**Passings**

In response to our last newsletter, donations were made in honor or memory of the following:


We sincerely thank all those who made donations in honor or memory of their loved ones. Special donations were made in honor of Ralph Battino on his 87th birthday by his family and an exceedingly generous donation was made by Anita Almjan in memory of Hy Genee. Thank you all for thinking of us.

**YANNOTTI WATERMELON RIND MILEY**

Ellen Lichtenstein, the daughter of Joseph Levy and Serna Cohen, has been searching for a recipe for Yannotti Watermelon Rind Jelly. Her paternal grandmother Rebecca Levy made the ‘most delicious dessert’ (according to Ellen) and she has not been able to find a recipe that comes close to duplicating it. Let’s find this recipe for Ellen! Send in your recipes or e-mail us at kehila.kehila@gmail.com.

**FOKITES (FASOLAKIA) GREEN BEANS**

Easy to make, nutritious and economical, this Greek vegetable dish was made in both the Romanovian and Sephardic communities (like Ioannina) and Sephardic communities (like Versailles). This recipe is from Nikolaos Stravroulakis’ _The Cookbook of the Jews of Greece_

1 1/2 pounds cleaned green beans with tops cut off
2 medium onions, finely chopped
2 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
3 medium tomatoes, finely chopped
2 1/2 cloves garlic
2 tbsp. celery leaves, chopped
salt and pepper
lemon juice

Cut beans into 4-inch lengths. Saute onions in olive oil, add beans and cook för 5 minutes. Add tomatoes, garlic, salt and pepper, and just enough water to cover the beans. Sprinkle celery leaves over the top, cover and cook on low heat until tender. Sprinkle with lemon juice. Serve warm or cold. Serves 4-6.

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It is with sadness that we note the passing of these special Yannotti and family members of Yannotti: Rachel Sanna, the mother of Fanni Sanna Negin and granddaughter of our Board member, Maurice Negin; Esther Negin, the mother of Steve and Ari Negrin and the grandmother of our Board member, Maurice Negin; Benjamin Levy, father of Lisa Levy; Nancy Barnes Silver, Isaac Pardo, father of Jerry Pardo; Joseph [Jerry] Solomon of Delphi Beach, Anna Negin Hamburg, mother of Sandra Fein, Morris Jueda, husband of Esther Jueda; Stamos Chernin, Henry Isaac, father of Bob Isaac.; Shmera Eliaou, the father of the President of the Jewish community of Ioannina, Moshe Eliaou; and our dear Elliot DeCastros. We would also like to mention the passing of Leon Levy, founder of the American Sephardic Federation. In the midst of this war with Lebanon and Israel, tragedy struck our community when Kobi Smigel, the grandson of Samuel and Stella Koen of Ioannina was killed on July 25 in Lebanon during the IDF operations against Hezbollah. They will all be missed.

**Upcoming Events**

Due to our interior restorations, last year, special events had to be canceled. We have a lot of catching up to do! Below you will find a complete list of our upcoming events.

**Sunday, April 15**
Annual Yom HaShoah Services - 1:00pm

**Sunday, April 22**
Crowns, Delanory: 1:00pm-3:00pm. Come view the crowns created by amazing artists in our new Museum highlighting Arlene Schulman, Nikos Alezios and два Garce as they read from their recently published works. Authors will be there to sign book purchases. Proceeds to benefit Kehila, Kedosha Janina. Refreshments will be served.

**Sunday, April 29**
A Day of Celebrating the Life of Hy Genee: 10:00am-11:00am. Some who loved Hy could not be here to say goodbye to him. As a very small token of love for this special man, we have set aside a day of remembering Hy. A special memorial plaque will be unveiled, a never-before-seen video of Hy will be shown and an exhibit in the Museum in his honor will be unveiled. Refreshments will be served.

**Sunday, May 6**
Kedosha Kitchen returns 1:00pm-3:00pm. Join Kouta and her helpers as they demonstrate and prepare delicious-Greek-Jewish delicacies. Enjoy the dishes afterwards! This event is always highly subscribed. Reserve your space. $5 fee.

**Sunday, May 20**
Rededication of Kehila Kedosha Janina and the unveiling of the Landmark Plaque: This high-profile event will publicly applaud the accomplishments of this small synagogue on the Lower East Side. Join politicians and community leaders as we celebrate our 80 years on Broome Street and rededicate our newly refurbished synagogue 1:00pm-5:00pm.

**Saturday, June 2**
Special Shabbat services in honor of our respective mothers. Services start at 9:30am.

**Sunday, June 3**
A special Shabbat service in honor of our Five-Year Anniversary Gala (see Sisterhood article on page 2). Services start at 9:30am.

**Sunday, June 10**
Museum closed. We will all be dancing in Oceanside in honor of our respective anniversaries.

**Sunday, June 24**
Our very popular Summer Book Sale has returned. Every book is on sale, some at unbelievable closeout prices. All proceeds benefit the Museum. 1:00pm-5:00pm. Refreshments served.

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When we lost our late President, Hy Gnee, we knew there was no way that any mortal could possibly fill his shoes. We needed leadership, we also needed dedication and, above all, we needed someone who had been called up to make the best use of my limited “real estate.” In the process, a new Museum Director, Maurice Negrin has been of insurmountable obstacles. My Assistant Director, Maureen Negron has been of tremendous help in the creation of the new museum, and Arlene Schulman, our Board and longtime member of the museum, had all these qualities. Marvin was born on the Lower East Side to parents of traditional Sephardic background and many of his memories were of the neighborhood. In many ways, his coming of age was a reflection of the changes that were taking place in the neighborhood. Marvin’s mother, Lillian Balian, was born and raised on the Lower East Side, her family having left the Ottoman Empire due to the political upheavals in the Balkans. Marvin’s father, Louis Marcus, was born in Veroia, Greece. The original family name, Mordechai, was changed during immigration with the arrival of Spanish-speaking Jews with the Marcus family from Veroia. In 1940, the community numbered 131 returning in an unfortunately futile attempt to reestablish the community. By 1959, there would only be 36 and, today, an estimated 4 Jews reside in the city. In March of 1943, a total of 680 would be deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau, leaving an unfortunately futile attempt to reestablish the community. By 1959, there would only be 36 and, today, an estimated 4 Jews reside in the city. In March of 1943, a total of 680 would be deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau, leaving an unfortunately futile attempt to reestablish the community. By 1959, there would only be 36 and, today, an estimated 4 Jews reside in the city. In March of 1943, a total of 680 would be deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau, leaving an unfortunately futile attempt to reestablish the community. By 1959, there would only be 36 and, today, an estimated 4 Jews reside in the city. In March of 1943, a total of 680 would be deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau, leaving an unfortunately futile attempt to reestablish the community. By 1959, there would only be 36 and, today, an estimated 4 Jews reside in the city. In March of 1943, a total of 680 would be deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau, leaving an unfortunately futile attempt to reestablish the community. By 1959, there would only be 36 and, today, an estimated 4 Jews reside in the city.