

Newsletter

Dear Sisterhood Member:

Hope You All Enjoyed a Very Joyous, Sweet Pesach



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On a Cold and Snowy Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, the KKJ Museum held a most interesting lecture in the Ada Fiinifter Education Center, and lo and behold, there was standing room only! Nasty weather does not hold our people back from enjoying an educational afternoon...Dr. Peter Stavrianidis presented *"Ethnic Identity and Integration of Greek Jews in Contemporary Greece: A Sociological Study of Their Attitudes and behaviors as an Ethno-religious Minority in a Homogeneous Society"* was the day's topic. The presentation covered the historical background of both Romaniote and Sephardic Jews and their struggles for survival through the demographic and territorial changes that occurred in this complex region of the Balkans – especially with the emergence of the modern Greek state and the horrific carnage of the Holocaust. There was a very lively Q&A, with Dr. Stavrianidis and our own Marcia Ikonomopoulos contributing answers to the questions.



Erev Purim, March 4<sup>th</sup>, brought Purim in a snow-predicted weather pattern. A goodly crowd of 25 hardy souls attended the services. A delicious collation of borekas and traditional foods were enjoyed by all. Hopefully, next year will bring a more spring-like weather prediction and we'll fill the sanctuary to capacity, as in days of old. *Will this winter ever end? Looks like the light is at the end of the tunnel. Weather patterns changing to spring-like, normal days ahead! Hallelulah!* Just in time for the Snow Birds to return home for Pesach in beautiful weather!



Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, Marvin Marcus, President of KKJ, and I attended *Shabbat Across America* at the Sephardic Temple in Cedarhurst. Following Mincha and Friday Evening Services, led by Rabbi Marans, Rabbi Golden and Cantor Yonati, a delicious, traditional Shabbat dinner, prepared by Genadeen Caterers, was served and enjoyed by all who attended, along with a sing-along of Hebrew songs. The Sephardic Temple, was one of approximately 750 synagogues across the continent that opened its doors to host a Shabbat service and festive meal, enabling attendees to experience an interactive Friday night service and delicious Shabbat dinner, in this national Jewish event to celebrate what unifies all Jews.



Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, we at KKJ, were privileged to attend a film about the Jews of Calabria, Italy. This film was beautifully done and told the story of the "hidden Jews" of Italy. There was an overflow of attendees, so much so that the film was shown simultaneously in the Museum space and in the Ada Finifter Education Center. Afterwards, everyone congregated in the Ada Finifter Education Center where the presenter, Dominick Porto, a Calabrian Jew, discussed the film's subject of the Jews of Calabria and the renaissance of Jewish life in the region. Coffee and refreshments rounded out the afternoon's program, with Mr. Porto presiding over a spirited Q&A session. We, once again, thanks to Marcia Ikonomopoulos, KKJ Museum Director, for bringing us this educational and most interesting



April 12<sup>th</sup>, the KKJ Museum presented Isaac Dostis, the Museum's creator, with his new book *"Ioannina My Ioannina"* a comprehensive self-guide to Ioannina. There was a standing-room only crowd in the Ada Finifter Education Center. Refreshments rounded out the afternoon's moving event.



Yom HaShoah at KKJ on April 19<sup>th</sup>, was an emotionally filled event. Rabbi Elcanave officiated at the services to a packed house. The film *"Farewell My Island"* by Isaac Dostis, was shown. This film depicted the poignant story of the Jewish Corfiote's round-up by the Nazis for their long arduous journey to Auschwitz, from which so many were lost never to return to their beautiful island, Corfu.

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

- ~Happy 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Fran & Dave Albahae, and Best Wishes to Fran for a Very Speedy and Complete Recovery from surgery.
- ~Happy 42<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Sandy & Sam Cantos. Wishing You Many More.
- ~Sincerest Condolences to Daisy Schaeffer and Family on the passing of her husband, Ralph.
- ~Best Wishes for a Complete and speedy recovery from surgery to Barbara Schwarz.
- ~Congratulations to Hy & Betty Myones on celebrating their 69<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary! Mazal Tov!
- ~Mazal Tov to Marilyn & Izzy Negrin on their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Here's to Many More! Congrats!
- ~Congratulations to Rita & Arty Taub on the Bar Mitzvah of their Grandson, Jonathan Steinberg. MazalTov
- ~Mazal Tov to Terry & Sol Lafazan on celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!
- ~Condolences to Mary Beth Battino & Family on the passing of her Father Bruce Haynan.
- ~Best Wishes for Complete and Speedy Recovery to Laurie Serwetz's hubby, Mark.
- ~Best Wishes for Good Health to Mollie Cohen, our past president. Hope she's up and around soon!

We received very generous donations from the following, for which we are very grateful:

- ~Deanna Cohen-Marcus – In Memory of Her cousin Morris Cohen.
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- ~Rosaly DeMaio's Roffman – In Honor of the DeMaio's/Moses Family.
- ~Shirley (Sarah) Mandragona – Passover greetings to all, In Memory of Her Parents and Husband.

*Thank You All*

*Save the Date!*  
*Monday After Mother's Day*  
*12 Noon*  
*Monday, May 11, 2015*  
*At*  
*Kehila Kedosha Janina*



*280 Broome Street*  
*New York, NY 10002*  
*Please R.S.V.P. (718) 648-*

*Join Us*  
*Sunday, May 31, 2015*  
*Kehila Kedosha Janina*  
*Hosts the First Ever*  
*Greek/Jewish Street Fair*  
*On Broome Street.*  
*Music, Food, Fun For Everyone!*  
*Broome Street will be closed to*  
*To vehicular traffic that day!*



*Best Regards, Rose Eskononts*

*Sisterhood is saddened to note the passing of Sylvia Messing, long-time Sisterhood Member.*