



Kehila Kedosha Janina

Synagogue and Museum

280 Broome Street, New York, NY 10002

October 2008 e-mail newsletter

Dear Friends of Kehila Kedosha Janina,

As the New Year begins, we wish to thank all our loyal supporters who have been a vital part of our renaissance. In the 1990s it was thought that our synagogue would be forced to close. Due to passion, commitment and perseverance, we are not only still here but we are thriving! Attendance at Rosh HaShanah services was inspiring. Our Shofar blowers reflect our future. Sharing the mitzvah of sounding the shofar were Maurice Askinazi, son of Joseph Askinazi of Blessed Memory, Andrew Marcus, son of our President Marvin Marcus and Seth Kofinas, the son of our spiritual leader Chaim Kofinas.

Last month, Anna Lagari Eliasof, the mother of Moses Eliasof, President of the Jewish Community of Ioannina passed away. We also lost Manny Levy, a long-time congregant of Kehila Kedosha Janina and Sonia Miller, the youngest daughter of Anna Attas David and David David (Bechoropoulos).

In honor of Manny Levy, of Blessed Memory, our new exhibit, "Our Gang", due to open on November 2nd, will be dedicated in his memory. "Our Gang" will highlight the story of Greek-Jewish participation in the United States Armed Forces during WWII. Manny was one of those who contributed to this exhibit.

**Manny Levy
(1922-2008)**



Our Kehila is, once again, truly a Community and our synagogue now, once again, a place to celebrate simchas and to come together in times of mourning.

On September 14th there was a large gathering at Kehila Kedosha Janina for a memorial celebrating the life of Leon Colchamiro of Blessed Memory. For more details on the Colchamiro family, see our website (www.kkjsm.org) under 'exhibits/past exhibits.'



**Leon Colchamiro
(1934-2008)**

On September 28th, we celebrated the baby naming of Elia Meyer Baratz, great granddaughter of Becky Mionis Pardo and Isaac Pardo, both of Blessed Memory. Becky was a long-time congregant of Kehila Kedosha Janina and her son, Jerry Pardo, still attends services in our historic synagogue. We are looking forward to a Brit Milah in the Spring and a wedding in the summer.



**Michael, Raanan and Elia Meyer Baratz
September 28, 2008**

This is the ninth of our increasingly popular e-newsletters. If you are on our e-mailing lists, you will receive our e-letter automatically. If, for some reason, you missed an e-newsletter, you can now access them in our archives on our website. If for any reason you do not wish to receive the e-mail newsletter, please inform us.

UPCOMING MUSEUM EVENTS

We are nearing completion of our material for the ""Our Gang"" Exhibit (opening November 2nd). To date we have material from the families of the following individuals:

Nissim Attas, Herman (Hyman) Barouch, Ralph Battino, Mildred Barouch Coffino, Jack Cohen, Jacob Isaac Cohen, Isaac Cohen, Leon Asser Colchamiro, Murray Eskononts, Sam Eskononts, Hy Genee, Ben Gessoula, Albert Hametz, Isaac Hametz, Ovadia Hametz, Johnny (Johanne) Johanas, John (Colchamiro) Justin, Joseph Lafazan, Louie Levy, Manny Levy, Aaron Matza, Jesse Matza, Max Mordechai, Herbert Nachman, Isaac (Pat) Nachmias, Max Negrin, Arthur Rubenstein (David Family), Gabriel Sabat, Murray Solomon, Rebecca Moses Varon, and Morris Yomtov.



Jesse Matza



Max Negrin



Ben Gessoula

We still have a limited amount of time to include additional material. We are trying to compile a list of Greek Jews who fell in battle while serving in the US Armed Forces. If you have information on this, please pass it on to us. We are (especially) looking for wedding photos in uniform (from WWII). Please contact our Museum Director Marcia Haddad Ikonopoulou (kehila_kedosha_janina@netzero.net or 516-456-9336) if you have additional material to submit.

Kehila Kedosha Janina Museum is also looking for additional photos for an upcoming exhibit on "Weddings." These photos can include any member of the wedding party and can be family groupings or individual photos. The photos (the older the better) can be taken here in the USA or in Greece.



Murray Eskononts



Anna Menachem & Leo Matza

We are also looking for family photos, especially those from our community that made up the sister synagogues of Kehila Kedosha Janina of Mapleton (Brooklyn) and Shearith Israel of Janina (Bronx). Any additional information on these two former synagogues that you can provide to us, will be greatly appreciated.

Rebecca Moses Varon



NEWS

Kehila Kedosha Janina is honored to be included in the 2009 calendar from the 92nd Street Y. When approached by the Y for a recipe from our congregation, we submitted one from Koula Kofinas (the creator of Koula's Kitchen, our heavily subscribed cooking class). Now, there we are (in November) with a lovely picture of Kehila Kedosha Janina and a recipe of Koula's "Tourlou." If you care for a copy of this delicious eggplant, zucchini and potato recipe, contact us at kehila_kedosha_janina@netzero.net.

Koula Kofinas



Our next Koula's Kitchen will be on December 14th at 1:00 and will feature Greek Hanukah recipes.

On September 18th, Kehila Kedosha Janina took part in a program sponsored by The Little Red School House (a progressive school located in the West Village) where a total of 40 high school students visited KKJ on two separate occasions to learn about immigrant life on the Lower East Side. Professor Nicholas Ohan, who organized the program, will be working with Marcia Haddad Ikonomopoulos to incorporate the story of the Kehila Kedosha Janina community into the curriculum of The Little Red School House. We hope this will be the beginning of additional programs at both private and public schools in the NYC area.

SEPHARDIC NEWS

We congratulate The Sephardic Jewish Center of Forest Hills on the celebration of the 60th anniversary of their Synagogue and Center. The Sephardic Jewish Center was originally located in the Bronx and was established by Jews from Salonika. It remains one of the few synagogues in the United States where parts of the minhag are still read in Ladino.

The 60th anniversary celebration will be honoring Dr. and Mrs. Jack Levi

There are still tickets available for the event, scheduled to be held on Sunday, November 9, 2008 at 5:30 PM.

The celebration will take place at the nearby

**Forest Hills Jewish Center
106-06 Queens Boulevard
Forest Hills NY 11375**

Tickets are \$75 per person.

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NEWS FROM GREECE

ECOWEEK is proud to announce the keynote lecture in Athens on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, by former U.S. Vice President and Peace Nobel Laureate, Al Gore, entitled "Leadership in a Changing World".

ECOWEEK invites Al Gore to Greece again this year, to address leadership and environmental issues of global warming and climate change among political and business leaders in Greece. Al Gore presented his slide show on global warming at the Athens Concert Hall in June 2007, invited by ECOWEEK and Megaron Plus.

Al Gore is invited to speak at two events:

(a) A reception for a distinguished audience of 500 political and business leaders at the Athenaeum InterContinental Athens, and

(b) A Q&A session with secondary-school students, following the simultaneous screening of award-winning documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" at the adjacent National Insurance Conference Centre. The speaker will be introduced by Hellenic Minister of Education Mr. Evripidis Stylianidis and ECOWEEK President Dr. Elias Messinas. It is a rare opportunity offered to selected High School students to hold a discussion with a global leader and environmental activist, who is the co-winner, with the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for "informing the world of the dangers posed by climate change." Students will then carry the message to their schools in every part of Greece.

Al Gore's keynote lecture opens ECOWEEK's 2008-2009 programs of screenings of the documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" to more than 30,000 High School students in Greece and Cyprus

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