seeks partner to attend shul,
light shabbos candles,
celebrate holidays,
build Sukkah together,
attend brisses, bar mitzvahs -
Religion not important.

Orthodox woman with get, seeks man who got get
or can get get.
Get it?
I'll show you mine
if you show me yours.

Sincere rabbinical student, 27, enjoys Yom Kippur,
Tisha B'av, Taanis Esther, Tzom Gedalia,
Asarah B'Teves, Shiva Asar b'Tammuz.
Seeks companion for living life in the "fast" lane.

Yeshiva bochur, Torah scholar, long beard, payos.
Seeks same in woman.

Nice Jewish guy, 38.
No skeletons.
No baggage.
No personality.

Female graduate student,
studying kaballah, Zohar,
exorcism of dybbuks,
seeks mensch.
No weirdos, please.

Jewish businessman, 49, manufactures Sabbath
candles, Chanukah candles, havdallah candles,
Yahrzeit candles. Seeks non-smoker.

I am a sensitive Jewish prince whom you can open
your heart to, share your innermost thoughts
and deepest secrets. Confide in me. I'll understand
your insecurities. No fatties, please.

Jewish male, 34, very successful, smart,
independent, self-made, looking for girl
whose father will hire me.

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

NEW CAPS

Shomrim of Southern California Caps are now
available with the new Logo. They are \$8.00
each, or 2 for \$15.00.

NATIONAL SHOMRIM AND SHOMRIMSOCAL ON THE WEB

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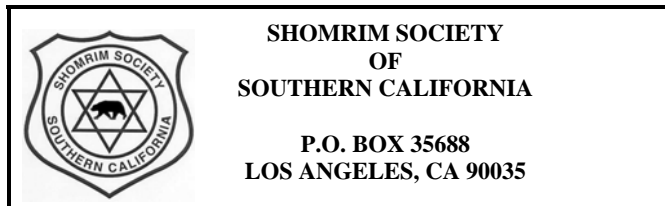
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MEMBERSHIP

Use the form on the left to recruit new members for our organization or to have old members renew. Please have the application completed with all the information requested, including the e-mail address as much of our communication with members is done by e-mail.

Members of any Southern California law enforcement, public safety or administration of justice agency, law enforcement or public safety reserve officers, retired members of those agencies, or persons eligible to become a member of the National Conference may apply for membership as Regular Members. Thus, in addition to peace officers, fire fighters, men and women of the Jewish faith who are employed or retired from the various fields of law enforcement, public safety, and the administration of justice such as prosecutors, judges, parole and probation officers, correctional officers, and paramedics, to name a few, are also eligible for Regular Membership.

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.

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