A very special thank you to Rabbis Nissim Elimelech and Shelomo Alfassa of the International Sephardic Leadership Council who fell in love with our synagogue and have been so supportive, giving guidance and offering help, especially in providing someone to lead our services. When our sanctuary was forced to move downstairs during restoration, they even rededicated the temporary sanctuary with a new mezuzah. Find our more about this organization at http://www.scheiduricouncil.org.

**Sephardic Leadership Council**

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Almost from the very beginning, as our community of Yankovitch Jews began to arrive from Greece and settle on the Lower East Side of New York City, other congregations, sister synagogues, began to be established. We are now in the process of doing research on two aspects of the history of Kehila Kedosha Janina: Bar Mitvahs, Simchas and funerals that took place at the Kehila on Broomside Street, and history of the sister synagogues (such as Kehila Kedosha Janina of Mapleton in Brooklyn and Shearith Israel of Janina in the Bronx). Please pass on any information you have. It will be greatly appreciated. Contact us at our e-mail kehila_kedosha_janina@netzero.net.

**Research on Yankovitch Jews in America**

This winter, while in Ioannina, Isaac Doris interviewed Jews who had connections with the Jewish Community of Avlona in Albania. Close to the Albanian border, there are Albanian Jews from Ioaninna who had family ties in Avlona. Isaac will be returning in September and is looking to continue his research here. If you have Avlona connections, contact Isaac at aclpresent@optonline.net.

**Sister Synagogues**

- **Dough:**
  - 2 eggs
  - ½ cup oil
  - ½ cup sugar
  - 2 1/2-1/2 cups flour
  - 1 tsp. baking powder
  - pinch of salt
  - chopped walnuts
  - 1 tsp. cinnamon
  - ½ tsp. nutmeg

- **Filling:**
  - 1 cup of walnuts
  - finely ground
  - 1 cup of raisins
  - ½ tsp. cinnamon
  - ½ tsp. sugar
  - 5 tablespoons honey
  - 1 cup of sugar
  - 2 tablespoons water

- **Filling:**
  - 3 tablespoons water
  - 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
  - pinch of cloves
  - finely ground
  - 1 cup of walnuts

- **Glaze:**
  - ½ cup sugar
  - ¼ cup oil
  - 3 tablespoons water

Place one honey ball just below the center of the dough. Roll each ball on a floured surface into a flat circle and place one honey ball just below the center of the dough. Fold the top over and press the edges to seal. Place on a lightly sprayed or nonstick cookie sheet, spaced at least an inch apart and bake at 375° for 10-15 minutes or until barely tan. Remove and let cool for 5 minutes before taking off the cookie sheet.

*This recipe was contributed by Al Baresch*

**Passing**

Mourners Marker:


**Upcoming Events**

With our interior restoration still in progress, it is impossible to print a calendar of upcoming events. Access our Web site (http://www.kkjsm.org) for updates and announcements of our grand reopening and rededication. Of course, we will be open for Shabbat services and the High Holidays. Join us.

**In Memory of Hy Genee**

On February 13, 2006, shortly before this newsletter was to be published, our beloved President, Hy Genee, the backbone of our congregation and our synagogue, suddenly passed away. Originally, we had hoped to publish a short, special memorial newsletter in March and then the original newsletter in September, but as those who knew Hy began to send us their thoughts and memories, the decision was made to combine both for this double issue, with a special pull-out section dedicated to Hy. For those of us who had the honor of knowing and working with Hy, he will always be with us. May his blessed memory inspire us to continue with renewed strength to make his dreams a reality.

**Schedule for High Holiday Services:**

**September**

- **Sunday:**
  - September 17th: 7:00 pm Selichot services
  - September 21st: 5:45 pm Erev Rosh Hashana
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  - September 22nd: 5:45 pm Erev Rosh Hashana
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  - September 30th: 9:00 am Shabbat Teshuva

- **October**
  - October 1st: 5:45 pm Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre
  - October 2nd: 8:00 pm Yom Kippur
  - October 6th: 6:00 pm Neila
  - October 7th: 5:00 pm Succot first day
  - October 7th: 5:00 pm Succot second day
  - October 10th: 8:00 pm Shabbat Shalom
  - October 11th: 7:00 pm Hoshana Raba
  - October 14th: 8:45 am Simchat Torah
  - October 15th: 8:45 am Simchat Torah
  - October 21st: 8:45 am Shabbat Bereishit

**Message From Our New President: Marvin Marcus**

The passing of Hy Genee has left the members of the Board of Kehila Kedosha Janina Synagogue and Museum with a deep sense of loss. His presence at the Kehila was a beacon to all Yanniotes for so many years. Hy’s personal knowledge of the Lower East Side, the families that lived there, and their relatives, is irreplaceable.

Hy Genee provided the members of the synagogue with continuity and purpose. Seeing him every Saturday, the spiritual leader of our Kehila, was a joy I will never forget. His personal dedication to the Kehila and the Romaniote Community will long be remembered.

**The Romaniote**

Newsletter of Kehila Kedosha Janina Synagogue and Museum

The only thing that was missing from this original newsletter was Hy’s message, his “message from the President,” an integral part of each newsletter. A call was made to Hy’s home the morning of February 1st and Hy’s last words to me were, “You know what I want to say.” Yes, we do.

“I want to thank all those who called and sent cards during my illness. I have loved being part of this extended family of Greek Jews and am very proud of what we have been able to accomplish. The best way you can remember me is to continue with our mission. Be proud to call me your president. Cherish your past, our unique culture and traditions. Keep supporting our synagogue and museum but, most importantly, never forsake your Judaism. Every time you set foot in Kehila Kedosha Janina, especially our Shabbat, I will be there with you in spirit.”
This past summer, while visiting Ioannina in Greece, Marcia Haddad Ronnopoulooulos, was approached by the President of the Jewish Community of Ioannina, Moses Eliassof, for help in a much needed restoration project on the only still-existing synagogue in Ioannina. During the course of an extremely wet winter, water had caused damage to the sanctuary, including causing leakage into the sanctuary. A temporary patching was done, but this was not permanent.

This is the first time that the small community in Ioannina has sought our help. We have been there to help raise funds for the restoration of the cemetery (a project that is still ongoing). In fact, over the course of the years since the establishment of the Kehila in 1926, we have taken pride in never having let down our sister community in Greece. Whether it be helping survivors after the devastation of the community during the Holocaust, or helping financially with necessary projects that were beyond the means of the decimated community, Kehila Kedosha Janina is proud that we have always been there, and will continue to be there in whatever capacity that Jewish Community of Ioannina might need us.

The Community is very grateful to us, as expressed by a recent letter, “On part of all the members of the Jewish Community of Ioannina, we convey our deepest thanks for your help every time that relevant need arises…You know that with meager economic means we are confronting difficult work to preserve the sacred monument of our precious faith, and preserve the unity and morale that it affords us during our immigration at the beginning of the 20th century, welcoming survivors after the devastation of the community during the Holocaust, or helping financially with necessary projects that were beyond the means of the decimated community, Kehila Kedosha Janina, give us, apart from valuable economic support, the spiritual strength to continue this work. We wish to convey to you that, on our part, we feel that you are always with us in spite of the great geographical distance that separates us. Your valuable and unbroken contacts with us, your promptness to our appeals and the feelings with which you cherish our Community and its memory, have raised our awareness to our real beneficiaries. Our brethren at Kehila Kedosha Janina have never let us down.”

Funds for the restoration project (a needed $15,000) will be raised by Kehila Kedosha Janina, Sisterhood of Janina and the Association of Friends of Greek Jewry.

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