



# Kehila Kedosha Janina

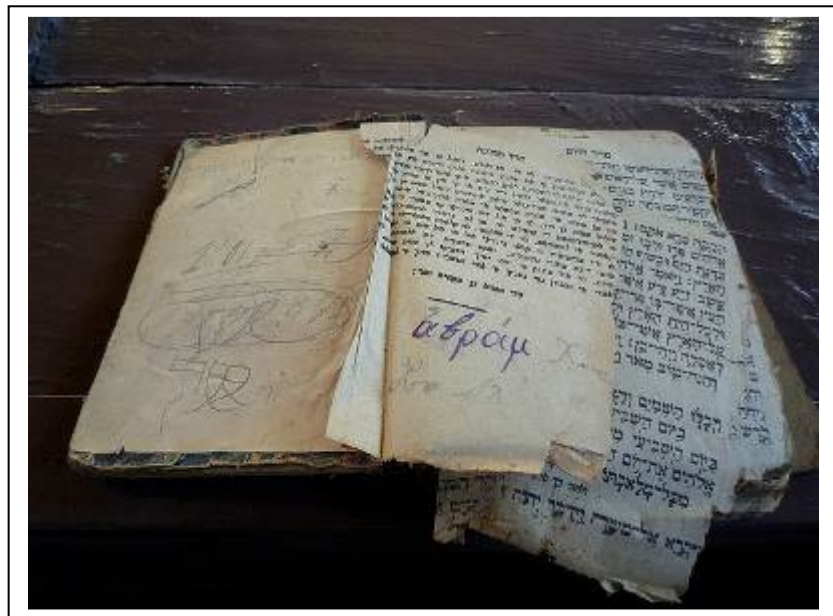
Synagogue and Museum

280 Broome Street, New York, NY 10002

October 2010 e-mail newsletter

Dear Friends of Kehila Kedosha Janina,

**Our best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year. L'Shanah Tovah. Xronia Polla. Anyadas muchas y buenas. We are overjoyed to report that our sister community in Ioannina observed Yom Kippur with the company of 300 visitors! See our article later in this issue.**



**Old prayer book from Ioannina found in the synagogue.  
Photographed by Sidney Levi in 2009.**

**Our small treasure of a synagogue on Broome Street in Lower Manhattan hosted Rosh HaShonah Yom Kippur, Sukkoth and Simcha Torah services. We are happy to say that our turnouts were excellent this year. We thank Chaim Kofinas for his dedication and commitment and for leading us in our services. We thank Sol Matsil for his invaluable help. Sol is very knowledgeable about the minhag of the Jews of Ioannina. His father of Blessed Memory, Rabbi Bechoraki Matsil, taught it to Sol. Rabbi Matsil would have been very proud. We applaud our shofar blowers, Seth Kofinas, Andrew and Ethan Marcus, and give special thanks for Sol and Koula Kofinas who were there throughout the holidays making sure that everything worked as it should.**

**It was not so long ago that we wondered how we would continue, what our future would be. How gratifying to know that we will have a future, one assured by the commitment and perseverance of our families. An exemplary example of this is our President Marvin Marcus and his wife Phyllis, who have raised their sons (both of whom were Bar Mitzvahs in our synagogue) to be proud of their traditions and their faith. The seeds for our future have been planted in a rich soil. They will grow and flourish.**

**We were especially overjoyed to have Connie Pitsirilo and her mother Louisa Koen Pitsirilo join us for the first day of Rosh HaShonah. Louisa survived the camps, deported from Ioannina, and came to New York to celebrate her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday. One of the places she most wanted to visit was Kehila Kedosha Janina. In honor of Louisa's visit, the names of her family members who perished in the Holocaust were read during our kaddish and a Torah scroll was carried in memory of her husband, Moses (Morris), who survived the camps along with her but passed away a couple of years ago. We are overjoyed when others find our synagogue as special as we do.**



**Kalef Koen with family, most of who perished in the Holocaust. Louisa Koen Pitsirilo is second from the left in the front row. Picture taken in Ioannina, circa 1922.**

This newsletter, our 33<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.kkjsm.org)).

We now reach over 4500 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](mailto:kehila_kedosha_janina@netzero.net).

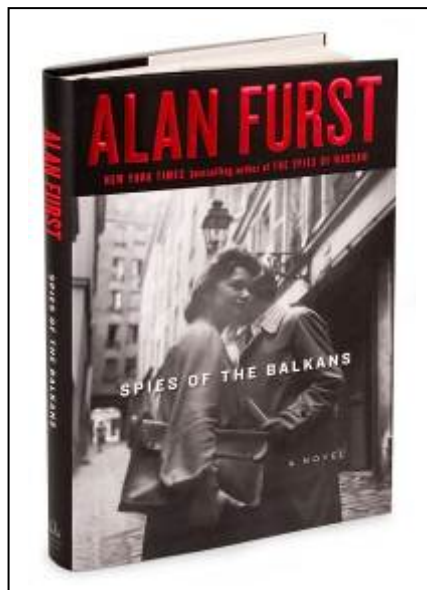
As always, you are all invited to attend our Saturday morning Shabbat services. Just give our Shamas, Sol Kofinas, a heads up ([papusoup@mindspring.com](mailto:papusoup@mindspring.com)) so we are sure that our Kiddush (traditional Greek Jewish Kosher foods) is sufficient. If you wish to sponsor a Kiddush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

This month we mourn the passing of Connie Colchamiro, wife of Leon Colchamiro of Blessed memory. Connie would have celebrated her 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Our sympathies are extended to her three devoted sons, Charles, David & Paul.

We join with the Colchamiro family in celebrating Oscar Colchamiro's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Xronia Polla kai Kala.

### Museum News

October 28, 2010: 7:00 pm. In conjunction with the commemoration of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary OXI Day, Kehila Kedosha Janina is honored to be hosting a book signing by the well-known author of spy thrillers, Alan Furst. "Spies of the Balkans" is set in Thessaloniki (Salonika) in the 1940s as the Greek and Jewish populations become aware of the impending storm of WWII and the Occupation. The author's extensive research is rewarded by one of the best pictures of 1940 Salonika. Join us for the book presentation. The author will be available for questions and to sign purchased copies. Refreshments will be served. We will be selling the book (hardcopy) at \$20, a special price for this event. For those who cannot attend, the book can be purchased by mail for \$20 plus \$4 P&H. Please send your checks to us at One Hanson Place, Huntington NY 11743. The check should be made out to Kehila Kedosha Janina.



**Our own (Dikoi mas) continue to come home. We were honored with the visit of Joe Josephs', grandson of one of our founding fathers (also named Joe Josephs).**



**How lovely to see Joe sitting in his grandfather's chair of honor.**

**We were also honored that Raanan and Michael Baratz chose Kehila Kedosha Janina to celebrate their son Ami Rahm. Although he had already had his B'rit Milah, and had received his name, his parents wanted to continue the family tradition of having their children named inside the synagogue where Raanan's Mioni family had worshipped. Ami's older sister, Elia, had received her name in Kehila Kedosha Janina 2 years ago. Thank you Raanan and Michael for your love of Kehila Kedosha Janina.**



**The celebration of Ami Rahm Baratz at KKJ  
September 26, 2010**



**We have received treasures for our exhibit on families and we love the fact that connections have been made. Joe Josephs shared Josephs family pictures and a special letter written in 1943 thanking Joe Josephs of Blessed Memory for his philanthropy to Greeks suffering during the Occupation.**



**Joe and Anna Joseph**



**Irwin Josephs  
1927**



During the process of collecting and organizing the mounds of photos that have been donated for our upcoming exhibit on Greek Jewish families, many family connections have been made. One of the earliest photos in the archives of Kehila Kedosha Janina came from the album of Mildred Barouch Coffina, of Blessed Memory, donated by her sons Neil and Ed. In identifying the lovely women in the photo below (taken in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century), the woman in the center, Lula Moise turned out to be the great great grandmother of Joanna Schecter, and the woman in the black dress on the right was her great grandmother Esther. We loved this photo so much, we used it in our special invite (invitations to the opening reception scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> will be in the mail the first week in October. **WE ARE LOOKING FOR A PAIR OF BRONZED BABY SHOES (PREFERABLY INCORPORATED INTO A PICTURE FRAME) SO POPULAR IN THE 1940s AND 50s.**



**We thank Dave Corito for his contribution of family pictures. We especially like the one of his mother on the rooftop in the Lower East Side.**

**Esther Mordecai Corito 1920s**



**We love the informal family photos sent to us by Maurice Askinazi.**



**Maurice and Irene Askinazi with their cousins  
Mark & Ivy Levine**



**Zadick Coffino, Benjamin Levine with  
Sam & Meyer Coffino and Jack Altman**



**And we thank Elliot Colchamiro for this  
great picture of his father Morris, of  
Blessed Memory, taken in 1917.**

**Thank you Rose Eskononts for this picture of Murray Eskononts, of Blessed Memory, taken when he was 8 years old.**



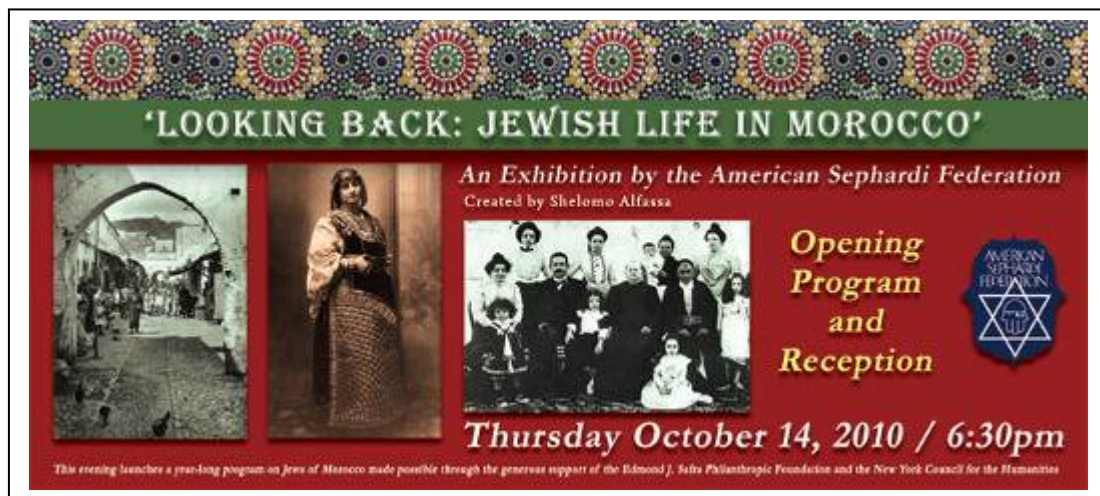
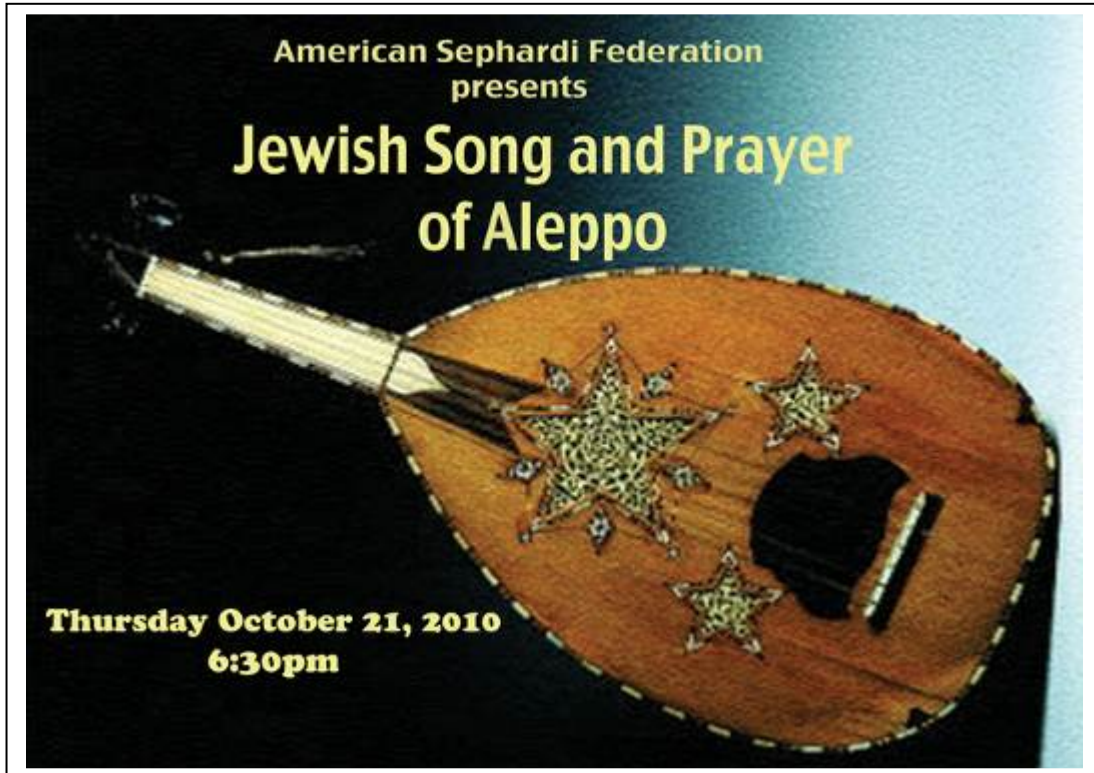
**Murray's adara (meldado) (anniversary of his passing 10 years ago) will be commemorated at Kehila Kedosha Janina on Saturday, December 4th.**

## Cultural Events

### New York City

At the Center for Jewish History, 15 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC, the American Sephardi Federation presents Jewish Song and prayer of Aleppo (on October 21st) and the opening of a new exhibit on the Jews of Morocco (October 14<sup>th</sup>).

For additional information, contact ASF. Information on their website can be accessed through a link on ours: [www.kkjsm.org](http://www.kkjsm.org).







**A Stitch in Jewish Time: Provocative Textiles**

September 7, 2010 – June 30, 2011

**Opening Reception:** Wednesday, October 13, 2010, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

RSVP and photo ID required: [aglazer@huc.edu](mailto:aglazer@huc.edu) or (212) 824-2293



Significant international textile artists explore Jewish history, culture, social justice, ritual, and sacred texts:

**Location:** One West 4th Street (between Broadway and Mercer Street), Manhattan

**Subway:** R/W to 8th St./NYU; 6 to Astor Place; A/C/E/B/D/F/V to West 4th St.

**Hours:** Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm;

Select Sundays (September 26, October 31, November 7, November 21, December 5, December 19, January 9, January 23, February 13, March 27, April 10), 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Admission:** FREE. Photo ID required.

**Group Tours and Information:** [aglazer@huc.edu](mailto:aglazer@huc.edu) or (212) 824-2293

[www.huc.edu/museum/ny](http://www.huc.edu/museum/ny)

**Above:** Miriam Schapiro, *Offering*, collage, 2001. [Courtesy of Flomenhaft Gallery]

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Tuesday, October 5, 6:30 PM

## **In Danger of Extinction: Gentrification in East Harlem and on the Lower East Side**

Residents of these two diverse, vibrant neighborhoods have long dealt with the pressures of gentrification and have struggled for affordability. Their story is told in two recent documentaries. Join the filmmakers for a screening and discussion of *The Lower East Side: An Endangered Place* by **Robert Weber** and *Whose Barrio?* by **Ed Morales** and **Laura Rivera**, with opening remarks by **The Honorable Melissa Mark-Viverito**, New York City Council, District 8.

Co-sponsored by the office of the New York City Council Member **Melissa Mark-Viverito** and **East Harlem Preservation**. This program is presented as part of the ongoing series **The Urban Forum: New York Neighborhoods, Preservation and Development**

**Reservations required:** 917-492-3395 or [programs@mcny.org](mailto:programs@mcny.org)

\$6 Museum members; \$8 seniors and students; \$12 non-members

**\$6 when you mention the Kehila Kedosha Janina Synagogue and Museum**

### **Museum of the City of New York**

1220 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street  
New York, NY 10029

[www.mcny.org](http://www.mcny.org)

### **News from the Lower East Side**

**The latest addition to the multiethnic mix represented at the Essex Street Market is Boubouki, a niche with a counter where Rona Economou bakes spinach pies and baklava, drizzles Greek yogurt with honey and walnuts, and bakes crescent-shaped butter and almond cookies.**



Richard Perry/The New York Times

**Ms. Economou, a lawyer who was laid off last year, used what she said was a modest severance package to open the shop. She is trying, with her recipes, to recreate the flavors she remembers from her grandmother's kitchen in Greece, and she plans to add more foods over time.**

*Boubouki, Essex Street Market, Essex and Delancey Streets (no telephone). Spinach pies and baklava are \$4 each for generous triangles; yogurt is \$3 a portion; cookies are \$2 each.*

By FLORENCE FABRICANT Published in the New York Times: August 31, 2010

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## News From Greece

### Ioannina

Etching of Ioannina from before 1815



We are happy to report that, this year, in Ioannina, for Yom Kippur, the small Jewish community of the city (numbering 34) was visited by 300 Jews, all coming to join the Ioannina Community in Yom Kippur services. They came from throughout Greece and from Europe, Israel and the United States. There was even a visitor from Mexico. Among them were the former President of the Central Board of Jewish Communities, Moses Konstantini, the former President of the Jewish Community of Athens, Isaak Mordechai, the President of the Union of Zionist in Greece, Makis Batis and many others. In the words of Moses Eliasaf (President of the Jewish Community of Ioannina), "Although Yom Kippur is always the most important day in the Jewish year, and the most important holiday for our community, this year it was magical." The events began on Friday morning when the members of the community and the visitors gathered in the synagogue inside the Kastro in Ioannina to fill the wick holders with oil, say the traditional berucha (in the Romaniote tradition) and light the candles. They, then, proceeded to the cemetery where Haim Ischaki led the group in prayers for their deceased relatives, said kaddish and, in a very emotional environment, said the prayer for the victims of the Holocaust in front of the Holocaust memorial that is inside the cemetery. Haim Ichaki, through the years, has been one of the instrumental forces in Greece in trying to preserve Jewish traditions. He tirelessly travels throughout Greece (especially to the Jewish communities of Ioannina and Chalkis where his father and mother were born) to conduct services on major Jewish holidays. Haim also organizes tours for Greek Jews to other countries to reinforce their sense of Judaism. He was instrumental in organizing the gathering for Yom Kippur in Ioannina.



Inside the Kastro



Ioannina Torah scrolls

Photos from the archives of Kehila Kedosha Janina Museum

Later that Friday evening, the synagogue inside the Kastro was filled with the community and the visitors, as they chanted Lecha Eli and the traditional Romaniote rendition of the Prayer of Forgiveness, culminated by Kol Nidre. The services were led by Haim Ischaki and Samuel Koen, accompanied by Markou Battinou. The honor of opening the Echal was given to Moses Konstantini and the honor of carrying the seven Torahs was given to visitors, most of whom had not visited the city of their ancestry for many years and were now here to prayer in the only remaining synagogue in Ioannina.

During the services on Saturday, major donors to the community were called up to read from the Torah, but younger members of the group were not forgotten. Many stayed until the morning service ended at 14:30.

During the afternoon services, the group was joined by Christian friends. Haim Ischaki was able to translate parts of the service into Greek so that they could understand the prayers and the meaning of this important Jewish holiday. The services were done in the melodic style of the Jewish community of Ioannina, thanks to Samuel Koen and Haim Ischaki, brought back many memories for the older visitors and was greeted with pleasant curiosity by the younger members of the group and the Christians present. The services concluded with the blowing of the shofar by Haim Ischaki bringing tears to the eyes of those gathered. All thanked Haim Ischaki and Samuel Koen, who has been the spiritual leader for years of the Jewish Community of Ioannina.

The fast was broken at a dinner sponsored by the Jewish Community of Ioannina in a hotel in the city. Moses Eliasaf thanked the group for coming. Makis Matsas presented his book (in Greek) listing the 1832 victims of the Holocaust in Ioannina. Allegra Matsa introduced a display of black and white photographs of Jewish life in Ioannina after the war. Many of the visitors enjoyed seeing photos of themselves from their childhood.

In the words of Moses Elisaf, "It is impossible to put into words and describe the poignant gathering in the courtyard of the synagogue as the visitors expressed their emotions at being here for Yom Kippur." For those who were fortunate to have experienced this gathering in Ioannina, it is something they will never forget. In an article shortly to be published in ta Nea Mas (a monthly periodical of the Jewish Community of Athens), Moses Eliasaf thanked all who attended and gave a special thanks to Haim Ischakis for his help to the Jewish Community of Ioannina, not only this year, but throughout the years.

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#### Letter from President of the Sisterhood of Ioannina to the Jewish Community of Ioannina

We have chosen this letter because it so beautifully expresses the thoughts of those here in the Yanniote community of the United States on hearing of the events in Greece.

*"Dear Moses Eliasaf,*

*Happy New Year to you and the Ioannina Jewish Community from The Sisterhood of Janina. We were so happy to hear of the lovely Yom Kippur services that took place in Ioannina, with guests from all over Greece, Europe, Israel, the U.S. and Mexico. How wonderful to know that your beautiful synagogue was once again filled to capacity with many dignitaries, to mark this holiday in such a meaningful way. Please convey Sisterhood's Best Regards to the Community for a year full of peace, harmony and good health.*

*L'Shanah Tovah.*

*Rose Eskononts  
President  
Sisterhood of Janina  
2430 Haring Street #3J  
Brooklyn, NY 11235'*

## Chalkis

For a video of the unveiling of the statue in honor of Mordechai Frizis (unveiled in Chalkis on September 24<sup>th</sup>) see [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_zVhxUeVoOk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_zVhxUeVoOk)

## Salonika

### Greeks at Auschwitz- Birkenau

Macedonian Studies and the Jewish Community of Thessaloniki celebrate the 66th anniversary uprising of the of Greek Jews to Nazi death camps of the Holocaust and present the publication of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Greeks at Auschwitz- Birkenau Fotini Tomai Monday, October 4, 2010 at 19:30 in the lecture hall of the Company.

### SCHEDULE

Introductions by Nicholas J. Mertzos , President of Macedonian Studies and David Saltiel, President of the Jewish Community of Thessaloniki

### Opening Presentations by:

Athanasios E. Karathanasis , Professor Aristotle University

Paul L. Chagouel, Dr. of Engineering

Fotini Tomai , Head of Diplomatic Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

National premiere of the documentary "The Revolt at Auschwitz" followed by a Reception



**Menashe Family 1930s  
Bar Mitzvah**

**Most would perish at  
Auschwitz-Birkenau**





Thanks to “Abravanel” we pass on the following info on a “robust and lively growth in studies concerning Greek Jewry.”

“Thanks to the pioneers of the 90's Group for the study of the history of the Jews of Greece, we have had the first results which paved the way for younger generations of researchers which are not bound by local prejudices.”

A characteristic example is these 4 days spanning the weekend in Salonica which easily qualify as an unofficial academic festival of Jewish Culture since multiple events are scheduled for Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

We start on Friday (October 1<sup>st</sup>) with two events. First (at 19:00) at the Hirsch Gallery, a historic Jewish commercial landmark, a talk is held on the Jewish Salonika with Leon Nar, Moses Kostantinis and Rosa Asser-Pardo presenting and S.Theodorakis coordinating.



Roughly at the same time a Panhellenic symposium is organized by the Group for the study of the Jews of Greece and the Section of Balkan, Slavic and Eastern Studies of the University of Macedonia. It's theme is: "The Other in letters; icons of Jews in modern Greek literature". Speakers include F.Abatzopoulou, G.Papatheodorou, M.Pehlivanos, S.Zouboulakis, V.Apostolidou, R.Galanaki and M.Fais . The symposium spans from Friday to Saturday and its appeal is not limited to scholars, since F.Abatzopoulou's work is one of the most important studies into the history of anti-Semitism in Greece today. On Friday the main theme is "Shoa, Judeophobia, Antisemitism: literary representations", while on Saturday it is "Fictional productions of the Jewish self" and "On writing: the trauma of writing and the writing of trauma".

On Sunday the second installment of the series "Cities of Silence" organized by the Jewish Museum of Salonika is held. Lela Salem presents the complete history of the old Jewish Cemetery which lies today under the Aristotle University of Salonika, while Evangelos Hekimoglou speaks of the Muslim cemetery of Salonika and the ottoman legislation concerning the cemeteries.

**On Monday there is the official presentation of the book by Photeini Tomai "Greek Jews in Auschwitz Birkenau" and the first showing of C.Pilavios' documentary on the subject. (see article above).**

## Upcoming trials in Greece and call for involvement of European Union

### Jewish Organization Calls on EU to send an official observer at the trial to be held in Greece.

**NEW YORK / BRUSSELS -** While three Greek activists for human rights are to be tried in Greece because they criticized the judiciary against the acquittal of known anti-Semitic and far-right politician, the World Jewish Council (WJC) has appealed to the President of the European Parliament to send a formal observer to monitor the trial to be held in Athens. The WJC has criticized the Greek Justice for last year's acquittal of anti-Semite Constantine Plevris, and for the current effort to silence critics of this decision.

The Vice President and Deputy General Secretary of the WJC Maram Stern said: "We must not allow ourselves to bring to trial people who speak against fanatics like Mr. Plevris when the hate monger is acquitted by the courts." In a letter to Jerzy Buzek, President of the European Parliament, Stern describes the trial's "chicanery" and "attack" on fundamental European values." He expressed his suspicions that part of the Greek justice did not intend to defend fundamental European values and they had deliberately acted against them . "

In his letter, Stern called on the European Parliament to take action: "Given the backdrop of previous court rulings in this case, we urge the European Parliament to send an independent observer to the trial in order to certify whether the Greek courts operate under the principles of the EU." President of the WJC went on to say: "These courageous people are fighting against Nazism, and the known hate monger , who repeatedly called for the elimination of Jews and praised the Nazis. They defended the small Jewish community in Greece and they deserve our support . " The WJC also sent a letter to the Greek President Papoulias , Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou and the ' Greek Orthodox Archbishop Ieronymos, inviting them to speak out against the proceedings."

#### **The framework**

The lawyer and author, Constantine Plevris repeatedly has called Jews " subhuman " and said that "the survival instinct of the race shows us the path of war to death against the Zionist Jews . He, an overt admirer of Nazism , was found guilty by a Greek court in 2007 for inciting racial hatred through the statements he made in his book " Jews : the whole truth " but was later acquitted in court of appeal. Then Plevris sued senior representatives of the Greek Jewish community, and dozens of journalists and activists for human rights, for defamation and the Athens prosecutor's office started legal action against the Greek Anti-Nazi Initiative ([www.antinazi.gr](http://www.antinazi.gr)) to bring to trial members of the organization. The trial will start on September 22 .

#### **About the World Jewish Council**

The World Jewish Council is an international organization representing Jewish communities in 92 countries. The WJC is acting as a diplomatic arm of the Jewish people to governments , parliaments and international organizations.

**We thank Ilias Pessach from Athens and his blog (Condemn Kostas Plevris now!)**

<http://pessachlodge.blogspot.com/2010/09/blog-post.html>

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#### **Fears over Greek 'bigot' trial**

**By Jennifer Lipman, September 16, 2010**

The World Jewish Congress (WJC) has called for an independent EU observer to attend a court case involving an extremist Greek writer who has described Jews as "subhuman" and questioned the Holocaust.

**Konstantinos Plevris was found guilty of inciting racial hatred in 2007 and sentenced to 14 months in jail, but was later acquitted in an appeal.**

**He is now taking legal action against a series of his critics, including three Greek human rights activists.**

**The notorious right-wing historian penned a book called "Jews: the Whole Truth" in which he wrote: "I am a Nazi and a fascist, I am racist, anti-democratic and I am an antisemite."**

**The trial is set to begin on September 22 in Athens.**

**But the WJC called the case "a perversion of justice" and "an assault on fundamental European values."**

**In a letter to the president of the European Parliament, the WJC vice president Maram Stern said there should be an official envoy to the trial. Mr. Stern said this was crucial "to ascertain whether the Greek courts act in agreement with the basic principles of the EU." He also criticized the Greek judiciary for acquitting Mr. Plevris.**

**"We must not allow a situation in which people who speak out against bigots are prosecuted while the hatemongers themselves are acquitted."**

**[www.thejwc.com/news/world-news/38250/fears-over-greek-bigot-trial](http://www.thejwc.com/news/world-news/38250/fears-over-greek-bigot-trial)**

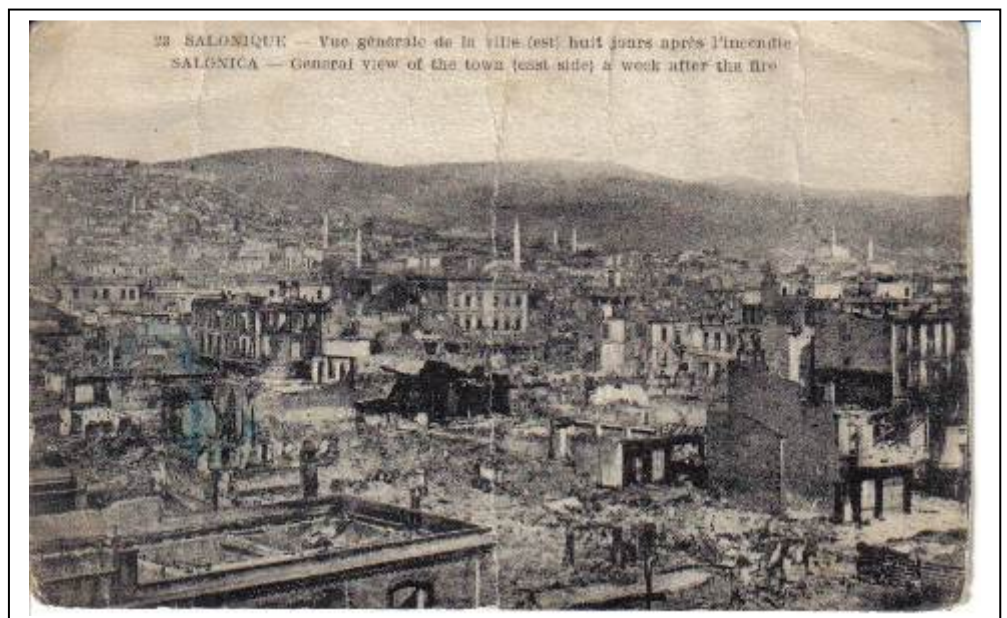
**UPDATE: The trial scheduled to take place on September 22<sup>nd</sup> was rescheduled to December 6<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Requests**

### **Information on the 1917 Fire in Salonika**

**Bob Bedford, for decades one of the most dedicated researchers on Jewish life in Greece, and the publisher of some of the finest books on Sephardic life in the Balkans, has been researching the Salonika Fire of 1917 for decades, hoping to publish a book on the subject for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary (2017). He is looking for eyewitness accounts. Those of you who have stories handed down from your parents or grandparents who lived through the devastating fire, please get back to us so we can pass your contact info on to Bob Bedford.**

**Salonika after the Great Fire of  
1917**



**Request from Joe Hadayo**

**"As always I thoroughly enjoy reading the newsletter. I have an inquiry for the next one: Any information concerning Leon Hadayo and family who lived on Queen Amalia Street on Thessaloniki. Thank you and L'Shanah Tova.  
Joe Hadayo"**

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**Gabriella Levy is seeking our help in finding work in her chosen field. Gabriella Levy is the great-granddaughter of Rabbi Jessoula Levy who served Kehila Kedosha Janina during his early years.**

**Having graduated from Skidmore College, Gabriella has focused her attention on ceramics. Initially working with the potter's wheel and producing primarily functional ware (dish sets, mugs, vases, pitchers, platters, serving bowls, etc.), until a visiting artist suggested Gabriella return to her basic hand-building roots, and discovered a whole new realm of ceramics. She was able to easily incorporate the attractive results of alternative firing techniques (raku, sagger and salt) into her new body of sculptural ceramic work. Gabriella's latest endeavor is translucent porcelain chandeliers. Currently living in Boston, MA, Gabriella is working at a studio in Brookline, creating these unique lighting fixtures.**

**Gabriella is asking our help to turn what she loves to do into a possible livelihood. In Gabriella's own words: "If you, or anyone you know, know someone even remotely associated with an art festival, art gallery, ceramics studio, or interior design firm or someone who might have some sound advice or leads for me, I would be forever grateful." Gabriella's website is:  
<http://www.wix.com/gabriellaklevy/gabriellaceramics>**

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**Request from Upper East Side Sephardic synagogue to help spread the word of Early Morning Shahrit Minyan**

***Dear Esteemed Friends, Community Leaders and Rabbis:***

***Beezrat Hashem, we will start an Early Morning Shahrit Minyan in Upper East Side in Manhattan on Monday, October 4th right after the holidays. The minyan will start at 6:15 am and is expected to finish by 7:15 am including Mondays and Thursdays. Days when there is no tachanun and/or Torah reading the minyan will finish earlier. The Minyan will take place on the 5th Floor of Manhattan Sephardic Congregation located at 325 East 75th Street.***

***This will most likely be the earliest minyan in Manhattan to accommodate the schedule of those who would like to pray according to the Sephardic / Edot Mizrach tradition. If you know people who live in Queens, Brooklyn, Staten Island, Great Neck, New Jersey etc., but work in Manhattan and need to be at work early, this will be the ideal Minyan for them. Please spread the word in your respective Congregations so that we will, G-d willing, have a strong Minyan.***

***For further information and questions, please do not hesitate to call the Synagogue office at 212 988 6085 or the following members of the Organizing Committee.***

<b>Michael Abittan</b>	<b>917 640 6306</b>	<b><i>michael.abittan@gmail.com</i></b>
<b>Marko Issever</b>	<b>917 225 4482</b>	<b><i>markoathome@yahoo.com</i></b>
<b>David Perez</b>	<b>347 410 3246</b>	<b><i>david.perez@gs.com</i></b>

***We wish you a happy and healthy New Year with the realization of Hashem's choicest blessings for happiness, good health and parnasa. Amen! Tizku Leshanim Rabot, neimot vetovot. Chag Sameach.***

**Marko Issever, Organizing Committee Member, MSC Early Minyan**



### Request from Isaac Dostis for help

"Marcia, I've been talking to Tsako Skinatzis & he is searching for an aunt of his who came to America in the late 40's early 50's & died there. Her name was Rosa Skinatzi but he thinks it became Rosa Eskenazi, daughter of Isaak & sister of David. Isaac wants help in finding if she married and who; if she had any children and when she passed away."

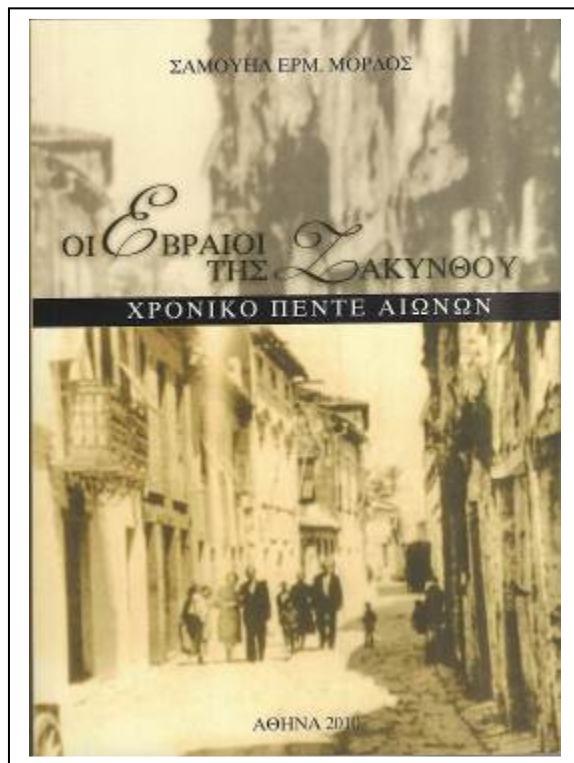
### Responses to our last newsletter requests

Al Barouch identifies two children in September e-newsletter. "My Dentist cousin Manny (Dr. Emanuel Barouch) is on the left and my brother Sol (Solomon Barouch) is on the right. Thanks for your excellent work, Al Barouch"



### NEW BOOKS

We announce the publication of new book on the Jews of Zakynthos (in Greek) by Samuel Mordos



We thank Rosine Nussenblatt for the following new on-line Sephardic Journal  
<http://sephardichorizons.org>

We close this newsletter with a photo of Irwin Josephs' Bar Mitzvah in 1937. The Archbishop had a seat on the dais next to Rabbi Jessoula Levi of Blessed Memory. See how many relatives you can find in the picture.



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