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The Honorable Judge Megan Goldish is our 2019 "Woman of the Year." Judge Goldish graduated with honors from the Northwestern Pritzker University School of Law. Prior to that, she received her undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign where she graduated *Magna Cum Laude* and as a Graduate of Distinction. Judge Goldish was elected to the bench in 2014 and currently sits in the Domestic Relations Division. Judge Goldish is extremely active in the legal community. She serves on the Board of Managers of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers and is the Second Vice-President of the North Suburban Bar Association. Judge Goldish is very involved in numerous charitable and civic activities. She serves as the co-President of the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind Junior Board, is a Board member of the Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation as well as other Boards of charitable and civic organizations. Judge Goldish and her husband, Matthew Savage, a Chicago Police Crime Scene Investigator and a Major in the United State Army reside in Chicago.



Lieutenant Val Roytman and his family immigrated to the United States from Kiev, Ukraine in 1978. A graduate of Niles North High School, Lt. Roytman then attended the University of Illinois, Chicago, earning both a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts degree(s). After serving three years on the Northwestern University Police Department, Lt. Roytman joined the Chicago Police Department in 1991. He worked in the 24th District for five years and was promoted to sergeant in 1996. He worked in a variety of assignments including the Public Transportation Section, as a K-9 Sergeant Team Leader and as an instructor teaching Terrorism and Response. He was instrumental in developing the TARA2 program, a counter terrorism program for police officers. Lt. Roytman was promoted to lieutenant in September 2012 and assigned to the south and west sides. His last assignment was in the 17th (Albany Park) District. Lt. Roytman retired on June 15, 2019. He resides in Chicago with his wife, Anna. The Roytmans have a son and a daughter.



Lieutenant Gary Merrill is in his 24th year with the Cook County Sheriff's Office and is assigned to the Department Of Corrections. Prior to becoming a member of the Cook County Sheriff's Department in 1995 Gary was the Head Coach of the UICC-University of Illinois at Chicago Circle's Men's Intercollegiate Golf Team, and later worked in sales/marketing management and training. Over the past 24 years Gary has held the positions of Officer, Sergeant, and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2002. As a Lieutenant/Shift Cmdr. He has organized searches, done training, represented his respective unit on the Weapons Free Committee and in CIID meetings, and heads up the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run Program benefiting Illinois Special Olympics at the CCDOC. Gary has also received special training in dangerous drugs and narcotics, gangs, arrest procedures, and fire/safety. Gary is currently assigned to the Support Services Unit, conducts home checks, management inquiry investigations, and has been presented with the Cook County Sheriff's Award of Excellence.



The Simon Wiesenthal Center is a global human rights organization researching the Holocaust and hate in a historic and contemporary context. The Center confronts anti-Semitism, hate and terrorism, promotes human rights and dignity, stands with Israel, defends the safety of Jews worldwide, and teaches the lessons of the Holocaust for future generations. With a constituency of over 400,000 households in the United States, it is accredited as an NGO at international organizations including the United Nations, UNESCO, OSCE, Organization of American States (OAS), the Latin American Parliament (PARLATINO) and the Council of Europe. Headquartered in Los Angeles, the Simon Wiesenthal Center maintains offices in New York, Toronto, Miami, Chicago, Paris, Buenos Aires, and Jerusalem.



The Shomrim Society's Director of Special Activities, Elliot Cohen has been a member of the Shomrim since 1972. Since joining our organization 47 years ago, Elliot has distinguished himself in many ways, serving as an officer and trustee, managing Shomrim events and mentoring younger members. Most recently, Elliot has organized and led several law enforcement oriented trips to Israel, joining other Shomers from throughout our country. Elliot served in the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department for 30 years. He held a variety of assignments and always practiced what he calls, "compassionate policing." Elliot is also known for being the only Sheriff's Department police officer who signed his name in Hebrew on the traffic citations he issued! We are proud to recognize Elliot for a lifetime of achievement in our organization and during his law enforcement career.

