

SHOMRIM SOCIETY OF ILLINOIS ENDOWMENT FUND
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Dear Fellow Shomrim Members and Friends,

I am pleased and proud to be Chairman for this year's Shomrim Society of Illinois Endowment Fund's "Organization of the Year" Award Reception at the Larry and Lillian Goodman Conference Center located at the Jewish United Fund, 30 South Wells Street, Chicago. This year, we are proud to honor the **Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago**, as our "Organization of the Year" and Charles Halpern as our "Police Officer of the Year." Proceeds from this year's reception benefit the Shomrim Society of Illinois Endowment Fund Scholarship Program.



If a "central address" exists in the Chicago Jewish community, the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation is it. It marshals resources to annually serve 500,000 Chicagoans of all faiths and 2 million Jews worldwide. Over the past three decades, helping hundreds of local Jewish facilities to be more secure has become a priority. FBI reports detail how Jews and Jewish institutions are the most frequent targets for religion-based hate crimes in the country. From partnering with law enforcement to sponsoring cross-training missions to Israel for law enforcement executives, and from hosting regular security summits for Jewish groups to providing direct security services to dozens of its own facilities and at hundreds of its own sponsored events, Chicago's Jewish community is safer today thanks to JUF's efforts.

Those efforts went into overdrive in 2017 as a wave of anti-Semitic threats and attacks targeted Jewish institutions across the United States. JUF moved quickly, launching its 2nd and largest security grant cycle. Within three months of convening a major community security summit, JUF awarded nearly \$1.2 million to 61 Chicago-area Jewish sites. JUF's grants were matching, strategically leveraging another \$1.7 million. In total, the \$2.9 million enabled such security enhancements as surveillance systems, access controls, security personnel, and other site improvements and measures at 25 synagogues, 17 schools, 12 agency locations, 3 camps, 2 colleges and a radio alert system for synagogues and security coordinators. Awards were made in Elgin, Naperville, Lombard, Oak Park, River Forest, Wisconsin, as well as the city, and near North, North and Northwest suburbs.

For its long standing partnership with law enforcement, including Shomrim, and especially for its 2017 security grant program, the Shomrim Society of Illinois Endowment Fund is proud to recognize JUF with its 2018 "Organization of the Year" Award. Accepting the award on JUF's behalf will be its Executive Vice President Jay Teath. Jay, who supervises JUF's security staff and projects, including the cross training missions to Israel, is a longtime partner of Shomrim as well as a retired U.S. Army captain.

Charles Halpern is a 26 year veteran of the Chicago Police Department, currently assigned as a Sergeant in the Shakespeare District. He lives in the Albany Park neighborhood. Charles began his career as a Policeman in the 024th District where he served from 1992-1999 when he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He has held assignments in the Harrison, Foster and Grand Central Districts. He has received two Department Commendations, one lifesaving award, was honored by the Fraternal Order of Police and has numerous citations and unit awards along with 17 complimentary letters and 78 honorable mentions.

Charles has been a member of the Shomrim for 40 years, being introduced to the organization by his late mother, Beverly, a Cook County Bailiff and his late sister, Natalie, a Cook County Corrections Officer. Charles holds degrees in Accounting and Economics from Northeastern Illinois University and a Master's Degree in Law Enforcement Administration from Calumet University. Charles played for the Chicago Police baseball team for nine years, enjoys golfing and is an avid Apiarist. Charles participates in numerous local and national philanthropic activities. The Shomrim Society of Illinois is entering its 59th year as one of the oldest ethnic police organizations in this area. We are very proud of our own accomplishments in community relations, charitable activities and the spirit of brotherhood which we have helped engender among our brethren in law enforcement. Your kind support of the Shomrim Society Endowment Fund, in whatever capacity you are able to give, is greatly appreciated.

Marc Buslik, *President*

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Appel".

David Appel, *Event Chairman*

Leroy Levy, *Co-Chair*

Bruce Rottner, *Co-Chair*

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