



Kehila Kedosha Janina

Synagogue and Museum

280 Broome Street, New York, NY 10002

December 2011 e-mail newsletter

Dear Friends of Kehila Kedosha Janina,

Our best wishes to our many friends worldwide as they celebrate the holidays of Hanukah and Christmas. Hag Sameah, Καλά Χριστούγεννα!. May 2012 bring you and your loved ones good health and peace. May we all do something every day to somehow make the world a better place, even if it is just for one person. Happy New Year, Καλή χρονιά, Felis Anyo Muevo.

**The Lower East Side
1900
By Doug Lazarus**



This newsletter, our 47th 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).

We now reach over 5000 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 kehila_kedosha_janina@netzero.net.

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

This month we send our sympathies to the families of Annette Matsil and Eli Mioni.

Annette Feldman Matsil, the widow of Alvin Matsil (the oldest son of Isaac Matsil and Anna Samuel, both of Ioannina) died at the age of 78. Our sympathies to her four devoted sons, Gary, Harley, Nevin and Steven, and her many grandchildren.

Eli Myones, husband of Judith Myones brother of Joe Myones,

Births

We celebrate the birth of Isaac Pessu Marks, grandson of Eric Pessu.

In November we celebrated the 70th birthdays of Elliot Colchamiro (the recording Secretary of Kehila Kedosha Janina) and his wife Gladys. This gave us the opportunity to gather, eat, drink and dance to Greek music. Thank you Elliot and Gladys for sharing this simcha with us.



Always time for Greek dancing!

Elliot & Gladys
Colchamiro



We share with you the following simchas: Audrey Solomon turned 80 and Sylvia Askinazi Greenebaum became a great-grandmother. Mazal Tov to both!

Aikoi Mas, Los Muestros come home



**Clifford Krinsky, grandson of Jessula Schinasi
(Askinazi)**



**Stan Mazzas (son of Abraham Mazzas and
Forence Cohen Mazzas)**

As always, visitors continue to flock to Kehila Kedosha Janina



Rabbi Hecht brings his students from Connecticut

Past Museum Event

Booksigning (on November 13) by James and Karla Murray, authors of STORE FRONT: The Disappearing Face of New York.



Upcoming Museum Events

Join us on Sunday, December 18, 2011 at Kehila Kedosha Janina at 1:00 pm

Kehila Kedosha Janina is hosting a small reception to thank our neighbors Christine and John Woodward of Woodward Gallery (located at 133 Eldridge Street). 133 Eldridge Street once housed a synagogue and Talmud Torah, both established by Shearith Israel (the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue on W. 70th). During the restoration of the storefront, in preparation for the opening of the gallery, a section of the former synagogue wall was found. John lovingly restored the section, mounted it and presented it to Kehila Kedosha Janina. It now adorns a wall of our museum. Join us as we thank Christine and John. Refreshments will be served



Upcoming Cultural Events in United States




**Lady Pink
Evolution**

November 5th - December 30th 2011
Artist Reception: Saturday November 5th, 6-8pm

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Upcoming Events on Lower East Side Jewish Venues



Holiday Bazaar & The Jazz Singer
Spend the Day at Eldridge Street
Sunday, December 4

Holiday Bazaar • 10AM – 2PM
FREE

Our Holiday Bazaar brings together artisans selling beautiful and unique crafts and jewelry, along with menorahs, driedels, holiday books and other goodies from our gift shop.



The Jazz Singer • 4PM

\$10 adults; \$8 students/seniors, includes Museum admission

See a landmark film in our landmark site. The Jazz Singer is a story that could have happened on Eldridge Street. Al Jolson plays Jakie Rabinowitz, son of a cantor who wants to be a jazz singer against the wishes of his observant father. This classic 1927 film was the first feature-length Hollywood "talkie." Dr. Regina Stein, our 125th Anniversary scholar-in-residence provides context.

Museum tours are offered hourly throughout the day from 10am to 4pm.

call 212.219.0888 x205 or email hgriff@eldridgestreet.org

LOCATION

Museum at Eldridge Street

Located in the 1887 Eldridge Street Synagogue

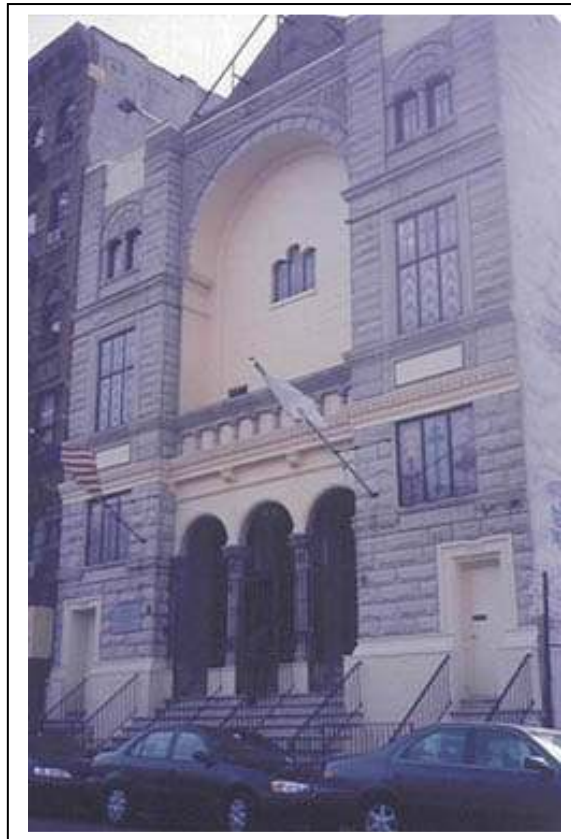
12 Eldridge Street between Canal and Division Streets

Get Directions

Annual Bazaar at Saint Barbara's Church

Saint Barbara was founded in 1926 by struggling Greek Christian immigrants. The structure was once a synagogue. St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church on 27 Forsyth Street has long been a friend of Kehila Kedosha Janina. Founded one year before our Kehila, the struggling Greek Christian immigrants shared much in common with their Greek Jewish neighbors a few blocks away. Many lived in the same tenements and, certainly, many of the men would meet at the local kafenions along Allen Street, drinking Greek coffee and sharing stories of their struggles.

St. Barbara at 27 Forsyth



When our Greek Jewish community was thriving on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, they would send their sons (and occasional daughters) to local yeshivot to learn Hebrew and, in the case of their sons, prepare for their Bar Mitzvot, but it was to St. Barbara's that they sent their children to learn Greek. Therefore, it is our pleasure to advertise the upcoming Annual Bazaar at St. Barbara's, from Sunday, Nov. 27th-Sunday, December 11th.

For more information, call 212-226-0499 or access their website at www.stbarbaragoc.com.

News from Jewish Greece

"Thursday, 17 November 2011 14:26

The Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece congratulates Mr. Loucas Papademos on his appointment as Prime Minister and expresses warm wishes for every success in his task.

The Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece stresses that the new Government includes representatives of a political party, members of which have expressed in the past anti-Jewish rhetoric.

Greek Jewry monitors closely the situation and is on alert for any relevant statements, while it expresses the belief that the Greek Prime Minister, as well as all the democratic forces of the country will not allow any violation of the Constitution, that provides for the equality of all citizens regardless of race or religion. In addition, Greek Jewry believes that the new Government will continue the same policy against racism and anti-Semitism that have endorsed all the democratic governments in our country.

Greek Jewry supports the effort being made by this historically important Government of National Consensus, which aims to help Greece overcome the financial crisis."

AJC Delegation Concludes Solidarity Mission to Greece

November 4, 2011 – Thessaloniki, Greece – An AJC delegation has concluded a three-day visit to Greece intended to demonstrate solidarity with the Jewish community of a country in severe economic and political stress – and with a government committed to strengthened ties with Israel.

"In meetings with senior government officials, business leaders, clergy, journalists, and with political opposition figures, AJC expressed friendship for Greece as it seeks to weather Europe's most immediate and daunting debt crisis," said Jason Isaacson, AJC director of government and international affairs. He joined with national board member Martin Gradman in leading a nine-member delegation of Chicago-based AJC activists.

"We also voiced our support for the warm ties Greece has established with Israel over the last two years, reinforcing messages of friendship conveyed in an August 2010 AJC leadership mission, and encouraged even greater political, strategic and economic cooperation between these two Eastern Mediterranean democracies."

The AJC delegation explored a range of issues in two days of talks in Athens, before spending a day in Thessaloniki, home of a once vibrant Jewish community that was decimated in the Holocaust. With senior officials of the Foreign Ministry, Justice Ministry, and Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, AJC exchanged views on Eastern Mediterranean security, the challenge to renewed Israeli-Palestinian negotiations posed by the Palestinian campaign for premature UN recognition, and the necessity of combating anti-Semitism and other bigotry amid social upheaval.

AJC representatives spoke of the organization's vital partnership with Greek American leadership – noting the tribute paid to veteran Greek community activist Andrew Athens by AJC's Board of Governors last week in Chicago, and a long history of Chicago-based and national Greek-Jewish cooperation. The delegation also continued AJC's interreligious dialogue with the Greek Orthodox Church, in an audience with His Beatitude Hieronymos II, Archbishop of Athens and All Greece.

"Our meetings with Greek Jewish leadership – both in Athens and Thessaloniki – were particularly meaningful and timely," said Isaacson. "Our friends in this community, an AJC

international partner, are dedicated to maintaining a full Jewish life, and are facing monumental challenges in a time of national crisis. We discussed the community's intentions and plans to assure the health of its vital institutions, and we look forward to working with the community throughout the difficult period ahead."

AJC on the New Greek Government

November 11, 2011 – New York -- As the new Greek unity government was named, AJC expressed the hope that the leaders would successfully confront the major economic challenges facing the country.

AJC Executive Director David Harris:

"We are long-time friends of Greece, having visited the country countless times over the years to broaden and deepen our links with political leaders, civic representatives, and the Jewish community. Indeed, an AJC delegation was just in Athens and Thessaloniki last week to express solidarity with our friends and learn more about the current situation. We now wish Prime Minister Lucas Papademos every success in addressing the looming issues before him and his countrymen.

"We are, however, deeply concerned by the presence in the new unity government of the LAOS party, headed by Georgios Karatzaferis. According to reports, Karatzaferis has a record of outrageous statements about Jews, including, but not limited to, spreading the libel that Jews were implicated in the 9/11 attacks by their alleged absence from work that day, when nothing could have been further from the truth. We urge the new Greek leadership, understandably preoccupied with the economic crisis, not to permit any such expression of outright bigotry or anti-Semitism to emerge from its ranks.

"At this momentous time of transition for Greece, we wish to take the opportunity to voice our admiration and respect for George Papandreou, the outgoing Prime Minister. When he took office he faced a monumental task, which he sought to fulfill with courage and conviction. Moreover, in foreign policy, he forged a warm link with neighboring Israel, which has accrued to the mutual benefit of both countries. We thank him for his leadership and friendship, knowing that he will continue to play an active role in the life of his beloved country."

Ioannina

From Haim Ischaki who, again, helped organize Yom Kippur in Ioannina. Haim has done a fantastic job in helping to revitalize the community.

*"In the Synagogue during the Neila service, there were more than 250 people (including the authorities, the representative of the mayor and the prefecture, some professors, the Dean of the University, journalists, etc.)!! At the dinner, Moshe (Moses Eliasof) reserved 20 tables of 10 people, which means there were about 200 people. Some did not come (among them Samuel and Stella Cohen) because it was raining cats and dogs and it was very difficult for old people to reach the bus or the taxis... The first year I went to Ioannina on Yom Kippur (2003) I found 40 people (just the members of the local community) but since then more and more people are coming every year and the past two years we had more people in Ioannina than the Yiannotiki Synagogue in Athens!!
From Haim Ischakis"*

In 2006, a group from Israel (from the Yehudit Zalman Shazar) came to Ioannina and documented a number of the gravestones in the Jewish cemetery. The one pictured below is said to date from 1426! We are awaiting further information from Israel and are hoping to work towards (finally) mapping out the cemetery and documented the burials. See our article in this issue on work being done on Jewish cemeteries in Greece.

We thank Haim Ischaki for identifying this as a grave marker from a member of the Hefetz family.



More News from Greece

The European Jewish Press

By AFP

"The two governments have decided to support a meeting between the Greek and Jewish diaspora in May in Thessaloniki," deputy Foreign Minister Dimitris Dollis told reporters after a meeting with his Israeli counterpart Danny Ayalon.

"This is a cooperation not just between governments, but between peoples," Dollis said, adding that the two sides had also discussed "the possibility of diaspora scholarships for Greek and Israeli youths living abroad so that they will be able to study and obtain experience in Greece and Israel."

Athens, which only officially recognized Israel in 1991, has stepped up efforts to attract investment and expertise to shore up its debt-struck economy.

A visit by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in August last year was the first in the two nations' bilateral history. Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman followed suit in January, the first such visit in over 15 years.

Dollis on Tuesday said that plans for a joint cabinet session between the two governments, announced earlier this year, were still on the table.

Eyeing a possible transit role to the European continent, Greece is keenly interested in Israel's economic rapprochement with traditional Greek ally Cyprus to develop undersea gas deposits in the eastern Mediterranean.

Athens has also been drawn into a regional row over Israel's blockade of Gaza.

In July, Greece banned a flotilla of ships headed for Gaza from leaving its ports on a mission to break the blockade, which Israel says is necessary to protect its territory.

Update on Jewish Cemeteries in Greece

Before World War II, there were burial grounds in most of the Jewish communities in Greece, with some of the smaller communities, such as Karditsa, bringing their deceased for burial in nearby Jewish burial grounds. In the aftermath of the war, with the loss of 87% of Greece's Jews, many burial grounds were lost as the few remaining Jews were unable to maintain them and, unfortunately, many cemeteries were sold to the local municipalities.



Patras



Chalkis



Volos

Today there are still Jewish burials in Athens (in two large cemeteries), Salonika (in the new cemetery), Kavala, Halkis, Ioannina, Volos, Trikala, Larissa, Rhodes, Zakynthos and Corfu, with the remains of former cemeteries in Serres, Xanthi, Didimoticho, Drama, Kos and Patras. The Jewish cemeteries of Kastoria and Verroia are completely gone, both paved over for municipal use, the later as an athletic field. If you want additional information on Jewish burials in Greece, access www.iajgsjewishcemeteryproject.org and Sam Gruber's website: www.isjm.org.

During our research in Greece, we came across the work of Mr. Viktor Venouziou, who has undertaken the restoration, photographing and documentation of a number of the Jewish cemeteries in Greece. His work in Trikala stands an example to what can be done with other cemeteries (see our article on our website www.kkjasm.org in our archives on the History of the Jewish Cemetery in Trikala). He has also been working on the Jewish cemetery in Kavala. Thank you Mr. Venouziou. Your passion and commitment to preserving the memory of deceased Greek Jews is to be commended and stands as an example of how one individual can make a difference.

Another example of what can be done when someone is impassioned, is the work of Aaron Hasson in the Rhodes Jewish Cemetery. You can access his excellent website at www.rhodesjewishmuseum.org.

Requests

Hi Marcia! I hope you're well! I wanted to let you know that I recently launched a new project, a recording of mostly original music I've been writing in Ladino. As you're probably aware, very few contemporary artists write new music in the language today. We have such a rich tradition of music from the past, but I believe firmly we also need to be creating and writing new Ladino music to move the culture forward. I'm so excited about this new record— it's being recorded both in NY and in Israel, it has at least 4 languages on it, musicians from 7 countries and, together with the original music, I hope it will help bring contemporary Ladino music to a wider world stage. I named the album, *Gracia*, after Dona Gracia Naci— my Sephardic heroine! I wrote a song just for her, and the album definitely has an empowering bent. I created a video and a short description of the project in the link below. I would be so grateful if you know of anyone who might be interested in hearing about the project— if it's possible to include the information in the next newsletter, or FB groups you would be willing to share this information with below. As important as it is to reach my fundraising goal to complete the album, I am also utilizing the crowd-sourcing site Kickstarter to spread the word. Anyone who participates gets rewards—including some fun Greek Sephardic treats! Thank you so much, in advance, for sharing this information with anyone you think might be interested— I appreciate it greatly.



www.kickstarter.com/projects/1501876486/bring-new-ladino-music-to-life

All best, Sarah

The preparation for our upcoming exhibit, due to open in the Spring of 2012, is moving along. The image on the front page of this e-newsletter (of Doug Lazarus' painting of the Lower East Side in 1900) will be an iconic image in our New Exhibit (*Farewells and Findings*). Mr. Lazarus, an acclaimed artist, originally from New York, but now making his home in Vermont, will not only be putting his painting on loan in our Museum for the duration of our exhibit but, also, will be creating limited edition prints for sale only through Kehila Kedosha Janina.

As mentioned before, in conjunction with the opening of this exhibit, we will be adding data bases of census information and ship manifests to our website.

We have acquired archival photos of the Greece our Jewish ancestors left behind and the New World they found here. This new exhibit will be multi-faceted; a nostalgic look at Greece and the Lower East Side of New York in the early twentieth century.

Please send us (at our e-mail address: kehila_kedosha_janina@netzero.net) any information you have as to what date (and ship, if known) your ancestors came from Greece to New York. Because of the work we have been doing, Stan Mazzas, a recent visitor to our synagogue, found out that his father came here in 1912 and the name on the ship manifest showing his residence as Preveza, had him listed as Avraam Matsas (not Mazzas!).

We also found out that he arrived in NY from Preveza "Turkey" on the Martha Washington on July 1, 1912. His age is given as 19 and his closest relative left in Greece was his father Simantov. He is going to 101 Allen street to friends (Birros & Avraam Negrin). He is described as a laborer, literate, having paid for his passage on his own and in possession of \$25. His health is given as 'good' and he is described as 5'5" with a dark complexion and brown hair and eyes.

According to the 1910 census, all of the tenants of 101 Allen were Sephardic or Romaniote, the vast majority speaking Spanish and only one family, the Baruch, speaking Greek. This explains why the only other passenger on Avraam Matsas' ship going to 101 Allen was a Sephardic family from Monastir. By 1912, Birros and Avraam Negrin lived at 101 Allen. We have no idea of other Greek-speaking families at 101 Allen in 1912.

What treasures we can unearth! Share what you know with us and we will share our findings with you.



Lower East Side early 20th century



We thank Phil Kolman and CFromlifford Krinsky for sharing their family photos with us.

Sam & Harriet Negrin
1946

From Phil Kolman





Al Elias and Molly Schinazi



Jessula Schinazi



Wedding of Edie and Maddy Schinazi

Shalom to one and all!

**Gershon Harris
Hatzor Haglilit, Israel**



A Lesser Known Hanukka Tradition

The events commemorated by Hanukka are fairly well-known: In 167 BCE, a small Hasmonean Jewish family, the High Priest Mattityahu and his 5 sons, led by the famous "Yehuda Hamacabi" (Judah the Hammer), rise up in rebellion against Jewish Hellenizing factions within Israel and the invading army of the Seleucid Greek King Antiochus IV Epiphanes, who had outlawed Judaism and desecrated the Temple in Jerusalem. The Hasmonean Macabis are victorious, the Temple is liberated and rededicated, and a single-day's supply of ritually pure olive oil miraculously lasts 8 days until a new batch could be prepared. We therefore celebrate this festival by lighting Hanukka candles, saying special prayers of thanksgiving, and eating special foods cooked in or with oil, whether the very Eastern European "potato latkes", or the very Greek "bumuelos" and "loukoumathes".

Yet another story of heroism associated with Hanukka is found in the "Apocrypha", the "external" Biblical-age books that were not included in the Jewish canon, but are part of the full Christian Bible. "The Book of Yehudit" tells the story of a beautiful widow who lived in a village called Bethulia, in the Land of Israel, during the period of the Assyrian conquest (around 538 BCE). With the village under siege, the city elders consider surrendering without a fight. However, given Bethulia's strategic importance, its conquest would allow an easier takeover of the entire country. Angry and upset with her Jewish countrymen for not fighting back and trusting in God to help them, Yehudit decides to act alone. Together with her loyal maidservant, she goes to the enemy camp of the Assyrian commander Holofernes, under the pretense of offering information about Israelite battle plans, enticing Holofernes by both her exceptional beauty and a gift of a large basket filled with cheese and wine. Gaining his trust and entering his tent, she serves the very salty cheese to Holofernes, who has to drink copious amounts of wine to quench his thirst. After falling into a drunken stupor, Holofernes is quietly beheaded by Yehudit and her maidservant, the head is placed in the basket, and the two women head back to Bethulia, with the Assyrians as yet unaware of Holofernes' death. Inspired by Yehudit's bold initiative, the Israelites launch a surprise attack on the Assyrian encampment and emerge victorious, thus saving the Land of Israel from conquest and occupation.

Jewish tradition sees Yehudit's heroism as being the precedent and inspiration for the later Hasmonean revolt, and it is even suggested that she was an ancestor of Yehuda Hamacabi. Furthermore, our Sages saw Yehudit as symbolizing all Jewish women, who historically were always more ready than men to risk their very lives to ensure the preservation and continuity of Judaism and the Jewish People. This idea is directly demonstrated in the celebration of Hanukka as well: Not only is it customary to eat dairy products during the holiday because of the key role cheese played in Yehudit's plan, but Jewish law demands total equality between men and women in terms of fulfilling the festival's obligations – especially the lighting of candles – since without the heroism of Yehudit and by extension Jewish women throughout history, there would be no Jewish People to celebrate any holiday, let alone Hanukka!

Happy Hanukka and Season's Greetings to one and all!

Gershon Harris, POB 361 Hatzor Haglilit, Israel

News of Interest to All

We thank our friend Orestes Varvitsiotes for this information:

Building on its 30-year history of developing one of the nation's leading programs in Hellenic studies, Princeton University has established the Stanley J. Seeger '52 Center for Hellenic Studies to consolidate and expand its research activities, international initiatives, scholarly exchanges and offerings in the classroom.

The Program in Hellenic Studies, founded in 1981, enrolls about 200 undergraduate and graduate students a year in academic study and supports more than 100 Princetonians for international travel, study and research. The new center will enhance the Hellenic studies curriculum by establishing new academic positions, adding faculty members, strengthening the graduate curriculum and expanding opportunities for study in Greece and the Hellenic Mediterranean. It is named for alumnus Stanley J. Seeger, Class of 1952, in honor of his extensive contributions to the University's endeavors in Hellenic studies.

"I am delighted that Hellenic studies has assumed the name of its foremost benefactor," said President Shirley M. Tilghman. "For more than three decades, Stanley Seeger nurtured what is now one of the world's great centers for the study of Greece and the transformative influence of Greek ideas across times and cultures. Although we mourn his recent passing, Stanley's love of Greece and commitment to learning will continue to enrich the lives of our students and faculty, as well as the world of Hellenic scholarship, for many, many years to come."

Seeger, who died last July, earned a bachelor's degree in music from Princeton in 1952 and a master's degree in fine arts in 1956. He donated \$2 million to Princeton in 1979 to create the Stanley J. Seeger Hellenic Fund, providing the foundation for the University's Hellenic programs, and continued to contribute additional funds over the years.

Seeger's gifts have allowed the University to build a world-class collection of research resources, rare and unique books, manuscripts, photographs, and objects in the University library and the Princeton University Art Museum to support scholarship and teaching. In addition, they have funded faculty and student travel to Greece, a crucial element of for the study of Hellenic culture. "Stanley's legacy is legendary," said Dimitri Gondicas, a member of the Class of 1978, who was appointed the first Stanley J. Seeger Director of the Center over the summer and who has served as the program's executive director since its inception. "Through his gifts to Hellenic studies, he has touched the lives of thousands of students and scholars, Princetonians, as well their counterparts from Greece and all over the world. He has made possible many unique academic and cultural opportunities. The range and impact of his generosity are truly extraordinary." The new Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies, established last May, "focuses on research, broadly defined, and has a wider horizon as one of the University's windows to the outside world, contributing in a major way to the University's new initiatives fostering the internationalization of the curriculum, excellence in undergraduate education, the promotion of the creative and performing arts, and the multicultural character of the University community," Gondicas said. The Program in Hellenic Studies, which is being directed by classics professor Christian Wildberg, will continue to function with a focus on the teaching of undergraduate and graduate students, as an integral part and primary focus of the center. Since 1996, the program has awarded a certificate in Hellenic studies to between three and seven undergraduates a year.

The mission of the center is to oversee, fund, initiate and manage study and research on all aspects of Hellenic studies at Princeton. The center will sponsor a broad range of activities: fellowship programs, international initiatives, collections development, publications,

interdepartmental projects, institutional collaborations, campus events, fundraising and alumni relations.

According to Gondicas, a major next step in furthering Princeton's presence in Greece is the recently signed collaboration with the Benaki Museum in Athens. Led by the Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies and the Princeton University Art Museum, this collaboration will provide opportunities for international exchanges in the art and museum worlds, including long-term loans and exhibitions, with a focus on the ethical management of cultural property. The partnership also will bring to the Princeton campus artists from abroad, while showcasing in Greece and the broader region Princeton's collections and the best of contemporary American culture and the arts.

"This is another great moment for Hellenic studies at Princeton," said Dean of the Faculty David Dobkin. "The program has thrived, and the center provides an opportunity to take its activities to the next level. This also is a wonderful way to acknowledge a very forward-looking gift from Stanley J. Seeger in 1979."

For much of the 20th century, the University has played a leading role among American institutions in the development of Hellenic studies. Princeton's faculty members have included several prominent figures in the field, such as former professor of comparative literature Robert Fagles, internationally known for his translations of Homer, and emeritus professor of English Edmund Keeley, whose acclaimed translations of modern Greek poetry offered to the English-speaking world the works of C.P. Cavafy and Greek Nobel Laureates George Seferis and Odysseus Elytis, all published by Princeton University Press.

Currently, about 150 undergraduates are enrolled in the 20 courses offered by the Hellenic studies program each year. At the graduate level, more than 100 doctoral degrees have been awarded in the last 30 years to students affiliated with or supported by the Program in Hellenic Studies. The summer fellowship program has sent 1,500 Princetonians — undergraduates, graduate students, faculty and staff — to Greece and the Hellenic Mediterranean for study, research, internships and excavations.

Each year, the Hellenic studies program brings as many as 45 scholars, artists and writers from around the world to Princeton for three-month residences on campus as visiting fellows. The postdoctoral program, which counts a total of 85 participants over its history, has placed former fellows in academic posts at major universities in the United States and Europe.

We are overjoyed at the response to our upcoming trip to Jewish Greece this June (June 3-18). Although the deadline for sending in your initial \$250 deposit is January 1st, the tour is almost filled. Don't wait too long and be closed out! What is especially attractive in this tour is that, in addition to Athens, Salonika and Ioannina, we will be visiting Preveza, Arta and Chalkis and, to top things off, taking a cruise to the Aegean Islands of Mykonos, Patmos and Santorini, along with a stop at Ephesus in Turkey. The cruise line has wisely eliminated Crete (we would only have stopped for 3 hours!) and changed it to a full day in Santorini. What better way to spend our last day in Greece!

Check our website for details (www.kkjasm.org)

New on our website:

We have a new link on Jewish burials in Greece. See our information on Zakynthos and Trikala. Under our link on the Holocaust in Greece: see The Holocaust Lists from Trikala and Kavala. Under our link "Archives": see History of Jewish community of Trikala

Great internet links sent us by our friends:

<http://www.iba.org.il/media/?recorded=1&starting=905246>

Internet video from Israeli TV filmed in Ioannina and Corfu, starring Stella Cohen, Allegra Matsa and Lino Sousis.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVdVsLiQu4U&feature=player_embedded

Strong British commentary on present economic crisis.

So many of you have applauded our efforts. If you would like to make a contribution to Kehila Kedosha Janina, please send your check (in US dollars) 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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