



# Kehila Kedosha Janina

Synagogue and Museum

280 Broome Street, New York, NY 10002

**April 2008 e-mail newsletter**

**Dear Friends of Kehila Kedosha Janina,**

**Our best wishes for a sweet and joyous Pessah to our Jewish friends, and a Kalo Paschah to our Greek Christian friends. Our e-newsletters have been very well received and will remain a permanent monthly feature. We are still working on resolving certain technical glitches. Many still have trouble seeing the images. Therefore, we will include a copy of the e-letter in an attachment in future mailings.**

**If you are on our e-mailing lists, you will receive our e-letter automatically. If for any reason you do not wish to receive the e-mail newsletter, please inform us.**

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## **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR SERVICES AT KEHILA KEDOSHA JANINA**

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**280 BROOME STREET  
NEW YORK, NY 10002**

*The Officers and Congregation of Kehila Kedosha Janina cordially invite you to*

*join us for Pesach services.*

*Kehila Kedosha Janina, at the same location on the Lower East Side for the past 80 years, is the last remaining Romaniote synagogue in the Western Hemisphere conducting services in the Judeo/Greek, Sephardic (Minhag) tradition.*

### **PASSOVER**

Saturday	April 19	Shabbat Hagadol	Shacharit	9:00am
Saturday	April 19	Erev of Pesach	Mincha/Arvith	6:15pm
Sunday	April 20	Pesach 1 <sup>st</sup> Day	Shacharit	9:00am
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			Counting of the Omer	
Monday	April 21	Pesach 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	Shacharit	9:00am
Saturday	April 26	Pesach 7 <sup>th</sup> Day	Shacharit	9:00am
Sunday	April 27	Pesach 8 <sup>th</sup> Day (Last Day)	Shacharit Yizkor	9:00am

*Prayer Books and shawls are available at the synagogue.*

*For additional Information, Please Contact:*

**MARVIN MARCUS, PRESIDENT (212) 431-1619**

*We Look Forward to Having You Join Us for the Holidays.*

*L'Shana Tovah*

*Marvin Marcus, President*



*Boumelos Pan for making Boumelos yia Pessah or keftedes yia Pessah  
Courtesy Kehila Kedosha Janina Museum Collection*

**If you want to add a touch of Jewish Greece to your Pesach, try the following recipe from Nikos Stavroulakis' "Cookbook of the Jews of Greece." (Contact us if you wish a copy of the Cookbook):**

## Haroset from Ioannina

**1 cup black currants, finely chopped**  
**1 cup raisins, finely chopped**  
**1 cup almonds, finely chopped**  
**½ cup walnuts, finely chopped**  
**½ cup pine nuts**  
**Cinnamon and ground cloves to taste**  
**Sweet red wine**

**Chop and then mash in a mortar the currants and raisins. Mix in the walnuts and whole pine nuts. Add cinnamon and cloves to taste. Moisten well with the wine to make a thick paste. Makes 3 cups.**



*Mortar & Pestle and coffee grinders*

*Courtesy of Kehila Kedosha Janina Museum Collection*

## **NEWS**

### **Kehila Kedosha Janina News**

**The third meeting of the Kedosha Kedosha Janina Book Club took place on Sunday, April 6th at 1:00. The selection for discussion was "Farewell to Salonica," by Leon Sciaky. Bourekas, Greek salad, fruit and koulouria were served. The next meeting will be on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:30. The chosen selection for the June 1st meeting was "The Jews of Byzantium" by Steven Bowman. If you do not have a copy of this book you can order it**

by sending a \$24 check [\$20 plus \$4 P&H within the continental USA] made out to KKJ Museum and mailed to Marcia Haddad Ikonomopoulos, Association of Friends of Greek Jewry, One Hanson Place, Huntington NY 11743.



[\$5 per participant suggested contribution to cover cost of food at all KKJ Book Club meetings].

**Kehila Kedosha Janina Museum will be closed on Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> for observance of Pesach.**

### **NEWS FROM GREECE**

**Bulgaria Finally Accepts Blame for Deaths of Jews from Greece and Yugoslavia during the Holocaust.**

**As reported by Haaretz**

**Bulgaria accepts responsibility for the genocide of more than 11,000 Jews in its jurisdiction during World War II, President Georgi Parvanov said during a visit to Israel.**

**The 11,000 Jewish victims were residents of Thrace in Greece and Macedonia in Yugoslavia, areas annexed to Bulgaria in April 1941. Nazi Germany awarded these regions to the Balkan kingdom in gratitude for its cooperation.**

**Bulgarian police acting under Nazi orders arrested the Jews in the annexed territories and deported them to Treblinka in 1943.**

**The deaths of the Thrace and Macedonian Jews were played down over the years while the rescue of the Bulgarian Jewish population was emphasized.**

**After the fall of the Communist regime in the 1990s, Bulgarian leaders who visited Israel refused to take responsibility for the deeds. Parvanov, a member of the socialist (formerly communist) party, is the first to do so.**

**"When we express justifiable pride at what we have done to save Jews, we do not forget that at the same time there was an anti-Semitic regime in Bulgaria and we do not shirk our responsibility for the fate of more than 11,000 Jews who were deported from Thrace and Macedonia to death camps," he said at a ceremony at the President's**

**Residence in Jerusalem on Tuesday.**

**Israeli President Shimon Peres also emphasized the historical dichotomy in Bulgaria during World War II. A monument to King Boris was removed from a Jerusalem Hills forest in 2000 after protests by a group of Macedonian descendants.**

**Dr. Nissim Yusha on Thursday said that the Bulgarian president's comments are "a great achievement and step forward." But he added that the advocacy group wants Bulgaria to formally and publicly apologize as did former French president Jacques Chirac for the Vichy government's deportation of 75,000 foreign Jews who came to France before and during World War II.**

**[Kehila Kedosha Janina Website \[www.kkjsm.org\]](http://www.kkjsm.org)**

**Please check our website for our latest Romaniote newsletter and updated booklist. Those on our mailing list will receive their newsletter in the mail shortly. If you are not on our mailing list [and wish to be] do contact us with your postal address.**

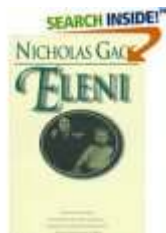
**Do access the following link on our website for an excellent article by Shelomo Alfasa. The article discusses Sephardic Jews on the Lower East Side. The article can be found by going to [www.kkjsm.org](http://www.kkjsm.org) and clicking on 'other links' on the left. The article is listed under 'Articles on Kehila Kedosha Janina' <http://http://alfassa.com/les1.html>.**

### **New Books for Sale**

**We are proud to add the following items to our list of books for sale:**

**ELENI \$15  
Nicholas Gage  
Ballantine Books [1996]**

**We are honored to offer this classic book by our dear friend, Nicholas Gage. A true story set in Epirus during the Greek Civil War.**



**IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME \$15  
John Mole  
Nicholas Brealey Publishing [2006]**

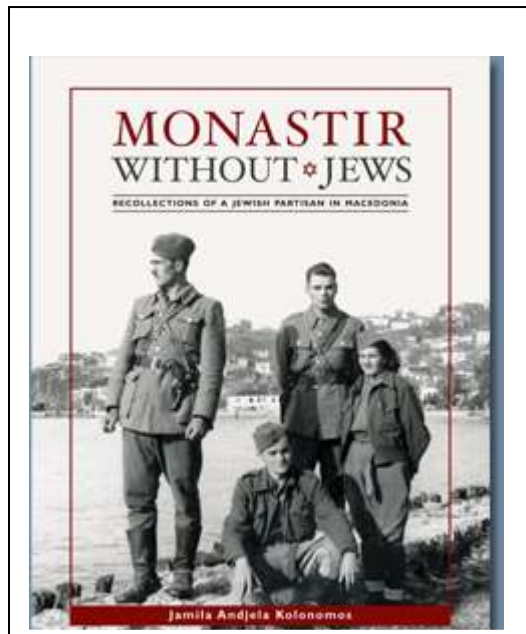
**A delightful look at a "foreigner's" endeavor at living in Greece and the hilarious mistakes he makes in his attempt to speak the language. Light summer reading.**



**MONASTIR WITHOUT JEWS**  
**Jamila Andjela Kolonomos**  
**FASSAC [2008]**

**\$18**

**This book records an eyewitness account of the last days of the Jewish Community of Monastir. It is a story of resistance and survival.**



**NORTH OF ITHAKA**  
**Eleni Gage**  
**St. Martin's Press [2006]**

**\$15**

**Eleni traces her journey of self-discovery as she restores the family homestead in Lia. Her encounter with Greek Jews [from Kehila Kedosha Janina] is one of the highlights of this book.**



**Note: To order any of these items [or others listed on our website] contact us at [kehila\\_kedosha\\_janina@netzero.net](mailto:kehila_kedosha_janina@netzero.net). [please remember to include Postage & Handling: \$4 for first item and \$1 extra for each additional item]. If you are outside the continental USA and wish to order, contact us directly.**