

Identity Theft Affects Millions, Survey Shows

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More than **27 million Americans** have been victims of identity theft in the last five years, a survey released today by the Government estimated, including nearly 10 million in the last year alone.

The costs of the misuse of information fraudulently obtained from everything from credit cards to bank accounts to stolen Social Security cards is significant.

According to the survey, which was conducted by the Federal Trade Commission, businesses and financial institutions suffered losses of nearly \$48 billion last year. To deal with the problem, consumers reported nearly \$5 billion in out-of-pocket expenses.

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According to the survey, 67 percent of the respondents said their credit card accounts had been misused in the past year. Another 19 percent said thieves had tapped into their checking or savings accounts.

For the rest of the article, please go to the BSKI Web Site at www.e-bski.org

BSKI's Men's Club invites you to hear about this growing problem at our Synagogue on **Sunday, November 23, 2003 at 10 AM**. Breakfast will be served. Two officers from the Richmond Heights Police Department will present this important topic and allow you to ask questions.

Don't miss this program! It is free to come but it could cost you to miss it!

RSVP either via the Web Site, or tear off the lower part of this letter and send it to
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Yes, I/We are planning to attend the Identity Theft meeting. How many for breakfast? _____

Yes, I want to pay my Men's Club Membership Dues for 2004 (\$25) now, so I don't receive reminders from you.

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