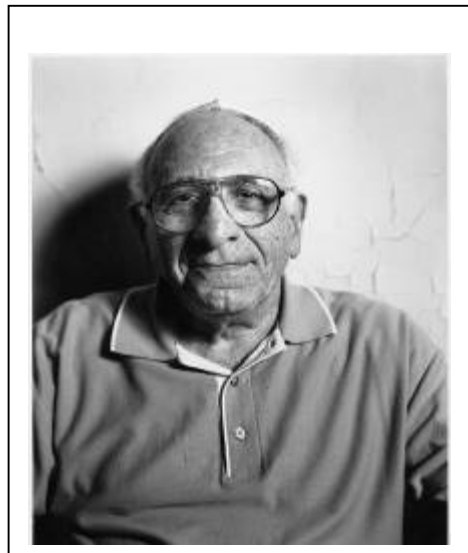




July-August 2016 e-newsletter

Dear Friends of Kehila Kedosha Janina,

This newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Hy Genee, in anticipation of the historic co-naming of Broome (between Allen & Eldridge) as Hy Genee Way.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE: www.kkjsm.org and our new e-mails: info@kkjsm.org and museum@kkjsm.org.

This newsletter, our 89th will, as always, cover news regarding Kehila Kedosha Janina and news concerning Greek Jewry. We hope you find our newsletter interesting. Your feedback is of utmost importance to us. If you missed previous issues, they can be accessed on our website (www.kkjsm.org).

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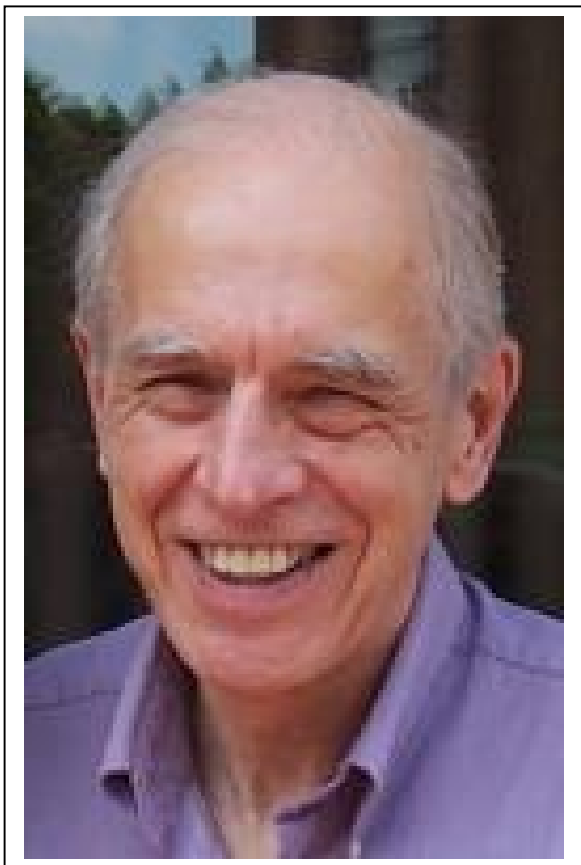
New York, NY 10002.

We now reach over 8000 households worldwide, with our community of 'friends' continually growing with each newsletter. If you know others who wish to be part of this ever-growing network, please have them contact us at museum@kkjsm.org

As always, you are all invited to attend our Saturday morning Shabbat services. Just give our Shamas, Sol Kofinas, a heads up (papusoup@mindspring.com) so we are sure that our Kiddush (traditional Greek Jewish Kosher foods) is sufficient. If you wish to sponsor a Kiddush for a special occasion or an Adara, contact Sol.

Passings

We mourn the passing of Larry Hessman, grandson of Leon Colchamiro. Larry passed at the age of 79. He was the son of Esther Colchamiro and Irving Hessman (both of Blessed Memory). Larry was the grandson of Leon Colchamiro and Julia Mazza Colchamiro, both born in Ioannina. Leon was one of the founders of Kehila Kedosha Janina. Larry was the great-grandson of Jessula and Rachel Galanos Colchamiro and the great great-grandson of Matathias ben Jesula Matathias and Sophie Joseph, all born in Ioannina. Larry is survived by his wife, Erika, his children, Mark and Robin, his brother, Richard and many loving family and friends.



Larry Hessman

As quoted from his obituary in the New York Times:

"HESSMAN, Dr. Lawrence (Larry) of Andover MA, formerly of Brooklyn NY, passed away on July 11, 2016 at age 79. Loved and beloved husband to Erika for 54 years, devoted father to Mark and Robin, doting grandfather to Isaac, Elena, Lucy and Nora, dear brother of Richard, cousin and friend to many.

He was from a large, loving Greek Jewish family on his mother's side, and his maternal grandfather, Leon Colchamiro, was one of the founders of Kehila Kedosha Janina on the Lower East Side— the only Romaniote synagogue in the Western Hemisphere and a National Historic Landmark. The son of a garment worker and an immigrant truck driver with a third grade education, Larry was the embodiment of the American Dream, earning money as a soda jerk, camp counselor and mailman to put himself through Brooklyn College (B.S., cum laude) and Downstate Medical Center. As an Air Force Captain, he received the Air Force Commendation medal for meritorious service. Larry was a board certified gastroenterologist and internist, and was an elected Fellow of the American College of Physicians (FACP). He was a very caring doctor who made house calls long after they were out of fashion and often treated many generations of a family over decades.

Larry was also an inveterate punner, an avid reader, a lover of musical theatre and a student of history. After retiring from his medical practice, he took joy in teaching medical ethics and other subjects at Tufts University School of Medicine and serving on the admission committee for over 10 years. He was proud that he and his wife, despite their humble origins, prioritized education and were able to put their children through Phillips Academy and Brown University. In recent years, he was never happier than when sprawled on the floor with his grandchildren, reading out loud. He died from pancreatic cancer. He is deeply missed and is remembered for his gentle kindness and the twinkle in his eye. Donations may be made to Kehila Kedosha Janina, NY or Dana Farber Pancreatic Cancer Research. Memorial services at Lowell General Hospital (MA) and in Brooklyn NY will be held in coming month."

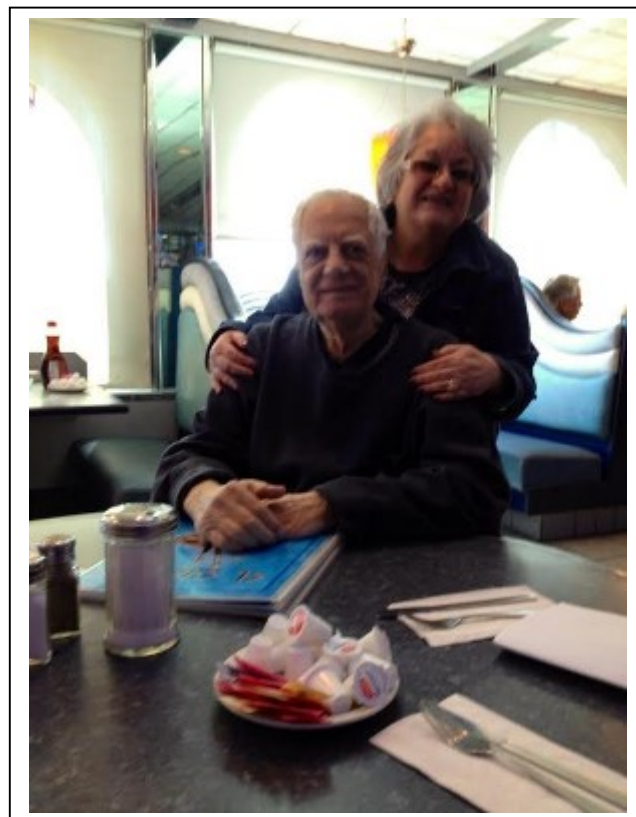
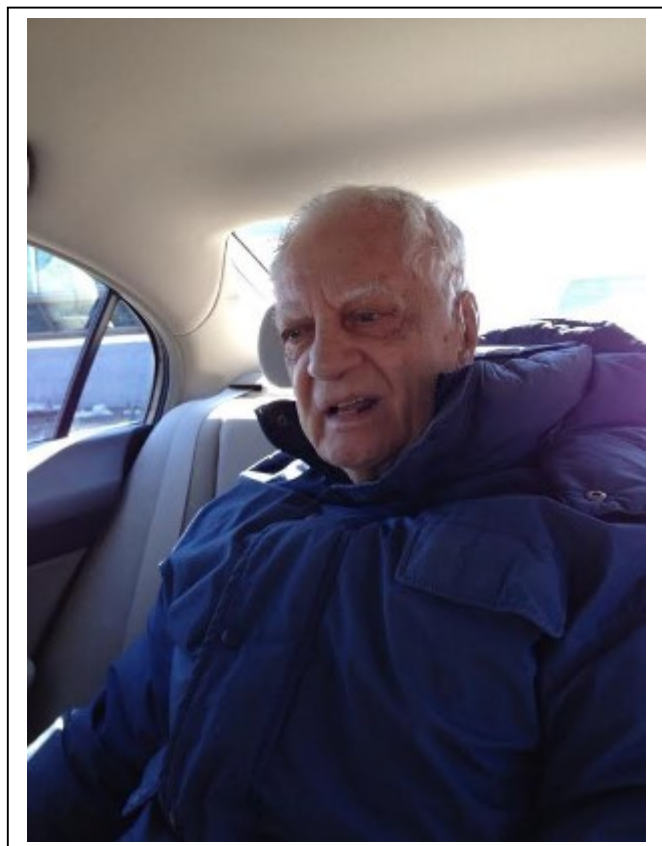
Family of
Leon and Julia
Colchamiro



Simchas

We are always happy to share our simchas with you.

Hy Barouch will be celebrating his 100th birthday on August 28th.



Rose Attas-Ferrari and her uncle Hy Barouch

We celebrate the 90th birthday of Alex Samuels.



Alex with grandsons, Craig and Jeffrey

We celebrate the birth of Giovana Favris Garsh, the first grandchild of Barbara Garsh, the great-granddaughter of Stema Koen Chernin and Harold Chernin, both of Blessed Memory, the great-great-granddaughter of Samuel Isaac and Chaidula Koen, both victims of the Holocaust from Ioannina. Giovana is the latest descendant of the Koen family, the patriarch of which dates back to, at least, the 18th century in Ioannina. Because little Stema Koen survived the Holocaust, sent to live in the United States in 1938, the Koen family continues here in the United States. We celebrate every birth, but especially those that promise us the survival of the Romaniote legacy.



Giovana



Stema's passport photo



Samuel and Chaidula Koen

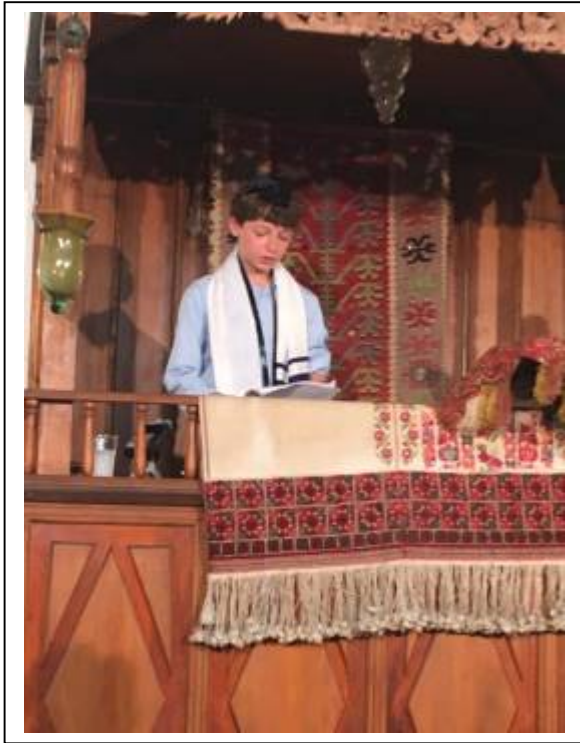
We celebrate the marriage of Robert Serwetz to Alison Jones. Robert is the son of Laurie Eskononts Serwetz and Mark Serwetz, grandson of Rose Capon Eskononts and Murray Eskononts (OBM), great-grandson of Mordechai Eskononts (Askinazi) and Esther Cohen Eskononts (both OBM). The Eskononts and Cohen sides of the family were from Ioannina, but that is only half of Robert's proud Greek heritage. On his maternal grandmother's side of the family, he is descended from the Capon and Marash families from Salonika. Robbie is the great-grandson of Dora Marash and Solomon Capon (both born in Salonika and both OBM).



We celebrate the marriage of Kelly Matalon, daughter of Hella and Elias Matalon of Thessaloniki to Glen De Vreese of Belgium. Kelly is the granddaughter of Heinz and Shelly Kounio.



We celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Eitan Goldman, son of Robert Goldman and Bianca Ventura Goldman, grandson of Iosif and Rita Ventura. The Bar Mitzvah was celebrated in Etz-Hayyim synagogue in Hania, the city of Iosif Ventura's birth. Iosif is the only remaining living survivor of the Jewish Community of Hania. How moving that his grandson's Bar Mitzvah should take place in this synagogue.



Eitan



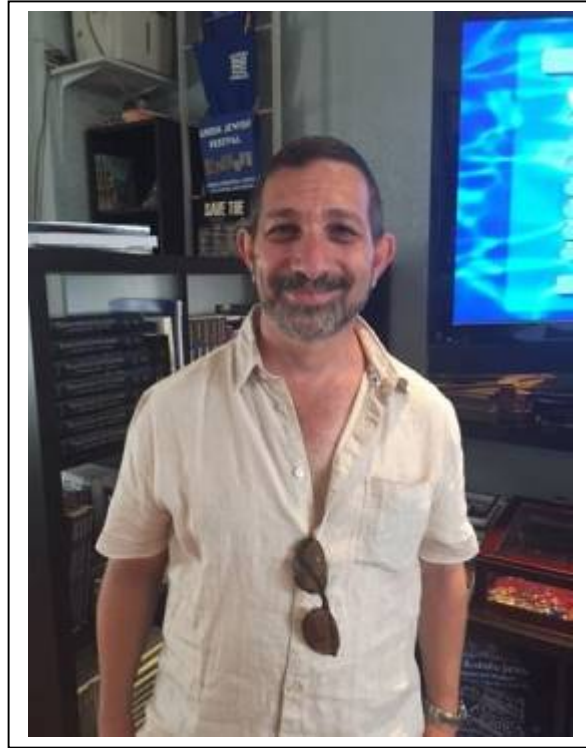
The families gather for the Bar Mitzvah



In front of Iosif's grandfather's store in Hania (opened before World War II)

Aikoi Mas, Los Muestros (our own) come home

We were especially honored by the visit of Avi Masry from Israel. Avi's family (Matsa) was from Patras.



**Members of the
Dostis Family**

As always, visitors continued to flock to Kehila Kedosha Janina

In June, we hosted a number of synagogue and school groups. For all, the visit to Kehila Kedosha Janina is the highlight of their visit to the Lower East Side.



Yeshiva Bais Mikroh of Monsey



**Debra and Scott Steiner from Synagogue lunch group
from Rhode Island**



**Professor Fevronia Soumakis from Columbia and
her class on immigration**

Past Events at Kehila Kedosha Janina

On June 19th, we were treated to a moving presentation of the trailer of the film "The Art of Repair" on the restoration of Etz-Hayyim Synagogue in Hania Crete. Only a few days later, we found ourselves in Hania Crete! (See article on 2016 Tour to Jewish Greece). For those wishing to donate towards the completion of the film: www.hartleyfoundation.org

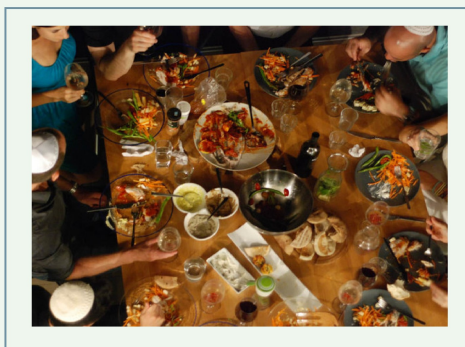


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Upcoming Events of Interest in New York City



DON'T MISS!

Bialystoker the Beautiful - a special evening event

Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 PM

Join us for a **1 hour tour** of the magnificent Bialystoker Synagogue, which was built in 1826 as a Methodist Church, and believed to be a stop on the Underground Railroad. Hear a presentation of Lower East Side history and learn about the largest active congregation on the Lower East Side today. Marvel at this synagogue which is covered in murals and showcases Tiffany inspired glass windows.



[Registration and More Information.](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

Jewish Harlem Walking Tour

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Join **Marty Shore**, urban historian, as he leads you through the sites of Jewish religious life in the remarkable urban settlement of Harlem, once the second largest Jewish community in the United States. In 1917, it was home to more than 175,000 Jews. Delight in the exteriors of grand synagogues that remind us of Harlem's Jewish past. Including the Ethiopian Hebrew Synagogue called "The Commandment Keepers."



[Registration and More Information.](#)

THE SEPHARDIC JEWISH BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA IS CELEBRATING ITS 100TH BIRTHDAY

**SEE ATTACHMENT ENCLOSED
SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH**

News from Jewish Greece

Thessaloniki

http://voria.gr/article/empodia-stin-adiodotisi-tou-mousiou-olokaftomatos-sti-thessaloniki?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=facebook

During our recent trip to Jewish Greece, it was confirmed by David Saltiel, President of the Jewish Community of Thessaloniki, that both Germany and the Stavros Niarchos Foundation have given substantial funds towards the creation of the Holocaust Education Center in Thessaloniki. This center will tell the story of Greek Jewish losses, not only in Thessaloniki, but throughout all of Greece, in the hope that the lessons of the Holocaust will be taught to future generations. The Association of Friends of Greek Jewry, the Sisterhood of Janina and Kehila Kedosha Janina have given funds to enable the Center to be completed.



"The leader of the Jewish community of the second-largest city in Greece is seeking 20 million euros from Germany to compensate Greek Jews for having been forced to pay their own train fare to Nazi death camps in 1943, Newsweek reported Monday.



David Saltiel, president of the Jewish community of Thessaloniki, is hoping any compensation funds the community receives will fund a Holocaust memorial project that would include a monument, an educational facility and a human rights center, "for the Balkans, for Europe and for everybody to study and understand what happened during the Holocaust," Newsweek said.

"We think it's a big opportunity that if the German government decides they want to help, it would be a very good coincidence that this money goes for this purpose," said Saltiel.

He said the memorial would be built on the site of the train station from which Jews were sent to the death camps during World War II.

The total cost of the train fare came to more than 2 million Reichsmark, the equivalent of about 25 million euros today, Newsweek said.

<http://www.haaretz.com/jewish/news/1.648464>"

It is believed that both Germany and the Stavros Niarchos Foundation each gave 25 euros.

Kastoria

The second ARSP summer camp in Greece will take place under the title Home-Habitat-Diaspora. In the Greek region of West Macedonia, a region that was shaped by several ethnic groups, these terms pervade the generations. Welcome to a summer project in the Greek mountains!

Kastoria is located on a peninsula close to the border to Albania. Before the city finally became part of Greece, it was governed by Romans, Byzantines, Greeks, Bulgarians, and the Ottomans. Since the 15th century, a Jewish community existed in Kastoria. Until the beginning of the 20th century, Christians, Muslims, and Jews called the city home. Its multicultural life was destroyed by the emergence of nation states at the beginning of the 20th century; but particularly during the Nazi occupation of Greece from 1941 to 1944.



The summer camp participants will be spending a week in the West Macedonian city of Kastoria where they will be following the traces of the local Jewish community that existed there once. Last year's participants created a flyer about the Jewish life in Kastoria. This year, we want to contribute to disclosing the multi-cultural past of Kastoria by helping with the creation of a museum for Jewish culture. Apart from this we will meet the dance group of the Pontos-Greeks

and do planting work on the local mountain of Kastoria together with the group "Friends of Nature."

During the second week we will be getting to know what life looks like in the little mountain hamlet Klissoura, where the SS committed a massacre of civilians in 1944. Our stay in Klissoura will be focusing on meeting inhabitants of the village and learning about their lives. With our visit we want to keep the memory of that gruesome massacre of 1944 alive and bring it back to the attention of the public in both Germany and Greece. In the upcoming summer camp we want to continue talking to witnesses and deepening friendships.

With our project, we want to bring together people from various age groups and backgrounds to learn from the past together. By doing so, we want to counter the one-sided, negative image which the media in both countries create.

The camp will run from August 19th to September 4th

<https://www.asf-ev.de/en/summer-camps/activities/greece.html>

Ioannina

Yom Kippur in Ioannina

Ioannina, July 18, 2016

Dear friends,

During the last few years, thanks to your support, the celebration of Yom-Kippur in our town has developed into a heartwarming meeting: Jews from Greece (Athens, Salonica and the other Greek Communities), as well as from Israel, the USA and other countries, live an overwhelming experience in our city's historical Synagogue, one of the most important monuments of Greek Judaism. At the same time, our co-religionists, with their dynamic presence, reinforce our efforts to maintain our age-old cultural heritage.

We would like to thank you for your wholehearted moral and financial support, and invite you to join us in celebrating Yom-Kippur in Ioannina, on Tuesday the 11th and Wednesday the 12th of October 2016, in order to honor together the greatest holiday of Judaism, with the reverence and the brightness it deserves.

For your information, on Tuesday afternoon, 11th of October, our beloved rabbi and cantor, Mr. Haim Ischakis, will perform memorial services (hashkavot) at the Jewish Cemetery as well as a memorial service for the victims of the Holocaust, followed by Kaddish prayer. The services will start at 01:30p.m. On the same evening, after the Kol Nidre ceremony at the Synagogue, a special memorial service will be held for the Israeli soldiers, fallen during Yom Kippur War, in October 1973.

On the evening of Wednesday, 12th of October, after the end of fasting and the blowing of the oldest Shofar in Greece, our community will treat its members and all the guests to a festive dinner, which will be held at the Du Lac Hotel. During it, we will honor a prominent member of the Ioanniote Diaspora, Professor Mimis Cohen, whose roots are

from Ioannina and is Professor of Medicine in Chicago Medical School. At the same time, we will honor the last survivors from the concentration camps who were born in Ioannina and were expelled from our city.

Like it did last year, the Community will cover the cost of a 50-seater coach for the transportation of the travelers from Athens. At the same time, as we always do, we will try to get the best possible rates for our city's hotels.

Dear friends, we are certain that, this year as well, you will show your great support to our Community, which although small, is in fact very active, and tries very hard to preserve what was left from the Nazi raid and the loss of 91% of its population. Your presence will give us great joy, as well as the necessary strength to continue our difficult work.

Come to Ioannina, to enjoy the unsurpassed melody of a genuine Romaniote service! Plan in time your trip, and spread the word to your friends. Please confirm your attendance as soon as possible to Mr. Moses Elissaf, President of the Community (+30/693.2476.665) or to Mrs. Allegra Matsa (+30/697.7405.744) or to the offices of the Community (+30/26510.25195). In that way, we will have the time to organize Wednesday's event and festive dinner in a most impeccable way. On our part, we promise you to do our best in order to facilitate your stay in our beautiful city.

We are expecting you!

Jewish Community of Ioannina



Isaac Dostis has reported on the closing of Nina Battinou's store, one of the last Jewish-owner stores in Ioannina.

THE END OF THE OLD JEWISH COMMERCIAL STREET

May, 2016

By Isaak Dostis

The Romaniote Community of Ioannina is certainly diminishing. Of course, the loss of Jewish lives here is priority. Officially, there are less than 50 Jews left.

But another way that Ioannina is losing its Jewish character, is commercially.

Nina Battinou has closed her clothing store at 49 Anastasias Street in the old Jewish commercial center, the last vestige of Romaniote presence on what was once a thriving central shopping street in what is now called the Historic District.

The Holocaust certainly was a very large part in this end game, but signs of final closures began years ago as those born after WWII began retiring.

John Mattathias closed his Army/Navy store about five years ago; Kitsa Douvali whose hat & scarf store abutted Allegra Matsa's glassware store and who is a descendent of the Yom Tov family, closed her establishment in 2012, followed by Allegra herself in 2014.

As of the end of last month, there are no Jewish concerns on the former Venizelos Street.

Ioannina still has but two Jewish stores on other streets and there is still a smattering of Jewish ownership but the latter stores are rented to other Greek merchants.

Nina Battinou sold matronly garments for the last 20 years, building a solid clientele, who were not only customers but became friends as

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well. 'Where will they go now?' Nina lamented as we sat in her half empty store.

Nina & her husband Pepos, former president of Ioannina's Jewish community, originally opened the store selling glassware. For 15 years they worked together. After his passing in 2005, and now on her own, she wants to travel more. 'It's now another immense change of life that I am moving into.'

Her family has been in retail for many years with her grandfather and his brothers owning two taverns on Koundouriotou Street for generations before the war. One building still stands, abandoned.

An era is truly over. Soon, the already small Jewish community of Ioannina will follow the commercial footsteps of Anastisias Street. Yet, as long as anyone of us lives, memories will remain.

Photos:

#1 & 2 – Nina Battinou's storefront

#3 – Nina sitting in her half empty store

#4 – The former Venizelos Street circa 1920. At left, notice Moisis Koffinas, the president of the Jewish Community at that time. Nina's future store would be at right.

News and Photos from 2016 Tour to Jewish Greece

From June 24th to July 8th, a very special group toured Jewish Greece. Some extended their trip to join our tour director (and KKJ Museum Director) Marcia Haddad Ikonomopoulos, for an emotional cruise extension to Mykonos, Ephesus, Samos and Milos so that Marcia could check off an important item on her "bucket list," dancing Samiotisa on the island of Samos.

The main group was 31 strong, including 13 members of a branch of the Negrin family from Ioannina. We also had members of the Naphtali, Lagaris, Matsil, Elias, Cohen (two separate branches), all from Ioannina, a lovely Nehama Saloniklis connection and, in addition, a Kastoria and Metsovo (Jewish) connection. We also had some lovely non-Greek Jewish participants who put up with all of our craziness.

We had emotional moments wherever we went, truly life-changing experiences for our participants. And, most of all, we made a difference everywhere we went and, somehow, we managed to have fun.

I want to thank the special people who joined me for this memorable tour.

First, we went to Crete (to Hania and Herakleon). We visited Etz Hayyim synagogue and the archeological site of Knossos.



We then flew to Salonika, always a special stop on our tour.



Kastoria proved to be a short but important stop.



We always stop at Metsovo for the best laxanopita in all of Epirus but, this visit was extra special since one of our participants had a Jewish connection here (his great grandmother was born in Metsovo).



Our days in Ioannina are always the highlight of our trip. I have enough pictures to fill a book and thank all those who sent me their best.



Next we stopped in Corfu and enjoyed the Jewish presence, the scenery and the sea.



Athens was a time for the Jewish Museum of Greece, good-byes and, for those of us fortunate to take the short cruise, time for some more lasting memories.



**If you want to join us on a future tour, get on our e-mail list: museum@kkjsm.org
Unfortunately, our September (Spiritual Tour) to Jewish Greece is filled. Don't miss out on 2017.**

Cyprus

In anticipation of our visit to Cyprus in 2017 (as part of our annual tour) we are overjoyed to include news from Cyprus. Unfortunately, we must report that the Jewish cemetery in the Turkish occupied zone of Cyprus has been destroyed.



**Gershon
Harris
Hatzor Haglilit, Israel**



Judaism's saddest day - the 9th of Av - will fall on Shabbat, August 13th, so the actual fast will be postponed to Sunday, August 14th. And since the 9th of Av commemorates the destruction of both the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem, as well as unfortunately all too numerous tragedies experienced by the Jewish people over the centuries, it is similar to Yom Kippur in terms of its 25-hour length (from nightfall till nightfall), and requires that we enter into a mode of mourning and sorrow, similar to sitting Shiva for a deceased relative.

Jewish tradition is quite clear about the reasons for the destruction of both Temples, which stem from the Jewish people's conduct, whether religiously or socially. According to tradition, the destruction of the First Temple by Babylonia in approximately 587 BCE was caused by the total breakdown of Jewish morality, adaptation of idolatrous practices from other peoples and fierce mistreatment of one another that even led to bloodshed among Jews. Despite the Prophets' dire warnings of the terrible destruction that would come unless the people repented, they were not heeded, and so the Temple was destroyed and the Jews exiled, at the time, to Babylonia. This exile lasted around 70 years, when the then Persian king, allowed the Jews to return to Israel and build a new Temple. Again, this was made possible, according to Jewish tradition, because by and large the Jewish people learned their lesson, as it were, and did their best to repent and restore proper Jewish morals, worship of G-d and maintaining a caring and proper society.

The Second Temple's destruction, however, had nothing to do with such cardinal sins. In fact, tradition tells us that at the time of its destruction, approximately 70 CE by the Romans, Jewish society in Israel, religious practice and piety were quite good on a general level. The problem was something much more internal and, ultimately, even worse than before: "unfounded/unjustified hatred of Jew against Jew. In Jewish terms, this does not mean walking around all day "hating" and showing open contempt for others for apparently no good, or even any, reason, but rather manifestations of behavior that still seem all too common and familiar among Jews everywhere. According to our Sages, this term includes attitudes of disliking and refusing to associate with other Jews who are not "like" me: people that are 'too' "religious", or not "religious" enough in my eyes; ditto for Jews not of my 'stature', including not allowing my children to associate with 'those kinds of people'; detesting a fellow Jew because he/she is different from me in terms of ethnic origin, opinions, lifestyle and more. And in Second Temple times, these attitudes led to far more than just social divisions and disunity. It led to a fierce political - and often violent - struggle of the zealots - who refused to consider any reconciliation with the Roman occupiers - against many Sages and others who felt that it would be better to come to some sort of compromise in order to prevent war and destruction. And one of the most tragic manifestations of this 'unfounded hatred' was the burning of the silos of grain stored inside the Temple compound by the zealots as an act of extremism and pure hatred - which destroyed the one source of food the Jews still had while under siege, and trapped within the city walls as the Romans advanced. Need we say more about the price we pay for such unjustified internal hatred?

Another Jewish tradition says that every generation in which the Temple is not rebuilt is as if that generation destroyed it. This sounds quite harsh: After all, why am I or my more recent ancestors guilty of destroying a structure that no longer exists? But if one considers the tradition of unfounded hatred and the destruction it can bring, together with the fact that we seem to never cease suffering from Jews detesting, hating and even battling other Jews for all those reasons enumerated above, the validity of our "guilt" becomes obvious: As long as we do not try and end the phenomenon of unjustified hatred for our fellow Jews and try to truly reconcile and recognize each and every Jew for his or her qualities, level of observance, et al, then we are just as guilty of

this terrible sin, and as a result, are actively preventing the reconstruction of the Temple and the final redemption, which is akin to destroying it, even if only symbolically.

Perhaps more significant - and disturbing - is the fact that the First Temple's destruction and exile ended after 70 years, since G-d accepted Israel's repentance for the most cardinal sins in Jewish law. In contrast, the Second Temple's destruction and subsequent exile continues till today, clearly indicating that as a people, we have not yet learned our lesson. May we realize the error of our ways and begin treating one another as equals and with "unfounded love", so that we can attain the other tradition, which says that the 9th of Av will become a festive holiday, once the third Temple and final redemption are achieved.

In Anticipation of Hy Genee Way

We have a scheduled meeting with Mayor DeBlasio to sign HY GENE WAY into law. We are hoping this will take place on August 2nd at City Hall. Below are some photos from our gathering at City Hall where we learned that the co-naming had been approved.



Looking For Our Help

Hi Marcia,

I trust that this note finds you well. I'm hoping that the Kehila Kedosha Janina community may come to my aid in finding out some family history. I've been challenged by a very elderly great uncle to find out about some of our family that went to the USA around the early part of the 20th Century. My great great grandfather, Solomon Negrin, came from Ioannina where much of his family was also. As we understand it, a brother of his went to the USA at some point around 1905-1925 and the family established itself there. We're trying to connect with other US-based Negrins to see if there is cousin there! Meanwhile, Solomon's son, Joseph Negrin, and his children went to Alexandria, Egypt, and set themselves there until the children fled as a result of the Suez Crisis in 1956. Before then, Joseph and his family changed their name to the more Francophile "Negrine". Would it be possible to post something in the newsletter or send a note to the Negrin members, affixing my email address? Many thanks, Len Pannett

Correction

Hi Marcia - thanks for mentioning Rebecca in your newsletter. (great newsletter by the way). I did not see the link to her testimony.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UbPudYTSWgs&list=PL_fMIWKr6JjZOLkq3fT_OtPcrnF3iMZyv

For your members, Jack and Molly Yomtov (Jay Holiday's Grandparents) brought my mother to the US. Jack was her father's brother. Her parents were Mordechai and Bonicca Yomtov.

<http://greekamericangirl.com/greek-jews-celebrate-at-kehila-kedoshajanina/>

Great article on Kehila Kedosha Janina

[It's a Shonda that the Tenement Museum Refuses to Back the Proposed Lower East Side Historic District \[Op-Ed\]](#)

Article on Tenement Museum's refusal to endorse historic district on the Lower East Side while making money off the immigrant story

http://www.timesofisrael.com/greek-mayor-wants-his-city-to-remember-its-vibrant-jewish-past/#.V3_w0oJ0fHA.email

Mayor Boutaris in Times of Israel

<http://cosmosphilly.com/hatoura-art-throwing/>

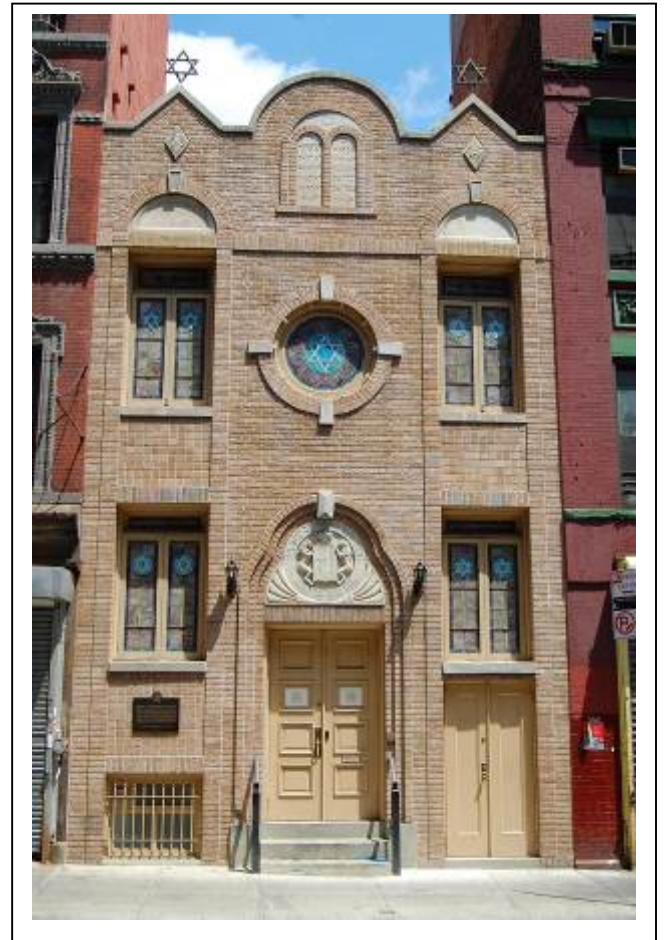
Amusing article on the throwing of money in Greek celebrations

So many of you have applauded our efforts. We thank those who have sent in contributions.

If you would like to make a contribution to Kehila Kedosha Janina, please send your check (in US dollars) made out to *Kehila Kedosha Janina*, to us at 280 Broome Street, New York, NY 10002 (attention Marcia). Your donation will enable us to continue to hold services and preserve our special traditions and customs, and to tell our unique story through our Museum.

When you are in New York, visit us on Broome Street. We are open for services every Saturday and all major Jewish holidays and our Museum is open every Sunday from 11-4 and, by appointment during the week.

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