

COMBINED CALENDAR  
**Kehila Kedosha Janina Museum,  
 Sisterhood of Janina, Brotherhood and Pashas**  
 Spring/Summer/Fall 2011

*Unless otherwise noted, events take place at  
 Kehila Kedosha Janina Synagogue and Museum, 280 Broome Street, NYC.*

### **Museum**

#### **May**

**Sunday, May 1: 1pm** Annual Commemoration for Yom HaShoah. This year we will remember the Jews who perished in the Bulgarian Zones of Occupation in Greece and Yugoslavia. Marcia Haddad Ikonomopoulos, our Museum Director, who lost family from Kavala & Monastir, will present a tribute in their memory.

**Sunday, May 15: 2pm** Book signing by Isaac Benatar, the author of "Rhodes and the Holocaust" No admission charge. Refreshments served.

#### **June**

**Sunday, Jun. 15: 2pm** Koula's Kitchen: Welcome in Spring with Greek-Jewish Spring vegetable recipes. As always, our staff will demonstrate the preparation of the recipes and samples will be available for tasting. Printed copies of the recipes will be available. \$5 admission.

### **Sisterhood**

**Monday, May 9:** Annual "Sisterhood Day After Mother's Day" at the Sephardic Home for the Aged. Contact Rose Eskononts for additional information.

### **Pashas**

**Jun. 24, 25, 26:** Weekend in the Catskills.  
 Contact Pashas for additional information.

### **Brotherhood**

**Saturday, Oct. 22:** This year, two very special past presidents will be honored: Sol Matsil and Marty Genee. A special Shabbat service will be sponsored by the Brotherhood.

**Sunday, Oct. 22** The dinner dance will take place.  
 Contact the Brotherhood for additional information.

# The Romaniote

Newsletter of Kehila Kedosha Janina Synagogue and Museum

## SURVIVAL

The story of Greek Jewry has been punctuated by the word "survival;" survival as the longest continuous Jewish presence in the European Diaspora (going back over 2,300 years); survival in spite of the horrors of the Holocaust (87% of Greek Jewry perished, the largest percentage of any officially occupied country) and, for Kehila Kedosha Janina, survival as a Jewish house of worship. In 1927, when Kehila Kedosha Janina opened its doors, there were hundreds of synagogues on the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

We now proudly stand as one of only five Jewish houses of worship dating from that era still functioning as an active synagogue.

By all accounts, the Jews should have long faded into their place on the bookshelf of history, like all other once-great nations. Certainly, Greek Jewry, due to the devastation of the Holocaust, should have disappeared. We have not. We are a resolute people. In fact, there has been a renewed awareness among Greek Jewry, a pride in who we are and a commitment to preserving our special traditions and customs. Kehila Kedosha Janina is proud to be among those working to ensure that our heritage lives on; not only within the walls of our little synagogue/museum on Broome Street, but anywhere



Greek Jews live and anywhere others want to learn about this unique segment of Judaism.

Kehila Kedosha Janina is here today because of the passion, commitment and perseverance that define Greek Jewry, especially the Romaniotes. Simply put, the Jews who built our humble synagogue 84 years ago were "comfortable in their own shoes," a little "outside the box" but very proud of being both Greek and Jewish. We continue to survive today because this passion, commitment and determination have

been passed down to subsequent generations. Our survival is a matter of choice. We could have gone the way of hundreds of other synagogues on the Lower East Side. We chose to stay and, with the help of countless friends both within our community and new friends who have 'discovered' us and applauded what we were doing, we have been able to restore our synagogue, expand our museum and share our story with the world. Kehila Kedosha Janina has not only survived, but also stands as an example to others. We all walk in someone else's footsteps. Make your imprints deep so that someone else can walk in yours. Sometimes survival is a matter of fate. More often, it's a matter of choice. Please continue supporting us. Choose to ensure our continued survival.



### KEHILA KEDOSHA JANINA SYNAGOGUE AND MUSEUM

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

What does it mean to be a Romaniote? I have pondered this question for a while. Is it the greetings in Greek that you give to other Yanniotes? Is it the sharing of Greek food at home or at the Kehila? Is it the memories of our mothers or grandmothers making wonderful meals or is it much more? I have found we are more than just a cultural phenomenon.

This unique Romaniote community constitutes a very special group. For centuries they have shared experiences that have held them together. There is

a very distinct sense of pride in being Jewish and Greek but more so, there is a true feeling of community among friends and brethren. How beautiful it is to share those loving memories. Struggles, there have been many, but we continue to share with our children and grandchildren the indefinable feeling of belonging and hope for the future that makes us a community.

Sincerely,  
Marvin Marcus  
President

## MESSAGE FROM THE SISTERHOOD OF JANINA

“Survival.” What a powerful word that is in all its many connotations. Survival of tragedies, of losses; survival of the “fittest”! Yes, we all have survived, each in our own way... spouses who’ve lost partners; children who’ve lost parents or siblings, and the country in general, which is losing its youth in foreign lands. However, the particular “Survival” I’d like to comment on is the survival of the Sisterhood of Janina. Who would have thought that this small Lower East Side band of immigrants, newly arrived in this country, would survive all these years? Begun at the height of the Great Depression as an adjunct to Kehila Kedosha Janina under the auspices of Leon Colchamiro, we have weathered and survived the ensuing years...WWII, Vietnam and Korean War, Iraq and Afghanistan, and the 2008 Recession, but, “We are Women, We will Survive”, as the song lyrics say! Our membership

and outreach philosophy has broadened from what it was back in 1932, when the focus of our beneficence was the people in need in the community. Today we direct our charitable donations to a wider spectrum...Israel, Greece, in addition to the Kehila and the Sephardic Home, of which we are charter members. And, with faith, perseverance, hard work and our members’ commitment, we will strive to “Survive” to continue to make our founders proud of our past and future accomplishments. We look forward always to adding new members to our ranks...please join us so we may keep on doing this noble work, the legacy our founders began all those many years ago.

Thank you,  
Rose Eskononts  
President

## FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL WORK ON KEHILA KEDOSHA JANINA

Our building is now 84 years old and, although it has survived as the neighborhood around us has changed, it is now beginning to show the signs of wear and tear. We will have to replace our fire escape (an estimated \$25,000) and the rear doors on two levels (the basement and the second floor, where the Museum and the women’s gallery are located) for an additional estimated \$20,000. Our newsletter goes out to about 3,000 households in the United States. If everyone sent in just \$10 (either as a total contribution or as an addition to their yearly contribution), we would soon be able to raise these funds. Help us to continue to survive.

## STUFFED TOMATOES (DOMATES YEMISTES)

*Recipe from Esther Ackos Winthrop*

10 round ripe tomatoes  
(green peppers can also  
be substituted)  
1 pound chopped  
hamburger meat  
¼ cup rice  
¼ cup of raisins (optional)  
1 medium sized onion  
1 tbsp. parsley  
1 tsp. oregano

1 ½ tsp. salt  
2 tbsp. oil or shortening  
Chop and sauté onion in oil.  
Add hamburger meat and brown.  
Add rest  
of seasonings. Slice tomatoes on  
top and remove all of the insides  
without making holes in tomatoes.  
Cut the insides into small pieces,  
drain the juice and remove seeds.

Add everything. (except juice)  
to meat mixture. Stuff tomatoes  
loosely and put in pan upside  
down. Add juice from tomatoes  
with 2 tbsp. oil and pour over  
tomatoes. You can also add thick  
sliced potatoes and place in pan  
around tomatoes.  
Bake at 350° about 2 hours  
(or until tomatoes look wrinkled).

### DONATIONS HONORING INDIVIDUALS

Rose Eskononts, Doris Cohen  
Habib, Marcia Haddad  
Ikononopoulos, Lois Ledner,  
Rochelle Cohen Mendelow,  
Jaden Hunter Messing, Max and  
Eve Nachmias, Manny Asser’s  
95th birthday, and the Negrin  
Family — Past and Present

*Apology:* Mary Attas’ name was  
incorrectly mentioned as Mollie  
Attas Lebenstein in the last  
Romaniote issue.

### PASSINGS

We mourn the passing of the  
following: Erika Kounio Amariglio,  
Eddie Asser, Jack Bertha, Esther  
Cantos, Deborah Cohen, Nina  
Nissim Cohen, Connie Leon  
Colchamiro, Elliot David, Benny  
Elias, Joe Elias, Eva Calderon Ganis,  
Reba Geik, Morris Levis, Anneta  
Levy Jacobs, Milt Josephs, Harriet  
Menachem, Esther DeCastros Moses,  
Lee Benefits Pessah, Leon Sabbas,  
Joe Sedacca, Murray (Moe) Seraita,  
Jack Toledano, Mollie Weissbard,  
Morris Yoga and Martin Yomtov.  
They will all be missed.

### SPECIAL DONATIONS “IN MEMORY” OF:

Esther & David Abraham, Sara &  
Ben Albala, David Angelou, Mollie  
& Israel Askinazi, Eddie Asser,  
James (Jesse) Asser, Sam Atlas, Mr.  
& Mrs. Ben Barouch, Battino &  
Cantos Family, Rosina Battino &  
Eliezar Pardo, Stella Battino, Cecile  
Bechoropoulos, Hyman & Esther  
Calef, Sam, Esther, Estelle & Lou  
Calef, Shelomo A. Capon, Besson &  
Sophie Cohen, Leon Cohen. Marco  
Cohen, Morris & Mollie Cohen, Esther  
Danon-Nahum, David Morris David.  
Mary, Leah & Milton Dostis, Nissim  
& Esther Eskenazi, Sarah Ezratty,  
Rena Fiderer, Hy Genee, Vincent  
Giordano, George Goodman,  
Avraam Grotas, Anna Isaac, Hanen  
Joseph Isaac, Joseph Hanen Isaac,  
Jack & Beatrice Jacobson, Rebecca  
Eliasof Kailo, Sol & Sarah Karpoff,  
Anna & Max Kornreich, Rabbi  
Jessoula Levy, Rachel & Bobo  
Marcadis, Jerry Marcus, Morris  
Matathia, Eli Matsil, Mollie Matza,  
Norman Mazza, Abraham Mazzas,  
Estelle Meezan, Sylvia Solomon  
Meller, Lola Miles, Elias Mordechai,  
Max Mordechai, Max & Stella  
Moses, Joseph & Rita Negrin, Leo  
& Anna Negrin, Ralph & Anne

Negrin, Renee Negrin, Robert Lloyd  
Negrin, Shirley Negrin, The Negrin  
Family, Lee Pessah, Esther & Joseph  
Politis, Rachel Meezan Rabinowitz,  
Vittoria Venezia Rachnowitz, Carole  
Resnick, Azi Sarfatti, Solomon &  
Sophie Schinasi, Chrysoula Eskenazi  
Sklak, Mollie & Samuel Solomon,  
Murray Solomon, Jack Toledano,  
Terri Trieger, Albert Yamali, Natan  
and Benjamin Younger, and Morris  
& Clara Zacharia.

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## APPEAL FOR REPAIR OF TIKKIM IN IOANNINA

In May of 2010, while Marcia Haddad Ikonomopoulos (tour leader and Museum Director of Kehila Kedosha Janina) was visiting Ioannina, the community approached her for help in raising funds to repair Torah scrolls and *tikkim* damaged by moisture that had leaked into the Aron. The synagogue of Ioannina, a stone building dating back to the mid-19th century, while still strong and not showing any apparent damage, is displaying signs of aging. Moisture has started to seep through some of the walls. Ioannina has cold and rainy winters.

Now that the community is so small in number (only 34 at last count), the synagogue is rarely opened during the winter months. During the winter of 2009-2010, moisture had leaked into the synagogue and penetrated the Aron causing damage to the decorative metal and wood cases (*tikkim*) and Torahs inside. We brought the message home to the community in New York and the Sisterhood of Ioannina raised funds that proved to be sufficient for the initial repair of the Torahs. The community in Ioannina is still seeking funds to repair the *tikkim* and

the walls of the synagogue to prevent future damage. They are also arranging to inspect the synagogue, and open the Aron, on a regular basis during the winter to prevent a future recurrence. Our sister community in Ioannina, Greece, looks to us for help in surviving. We have never failed them in the past and will not fail them now. All donations received will be sent to the Jewish Community of Ioannina. If you wish to contribute to this cause, kindly make checks out to: "Kehila Kedosha Janina – Ioannina Tikkim."

Thank you in advance.

## APPEAL FOR PHOTOS OF GREEK HOLOCAUST VICTIMS

In working for years to preserve the memory of those who were so unjustly murdered in the Holocaust, I've come to realize the importance of photos. Numbers are overwhelming (how can one grasp the full significance of six million); names become insignificant if

we do not connect them with images. Once we put flesh on the bones of those who perished, clothing them with the essence of who they were (their family relations, ages, occupations, etc.), the reality becomes more significant. Therefore, I am asking those of

you who lost family members in the Holocaust in Ioannina to, hopefully, share photos that you have with the Museum of Kehila Kedosha Janina, so that we may give a face to a name. Send your photos digitally to: [kehila\\_kedosha\\_janina@netzero.net](mailto:kehila_kedosha_janina@netzero.net).

## UPDATE ON OUR WEBSITE

Our website has now been visited over 65,000 times! Our continued thanks to Maurice Askinazi, our webmaster, a true Pasha. For those of you who have not visited our website ([www.kkjsm.org](http://www.kkjsm.org)), you can find updates on upcoming events, archives with interesting articles, a list of links to other websites of interest to Greek Jewry, Holocaust lists from many communities in Greece and information on past exhibits. We also archive our e-newsletters (sent out monthly to over 5,000 households worldwide). If you do not yet receive our e-newsletters, contact us at [kehila\\_kedosha\\_janina@netzero.net](mailto:kehila_kedosha_janina@netzero.net) and we will gladly add you

to our list. New on our website this year are the following: photos of our founders' plaques (found on the link "Synagogue Pictures"); our new exhibit on Greek Jewish families ("Dikoi Mas, Los Muestros") found on the link "Exhibits"; articles by our museum director for *Avotaynu* ("Genealogy of Yanniot Jews"), for the *Hellenic Voice* ("In The Shadow Of The Acropolis" and "The Crying Woman") for the *Greek National Herald* ("Remembering And Naming The Greek-Jewish War Heroes Of World War II"); plus additional Holocaust lists from Athens, Arta, Volos, Chalkis and Preveza.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR MUSEUM DIRECTOR

This year, our Museum made major changes in our display of exhibits, making the most use of our limited "real estate." This was necessary to incorporate our latest exhibit ("Dikoi Mas, Los Muestros"), telling the story of Greek Jewish families, both in Greece and here in the United States. The opening of the exhibit on November 14, 2010 was attended by 175 invited guests, including the Consul of Greece in New York, Mr. Kyriokopoulos, and the Archbishop of the Americas, his Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios. A gift was made to the Archbishop of a copy of an historic photo of the Bar Mitzvah of Irwin Josephs, son of Joe Josephs of Blessed Memory. Attending the 1937 Bar Mitzvah, sitting at the dais in front of the Greek flag, next to Rabbi Jessoula Levy of Blessed Memory, was the then Archbishop Athenagoras. Handing the photo to Archbishop Demetrios was Irwin Joseph, looking fantastic at age 86, the grandson of Joe Josephs (also named Joe Josephs) and Jesse Levy, grandson of our Rabbi Jessoula Levy. The exhibit was written up in major Greek publications.

Our thanks to those who donated to support this exhibit (Jerry Pardo, Susan & Jay Holiday in memory of Martin Holiday, David Colchamiro, Mitchell Julis, and Raanan & Michael Baratz in honor of Ami Rahm. A special thanks to Laurie and Mark Serwetz for supplying (pro bono) our beautiful invitations.

Our next major exhibit, due to open at the beginning of November 2011, will talk about Greek-Jewish emigration and

immigration: the world they left behind and what they found here in the "New" world. We are looking for photos with scenes from Greece in the background and street scenes from neighborhoods Greek

Yad Vashem to incorporate the story of Yanniot Jews into their Holocaust education program; and submitting material to Holocaust Studies in Great Britain so that, again, our story is told.



Jews lived in when they arrived in New York (the Lower East Side, Brooklyn, Harlem and the Bronx). In conjunction with this exhibit, we are hoping to complete a listing of ship manifest information on Greek Jewry and demographical information from census reports. The opening of this exhibit will feature reunions of Greek Jews who lived in apartment buildings on the Lower East Side (especially those on Broome Street). We, certainly, do not want to forget those who lived in our sister communities in Brooklyn and the Bronx, and we plan to have additional reunions during the year. When you fill out your cards to return to us, let us know the address you lived at when you were growing up in this special Greek-Jewish world.

In addition to our new exhibit, I have been working on the following since the last Romaniote newsletter: coordinating with

For those of you who have visited our Museum and noticed our "signage," let me thank Vic Cabilis who has supplied signage to our Museum pro bono for years.

As always, my special thanks to my Board of Directors and to my volunteers (Sol & Koula Kofinas, Rose Eskononts, Leonard, Elliot & Jesse Colchamiro, Marvin & Andrew Marcus, Maurice Negrin, Jeff Mordos, Marty Genee and Lois Ledner). Our Museum continues to survive and thrive due to the support of our visitors. Thank you.

This year we lost Vincent Giordano, a talented photographer who had worked closely with the Museum to document our community "Before the Flame Goes out." Vincent passed away at the age of 58. He will be missed.

Marcia Haddad Ikonomopoulos

## MEET THE BOARD: MARC WINTHROP

From the very inception, Marc Winthrop has been a part of the Board of Directors of Kehila Kedosha Janina. Growing up in Duluth, Minnesota, Marc's mother was born in Greece and his father came from an Orthodox Ashkenazi background. Realizing at an early age that his family was somewhat "different" Marc decided to do a little research into his family history. Teaching himself enough Greek to get by, Marc went to Greece to research his family's history, finding out that his mother was born in Preveza (and not Athens, as he had heard throughout his childhood). Returning from Greece, Marc learned that he was really a "Romaniote" Jew. Marc met Hy Genee of Blessed Memory and "it is at this point that my love and commitment to KKJ were born."

Knowing that many in his family had perished in the Holocaust, Marc became instrumental in finding funding for his cousin Laura Zelle's film, *In the Shadow of the Acropolis*, the story of his family's losses and survival (see article in this newsletter).

In Marc's own words, "KKJ has become a rock in my life. Whether I am there or not, I know that every week somebody says a prayer for Talia. And I have known through every step of our ordeal, dealing with her cancer, my KKJ community has



been there for me. I know that whatever mitzvah or tragedy may come along in my life, I can count on my fellow members of KKJ to stand by my side. Talia is doing much better and is on the road to recovery."

"I cannot say how good it makes me feel to know that my kids are so welcome every Saturday morning as they lay out their toys and just hang out in services. They are comfortable everywhere in the synagogue and take great joy in the little things like opening the Ark and looking at the tikks."

"I am looking forward to celebrating our next mitzvah at KKJ."

Marc is a cofounder and partner of Triangle Capital LCC and has been an active investor, entrepreneur and financial advisor for over 20 years. He has brought this expertise to our Board and is on our Financial Committee. Marc is also on the Board of Directors of the Band of Parents, a non-profit organization dedicated to curing neuroblastoma, a deadly pediatric cancer. Marc has an MS and BS in Nuclear Engineering and Engineering Physics from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He is married to Susan and has three children, Talia, Jackson and Kaitlyn.

Thank you, Marc. We are honored to have you on our Board of Directors.

## THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF GREEK JEWRY

The Association of Friends of Greek Jewry continues to act as an advocate for Greek Jewry, visiting Greece each year, and bringing home the message from our co-religionists in Greece and dispensing that message to the four corners of the world. It has always been our mission to ensure that the remnants of Judaism still remaining in Greece continue to feel connected to their brethren in the Diaspora and that this connection be instrumental in their continued

survival. Since our inception in 1997, we have seen a revival in Greece among Greek Jews and, hopefully, we have played a small role. We continue to organize tours to "Jewish Greece," last year combining our annual tour with a visit to Spain. While in Greece, we visited Salonika, Veroia, Kastoria, Athens and, of course, Ioannina. While in Ioannina we learned of the damage to the Torah scrolls encased in the Aron Kodesh in the old synagogue of Ioannina (see the

article on damaged Torah scrolls and *tikkim* in this issue of the *Romaniote*). The Association of Friends of Greek Jewry will join with the Sisterhood of Janina and Kehila Kedosha Janina to raise funds for the restoration of the scrolls. Become a member of the Association. Get on our mailing list. Join us in Greece in 2011!

Marcia Haddad  
Ikonomopoulos  
President

## JEWISH PRESENCE IN ATHENS

One would assume that Athens always had the largest Jewish community in Greece; after all, it is the capital of the country. In actuality, Athens did not become the capital of Greece until 1834 and it was not until after the end of World War II, as survivors from other parts of Greece settled in the capital, many finding it impossible to return to their former Jewish communities elsewhere in the country, that the Jewish Community of Athens became the largest in Greece.

Jewish presence in Athens predated Christianity but, due to an unstable political environment and lack of substantial commerce, it was not until 1885 that the Jewish community was legally established. A synagogue was built in 1904 by Romaniote Jews who had come from Ioannina seeking economic opportunities that their small city in northwestern Greece did not offer them. The synagogue was dedicated as Etz Hayyim in 1906 but is still affectionately known as the Ioannotiki Synagogue. A second synagogue, Beth Shalom, was built in the 1930s.

In 1944, the Athens Jewish Community was a microcosm of Jewish life in the Eastern Mediterranean: indigenous Greek Jews (Romaniotes), and Spanish Jews who came from Turkey, Yugoslavia and major centers of Sephardic life in Greece (Salonika, Drama, Komotini, Kavala, Larissa, Volos, etc.). There were also Romaniote Jews who had their origins elsewhere in Greece (Ioannina, Arta, Preveza, Corfu, Crete and Chalkis) and had left their families behind to come to



Athens to seek their fortunes.

Using deception, the Germans lured Jews into Beth Shalom Synagogue on March 24, 1944, offering free matzoth for Pessach. Mostly men who had come to register, as was required by the Germans to receive the matzoth, many were joined by their wives and children when it was discovered what had happened. They were loaded onto trucks and taken to a nearby military base converted into a detention camp in Haidari where they were kept for a number of days before being loaded into cattle cars and sent to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Their transport arrived on April 11, 1944.

The present Jewish community numbers about 3,000 and is the largest in Greece. Only Beth Shalom Synagogue is used on a regular basis, with daily services and a full holiday schedule. Etz Hayyim Synagogue has been recently restored and is open for the High Holidays, when as in all Jewish communities around the world, there is the need for additional seats.

There is also an excellent Jewish Museum in Athens, originally founded by Nikos Stavroulakis and now under the directorship of Zanet Battino (a Yanniote and a dear friend of Kehila Kedosha Janina). For information on this museum and other Jewish sites in Greece, access our website ([www.kkjsm.org](http://www.kkjsm.org)) under "other links."

The offices of the Jewish Community of Athens are located at 8 Melidoni Street, 10553 Athens. Benjamin Albalas is the president.

## IN THE SHADOW OF THE ACROPOLIS

Kehila Kedosha Janina was honored to show *In the Shadow of the Acropolis* at our annual film festival in 2010. The film is by Laura Zelle and Maxine Davis. Laura Zelle is a first cousin of Marc Winthrop and, like Marc, the child of a survivor from Greece from the Ackos

family. She is the Executive Producer and is the Director of Tolerance Minnesota, an award-winning educational initiative of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas. *In the Shadow of the Acropolis* tells of survival and loss. It tells the rarely told

story of Romaniote Jewry in the Holocaust. The film will be shown May 1, 2011, Yom HaShoah at the Manhattan JCC's annual Yom HaShoah program. *In the Shadow of the Acropolis* is available for purchase through Kehila Kedosha Janina (see our book and gift list).