



September 2014 e-newsletter

Dear Friends of Kehila Kedosha Janina,

We wish our friends a Happy and Healthy New Year surrounded by family and friends. May 5775 bring peace throughout the world. May we continue to grow and flourish. May our wealth be counted, not in material possessions but, rather, in the love of family, friends and community. L'Shanah Tovah, Xronia Polla, Anos Muchos y Buenos. Attached to this e-newsletter you will find our Holiday schedule. Do join us for services. Our seats are free and our hearts are open.



Memorial lamps hanging in the sanctuary of Kehila Kedosha Janina

On Yom Kippur it is traditional to recite memorial prayers for the dearly departed. In many synagogues this ritual is observed by conducting a Yizkor service. At the Kehila Kedosha Janina we follow the centuries-old Romaniote custom of our people by reciting Hashkavoth (memorial prayers) and the individual names of our dearly departed during the Kol Nidre/Yom Kippur Eve service. If you wish to honor the memory of your family members or friends in this very special way, please e-mail us their names ASAP. It is customary to include a voluntary donation of your choosing.

Wishing you good health and happiness as we approach the High Holidays

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This newsletter, our 67th 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 6000 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

Our condolences to the following families on their recent losses:

The Benjamin family on the passing of Julie Blanke. Julia's passing was preceded by that of her siblings: brothers, David (former Brotherhood Secretary), Oriel, Murray (the husband of Esther Benjamin, Sisterhood Treasurer) and sister Harriet. The Benjamins were from Ioannina.

The Petrillo family on the passing of Mollie Smith.

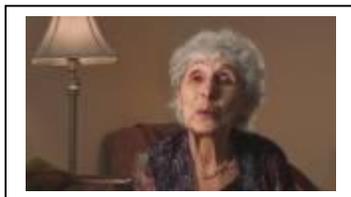
The Negrin family on the passing of the husband of Serena Negrin Michelson's husband, Allen Michelson.

The family of Annette Binder (of the Politis and Josephs family) on the passing of her daughter-in-law, Lynne Binder. Lynne is survived by her husband, Michael and her children, Stacey and Jared.

The Lower East Side lost one of its foremost icons and documenters, photographer Rebecca Lepkoff. Fortunately, before her passing, Rebecca's story was documented in a book of oral histories of the Lower East Side (Lower East Side Oral Histories) and an upcoming documentary presently a work in progress by LESPI (Lower East Side Preservation Initiative).

For an excellent article on Rebecca Lepkoff of Blessed Memory, see below:

<http://www.thelodownny.com/leslog/2014/08/lower-east-side-photographer-rebecca-lepkoff-die-s-at-98.html>



We send our sincere sympathies to our Bulgarian friends on the passing of one of the most famous Bulgarian poets.

Valeri Petrov, Bulgaria's most prominent contemporary poet and a former Nobel Prize nominee, has died at age 94. Valeri Nissim Mevorah, known by his pen-name Valeri Petrov, was the only person in the world to have translated the complete works of Shakespeare in verse (it took him only 10 years). And so much more. With a Jewish father and Bulgarian mother, he felt Jewish "regardless of the technicalities", especially "when the person opposite me feels that I am Jewish." May his memory be a blessing!



Simchas

We love simchas. They are the lifeline of our community.

Therefore, it is with great joy that we announce the marriage of Jaki Silver (of the Barouch branch of the Colchamiro family) to Kevin Dimassi. Jaki is the daughter of Rochelle Silver, the granddaughter of Herman (Haim) Barouch of Blessed Memory, the great-granddaughter of Rachel Colchamiro Barouch and Benjamin Barouch and the great-great-granddaughter of Matathias Colchamiro and Sarina Levy Colchamiro, and Haim Barouch and Malka Levy Barouch, and the great-great-great-granddaughter of Jessula Colchamiro and Rachel Galanos Colchamiro. Jaki is the descendant of a long line of proud Yanniototes and it is our hope that this heritage will be passed on to yet another generation.



We are always happy to welcome births in our community.

We share the joy of the family of Willa Rose Sternberg, the daughter of Arielle Genee and Josh Sternberg, the granddaughter of Marty and Marla Genee, the great-granddaughter of Hy and Lil Genee (both of Blessed Memory), the great-great granddaughter of Morris (Bechoraki) Genee and Fani Genee, and the great-great-great granddaughter of Avraam Genee and Estrea Negrin. The Genee family were founding members of the Kehila Kedosha Janina Community and Hy Genee of Blessed Memory served as our President for over 40 years. Willa Rose has an illustrious heritage to celebrate.



It is with joy that we welcome the birth of Hannah Grace Weintraub, the daughter of Aaron and Tracy Weintraub, the granddaughter of Leon and Nancy Weintraub, the great-granddaughter of Stella Colchamiro and Isaac Weintraub (both of Blessed Memory), the great-great granddaughter of Leon Colchamiro and Julia (Joya) Mazza Colchamiro, and the great-great-great granddaughter of Jessula Colchamiro and Rachel Galanos Colchamiro. Leon Colchamiro was one of the founding fathers of Kehila Kedosha Janina, an early spiritual leader of the community, one of the founders of the Brotherhood of Janina and the founder of the Sisterhood of Janina. Hannah Grace takes her place in the next generous of proud Yanniotos. It has been a busy month for the Colchamiro!

In our June e-newsletter, we celebrated the birth of twins, Charlie Brucker and Ayla Mione Brucker, the daughters of Ariel Weintraub and Louis Brucker. The twins are the granddaughters of Elyna Pardo and Robert Weintraub, the great-granddaughters of Rebecca (Betty) Mione and Isaac (Izzy) Pardo (both of Blessed Memory), the great-great-granddaughters of Abraham Mione

and Rachel Mazza (both of Blessed Memory) and the great great-great-granddaughters of Elia & Zoe Mioni (both of Blessed Memory). On Sunday, September 14th, Kehila Kedosha Janina is honored to host the baby-naming!



We have a number of important birthdays to celebrate.

Mollie Soussis Lieberman turned 95

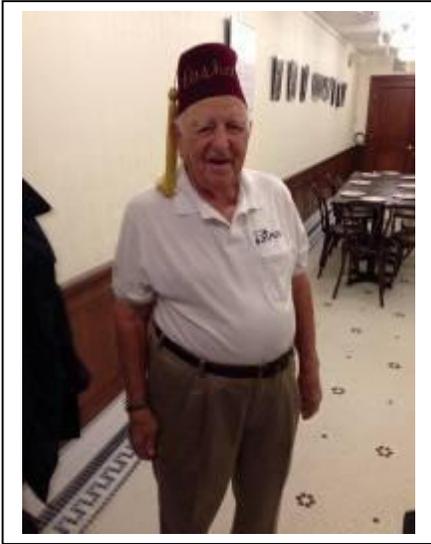
Nat Cantos turned 90 on August 3rd

Bea Zagma will celebrate her 90th in September

Bea & Eli Zagma on their engagement 1942



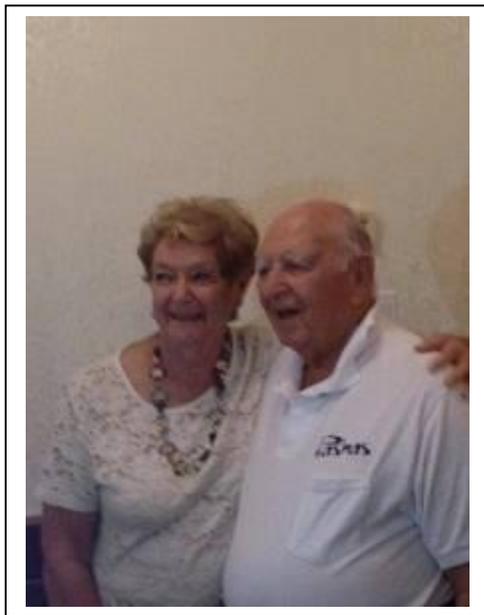
August 5th we celebrated (at Kehila Kedosha Janina) the 95th birthday of Ralph Sadik Battino.



The grand "Pasha"



Sol & Koula Koffinas with Ralph



Ralph & his Pashette Jackie



And, of course, there was food

If you are a member of our community think of celebrating your simcha with us at Kehila Kedosha Janina. Our new communal room is ready to host your event.

ikoi Mas, Los Muestrros (our own) come home

We were honored with a special visit of Sara from the Hadjis family of Ioannina who was born in Athens and now lives in Israel.



Arlene Schulman (a descendant of the David branch of the Bechoropoulos family and the Attas family from Ioannina) came in to donate her great-aunt Esther Nachman's sewing machine. Esther was a sister of Arlene's nona, Anna Attas David. While there, we had a visit from Angeliki Kounava, from Ioannina. Angeliki used to work at the Folklore Museum in Ioannina where they display a number of artifacts from the Jewish community. Recently they were the recipient of a beautiful megillah Esther, a donation from a member of Arlene's family.



Arlene Schulman and Angeliki Kounava



Megillah now on display at the Folklore Museum in Ioannina

Check out the new show on Fox on September 22nd. One of the stars of Gotham came to Kehila Kedosha Janina. His mother, Rachel, is of Greek Jewish background, family from Salonika.

Rachel and David Mazouz



News and Upcoming Events on the Lower East Side

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Sheer Power:
Recent Paintings
September 6 – October 25, 2014



Right As Rain II, 2014
Acrylic on canvas
40 x 30 inches; 101.6 x 76.2 cm

Woodward Gallery opens their 20th Anniversary Fall Season with Artist James Rizzi, better known as JMR. This new body of work has roots in Abstract Expressionism, yet favors a Neo Contemporary flare. JMR has catapulted his vision with this acrylic painting series of bold curves and lines punched with bright color. JMR will be simultaneously featured in the private dining rooms of the historic Four Seasons Restaurant (at 99 East 52nd Street, NYC.)

Well travelled with his art as both a Street Artist and Fine Art painter, JMR's imagery has become iconic in his native New York City and his home in Dallas. After a building-sized mural at the Pod Hotel in Manhattan, and major commissioned projects around Brooklyn, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago and Hong Kong, JMR now raises his brush with the determined statement on motion, scale –and sheer power. Surface of these papers to prepare for her original watercolor/gouache/



The Blue We Bathe, 2014
Acrylic on canvas
40 x 32 inches; 101.6 x 81.3 cm

Surface of these papers to prepare for her original watercolor/gouache/

A great symphony of shapes pulsating into one another, JMR's paintings are at once, serious and sensual, energetic and fearless. His strong black lines caress blank space or beckon to color. These are the mature works of a painter in his prime.

Please Join Us for the Artist Reception:
Saturday, September 6, 2014 from 6-8pm



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Special Event for Young Professionals Ages 20s and 30s!

Young Professionals Nosh and Stroll on the LES (Ages 20's & 30's)

Sunday, September 7, 2014 – 2:00 PM

Have you ever tasted *potatonik*?

Join the LESJC for a stimulating stroll featuring delicacies based on original European recipes. Nosh on a fresh baked bialy, a pickle right out of the barrel, and potatonik. We will tour historic Jewish sites on and off the beaten path, including the Bialystoker Synagogue, originally the Willet Street Methodist Church (1826), a site on the Underground Railroad. We will also enter a shteibl, a one or two room house of prayer. View Beth Hamedrash Hagadol, pulpit of the only chief Rabbi ever appointed in NYC, and formerly the largest Russian, traditional Jewish congregation in the United States.

This tour will last approximately 3 hours. Price \$22 in advance and \$26 the day of the tour.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged

[More details and register at
www.nycjewishtours.org](http://www.nycjewishtours.org)



A beer bottle from the 1800s was unearthed by archaeologists in Chinatown — inspiring them to revive the rare old brew.

The scientists discovered the glass “California Pop Beer” bottle on Bowery Street near Canal Street, where a popular beer hall, Atlantic Garden, bustled in the 1850s, scientists said. “It’s a light summer drink, slightly minty and refreshing” said Alyssa Loorya, 44, president of Chrysalis Archaeology, which headed the project.

The beer is infused with ginger root, sarsaparilla and wintergreen oil, and other herbs, giving it a one-of-a-kind kick, Loorya said.

“It’s all about curiosity and fun. It gives us a chance to sample what they were actually drinking back then,” she added.

To recreate the special elixir, Loorya tracked down a patent for the beer, which was brewed in Newark, NJ, 150 years ago. It took roughly two weeks to brew five gallons of the golden-colored tonic with a home-brewing kit, Loorya said.

Beer buffs will be able to taste the herbaceous hooch at a historical pub crawl next month. Samples of the limited-edition brew will be up for grabs on Sept. 6 at an event featuring some of the city's oldest bars, organized with help from the city's Historic Districts Council.



Next time you are on the subway in New York City, make a stop at Spring Street and see the new acknowledgement that we are very much a part of the history of New York City.



Upcoming Events of Interest for Greek Jews in the New York City Area

If you missed Yvette Manassis Corporon's presentation of "When the Cypress Whispers" at Kehila Kedosha Janina in April 2014, you can catch her presentation in Astoria on Saturday, September 13th.

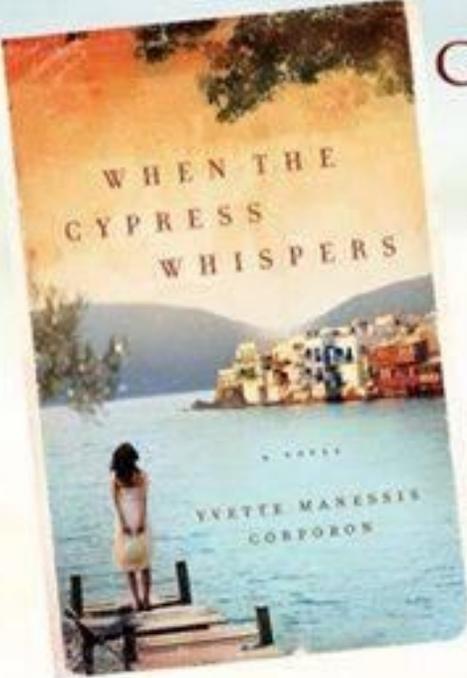
For those of you lucky enough to be on our 2015 Tour of Jewish Greece (we haven't officially advertised it and it is almost full!) we will be visiting Yvette's island of Erikousa off the coast of Corfu to give the Association of Friends of Greek Jews award of Moral Courage to islanders who saved a Jewish family from Corfu.

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This event is free and open to the public.
For further information contact:
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Artopolis Bakery: 718.728.8484, www.artopolis.net Omega: 718.726.0056, www.omegawinesandspirits.com

Special Celebrations in the Sephardic World in the United States

This year, while Rhodes commemorated the 70th anniversary of the deportation of the Jews of the island to Auschwitz-Birkenau (see article below), two synagogues established by Rhodesis celebrated their 100th anniversary.

Or VeShalom in Atlanta Georgia dedicated a Torah in honor of their 100th anniversary on August 12th.



Congregation Ahavath Achim shared photos of their joyous celebration with us. Members of this community will be travelling with our Museum Director, Marcia Haddad Ikonomopoulos, to Turkey and Greece (Rhodes and Athens) on a private Jewish Heritage Tour. Check our October 2014 e-newsletter for photos.



Organizing committee

Mark Abolafia and Richard Matza

Jewish Greece

Salonika

Thessaloniki mayor Boutaris sworn in wearing yellow star amid Golden Dawn protests ekathimerini.com , Thursday August 28, 2014 (11:52)



Thessaloniki Mayor Yiannis Boutaris wore a yellow Star of David badge, like the ones worn by Jews rounded up in the northern city during the Second World War, on Thursday for his swearing-in ceremony. Boutaris pinned the badge to his jacket amid protest by leftists against the presence of Golden Dawn MP Artemis Matthaopoulos on the municipal council. Matthaopoulos gained 7.7 percent of the vote when he stood for Thessaloniki mayor in May's local elections, helping

Golden Dawn elect two councillors.

Protesters exchanged chants and insults with Golden Dawn supporters who sat in the opposite public gallery at the municipal council. Boutaris pleaded with both sides to calm down.

"The municipal council is not a coffee house or a soccer stadium," said Boutaris, who prevailed comfortably in May's elections, winning 58.1 percent of the vote in the second round to secure a second term.

His decision to wear the yellow badge carries significant symbolism as almost 90 percent of Thessaloniki's Jews were killed during the Second World War after being transported to Nazi German concentration camps, leaving only some 10,000 survivors.



We applaud Mayor Boutaris.

[Ioannina](#)

<http://www.kathimerini.gr/780362/article/epikairothta/ellada/ta3idi-agaphs-foihtwn-toy-ka-podistriakoy-sthn-es8hr-koen>

The article above is in Greek. A very brief summary in English follows. On August 20th, Esther Koen in Ioannina was visited by three young female students and their male professor. They had come from Athens where they study at Kapodistriako University in Athens. They had learned of Stella Koen's interview where she had stated that when she was rounded up and deported to the concentration camps, none of her neighbors said anything. They had felt her pain and they wanted her to know that "they were with her, that there was another Greece that will work to make sure that what she suffered will never happen again." Stella thanked the newspaper

Kathimerini for allowing her to speak her mind. She said that she had received many calls of support after the article appeared. She went on to say that the children must learn what had happened so that it never happens again. The professor said that is just what they intend to do. The students called their trip "a journey of love."



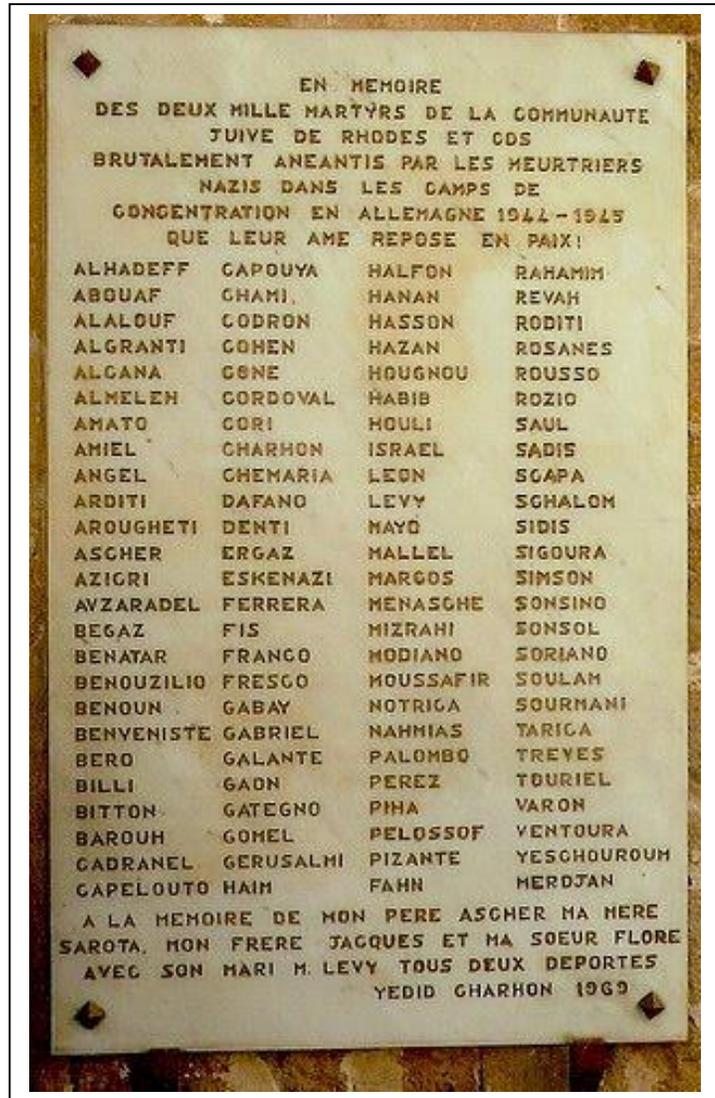
Rhodes

July 23rd marked the 70th anniversary of the deportations from the islands of Rhodes and Kos. There were ceremonies and events in Rhodes marking the anniversary. We are now able to publish additional photos of the events.



Stella Levi

Plaque finally installed at building where the Jews were kept during the roundup



This year, during the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the deportation of the Jews of Rhodes, a visit was made to the Jewish cemetery of Kos for a ceremony remembering this small community that was deported alongside the Jewish community of Rhodes.

Carmen Cohen,
Secretary of the
Jewish Community of
Rhodes unveils a
monument in memory of
the Jews of Kos



Shalom to one and all!

Gershon Harris
Hatzor Haglilit, Israel



Rosh Hashanah is always a time for individual reflection and renewal: reflection on the past year and its events, and renewal of spirit and hope for a much better year to come. Such reflection and renewal is no less important – and perhaps even more so – on the community level as well. And for the Romaniote Jewish traditions in particular, such reflection and revival is actually the key to survival. This is not only an issue of "ethnic" pride or Jewish genealogy, family history and heritage, but the only way to truly understand and preserve a unique Jewish tradition that had more impact on the wider Jewish world than most people realize.

For example, the Romaniote prayer-book follows a distinct tradition that is neither Ashkenazi or Sephardic. Yet its significance is much greater than that: A prominent researcher of Medieval "piyutim" [liturgical poetry], Prof. Joseph Yahalom of the Hebrew University has pointed out that while Romaniote liturgy can be compared to the ancient Italian Jewish tradition, the Romaniote prayer book is older, and is in fact, apart from the Cairo Geniza, is the only source extant for Hebrew piyutim composed in the Land of Israel during the 7th and 8th centuries (Segula magazine, Dec. 2010). Some scholars even posit that the original Romaniote tradition and prayer book were actually the sources for the somewhat later Italian rite! Called "Mahzor Romania", the Romaniote prayer book was widely used by Greek Jewry even after the massive immigration of the Spanish exiles to Ottoman lands, including Greece, in 1492. The first printed edition was published in Venice in 1520, but was soon reprinted at Sephardic printing houses in Constantinople and Thessaloniki. And even after Sephardic prayer books became the norm in the vast majority of the Ottoman Empire, the Romaniote Jews often added hand-written notes and revisions in order to maintain their unique traditions.

Further importance and influence of the Ioannina community in particular can be understood by its hosting prominent Rabbinical leaders from the Land of Israel in the 17th century, as well as the various and highly-respected local "Hahamim" who made Ioannina their home during the 19th century and who enhanced and improved the Jewish educational system, an obviously high priority for Ioannina's Jews.

And though Jewish history is filled with many unique traditions that were lost or changed for many reasons, the especially severe devastation of Greek Jewry in the Holocaust brought even worse consequences for the even smaller Romaniote communities, including their religious traditions and culture. And as the last survivors leave us, so do customs and traditions that are lost forever. So we must always reflect on these traditions and beautiful lives in order to preserve their legacy for coming generations.

But more important, we must also look forward and remain hopeful and proud, with the sadness of the death of every KJ member being somewhat tempered by another marriage or birth of new generation. Major efforts must be made to preserve, renew and revive Romaniote Jewish traditions for the sake of these new generations and their spiritual life. Much research is indeed being done by various individuals and organizations for this purpose, but what could be a better "Rosh Hashanah resolution" for individual members of Romaniote families to take upon

themselves to interview, record and research their own family elders and history. ShanahTova to one and all!

Articles of Interest

Do read the full article on the makeover in Skopje. Very interesting. I have just excerpted some of the photos.

<http://m.bbc.com/news/magazine-28951171>



<http://www.archaeology.org/news/2449-140820-amphipolis-greece-macedonian-tomb-sphinx-archaeology>

Excavation Continues at Massive Hellenistic Tomb

Wednesday, August 20, 2014



(Ministry of Culture)

AMPHIPOLIS, GREECE—Archaeologists excavating the enormous tomb at Amphipolis have decided not to remove the two sphinxes guarding the entrance, reports [Ekathemerini](#). The winged lions, which weigh nearly 1.5 tons each, will remain in situ as the archaeologists work to gain access to the tomb's interior. A black and white geometric mosaic will also be left in place while excavation and stabilization work continues in the hopes that the tomb can soon be entered safely as there is significant risk of collapse once the tomb is opened. For more on the discovery read [ARCHAEOLOGY's](#)

[Famagusta, the ghost town at the heart of Cyprus](#) (click to read the whole article)

"The ghost town is heavily guarded by soldiers, and aggressive signs make it clear that this is a

no-go area. Through huge holes in the plastic netting there is a provocatively clear view of the dereliction that lies behind. Weeds sprout between the paving stones, window panes are broken, the atmosphere eerie and sinister. [...] It is painful for Greek Cypriots to see their city being reconstructed. There is plenty of anger about this situation, but also sadness. The greatest sadness, of course, is that tens of thousands of people have lost everything they had. But there is also regret that the harmony in which Greek and Turkish Cypriots lived has been destroyed. Erato Kantouna, daughter of the city's former harbour master, recalls that her father was good friends with many Turkish Cypriots. They were colleagues, she tells me. "And some of them only spoke Greek."



The resort that time forgot: Victoria Hislop stands before the netting that seals off the hotels and apartment blocks in the tourist heart of Famagusta

[The Parthenon marbles are the world's most beautiful art – and that's why we should give them back](#) (click to read the whole article)

"If the Sistine Chapel frescoes had been detached from their ceiling in the 19th century and hung on the walls of the National Gallery, would we appreciate them as much? No. We'd struggle to imagine the real power of Michelangelo's paintings in their original location. We'd miss the thrill of stretching our necks and the excitement of walking through the Vatican to get to them, even the fuss of queuing. Context is all. The sad truth is that in the British Museum, the Parthenon sculptures are not experienced at their best."



Looking For Help

Arlene Schulman is looking for help in finding a member of her family: Hayia Matza Cohen, brother of Moshe Matza, married to Rahamin Cohen, daughter of Samuel Matza and Anna Bechoropolous Matza: Born in Greece, she lived in Israel (I believe Rehovot) and may be living in London. She is related to me by way of my grandparents. My grandfather was David Bechoropoulos but changed his name to David David at Ellis Island. Many thanks. I can be reached at arlenetheauthor@gmail.com.

Jonathan Alcantara, who has done extensive genealogical research through GENI and, most recently, DNA databases, has asked our help in resolving what appears to be some misidentifications of a photo on the Geni website. The photo was submitted to Geni by Eli Mordechai in 2008 (most likely from his father's collection). He did not know the identities of the people in the photo. Sydney Levy identified the old man correctly as his great-grandfather but we think there was a misidentification of the couple as Elio Osmos and his wife Esther (Eliezer) and of the children.

Jonathan wrote the following:

I think this photo shows Michalis Yomtov and his wife Rachel (Eliezer), with Rachel's father and youngest sister, Sara-Nina on the right. The children would be Rebecca Yeroulakis and Isaac Yomtov, and the year would be about 1923 or 1924, with Rachel possibly pregnant with their third child Eliezer, born in 1924. Rebecca would be 7 or 8, and Isaac would be 4 or 5. I think these facts fit the photo better. All of these people lived in Ioannina, while the Osmos lived in Corfu and would not have had many occasions for creating such a postcard to send to their relations in Alexandria.

But I am wondering if you can help me to confirm. I believe you are in contact with Kitsa Yeroulakis in Ioannina. Maybe she can recognize her own mother and grandparents, or confirm that it is not them and is in fact the Osmos. Thanks! Jonathan



Findings of Recent Research

Thank you Renee Yomtov Rosenthal for your help in attempting to solve the puzzle of Zacharia Yomtov:

"Concerning Estelle Yomtov's father Zacharia, when my father arrived in the US in August of 1914, he visited the family who at that time were living in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. Zacharia was known as the "George Washington" of the Ioannes, because he was the first to come to this country from Janina. He was either a brother or a cousin of my grandfather, Joseph Haim Yomtov. I'm sorry that I don't remember which. If he was a brother, then his father would have been Haim.

Renee

We are trying to find out if anyone knows of a list or some names of Jewish men from Salonika who were taken for forced labor after the roundup in Plateia Elefterious in July of 1942



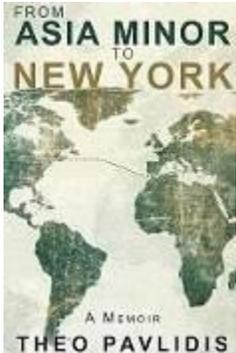
From Alan Gild of Durban, South Africa. Alan is looking for a Negrin relative.

"I LIVE NOW IN DURBAN SOUTH AFRICA AND I AM 80 YEAR OLD IN GOOD HEALTH, AND I WAS BORN IN ATHENS IN 1936 AND BOTH MY PARENTS WERE TAKEN BY THE NAZIS IN 1944 TO AUSHWICH AND KILL IN THE GAS CHAMBERS BUT MY 15 YEAR OLD SISTER SURVIVED THE HOLOCAUST AND IN 1949 WENT TO ISRAEL WITH MY OTHER SMALL SISTER AND 17 YEAR OLD BROTHER WHERE THEY RAISED A FAMILY AND DIED THERE IN 1999. I AM A HOLOCAUST VICTIM . MY GREEK FAMILY NAME WAS "MOISI NEGRIN" AND HAD A FAMILY IN NEW YORK WHERE I WAS TOO YOUNG TO KEEP TRACKS OF THEM NAMED "KALEF NEGRIN". IN 1948 I WAS LUCKY TO BE ADOPTED BY A VERY PHILANTHROPIC JEWISH FAMILY IN DURBAN SOTH AFRICA NAMED "MERVYN AND THELMA GILD, "AND THEY HAD 3 OF THEIR OWN CHILDRENS . I WAS 12 YEARS OLD THEN, EDUCATED HERE IN DURBAN AND IN ENGLAND ,MARRIED AND HAD 4 KIDS. NOW I HAVE 12 GRANDCHILDREN AND 1 GREATGRANDSON AND STILL LIVE IN DURBAN,BUT IN 1990 I GOT DIVORCED ,AND WITH MY NEW WIFE TOOK ALYAH TO ISRAEL FOR 5 YEARS AND THEN RETURNED TO DURBAN WHERE MY WHOLE FAMILY LIVED AND I AM STILL WITH THEM. A

BRIEF HISTORY OF MYSELF. MY FATHER'S BROTHER WAS NAMED MICHEAL NEGRIN AND LIVED IN NEW YORK."

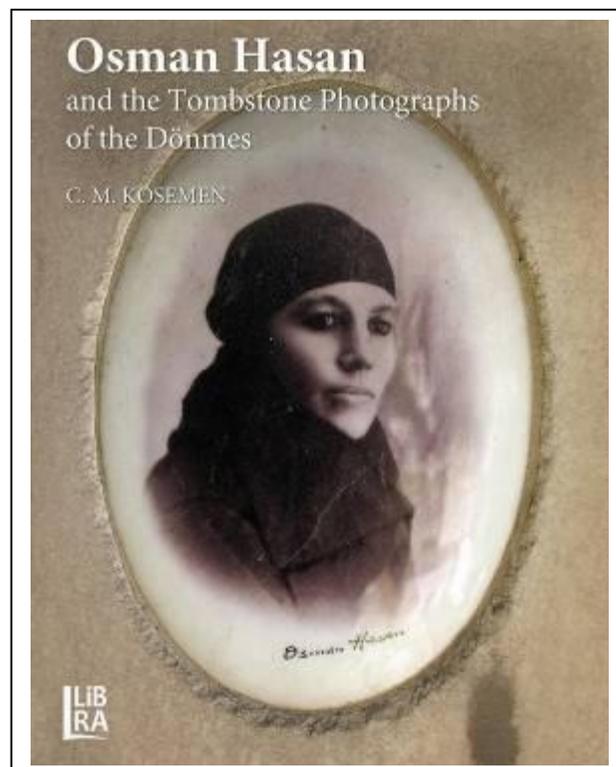
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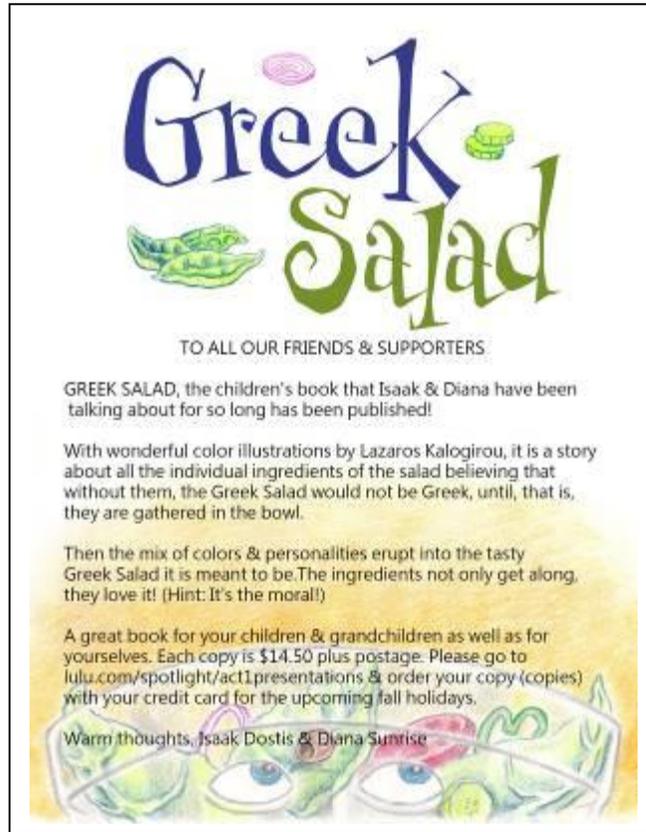
While Kehila Kedosha Janina does not sell either of these books, we would like to pass on to our readers news of their publication:



The memoir starts with the story of the author's parents' families and their land, Asia Minor, which they left in 1922 to settle as refugees in Greece. It goes on to describe the hardships of life in Greece, especially during World War II and the subsequent civil war. It also cover some aspects of the dysfunctional Greek state, including his experience in the Greek army where he saw how American military advisers were misled about what was happening. The story of his life in the United States comes next covering both family and academic life. There are separate narrative threads for the personal and the technical with individual chapters on Machine Vision, Bell Labs, and Symbol Technologies and the challenge of pursuing research goals that not only advanced basic knowledge but also dealt with real world issues .Finally, it discusses the author's relationship with Judaism and his eventual conversion to it.

Available in paperback and kindle formats on Amazon.





Websites of interest:

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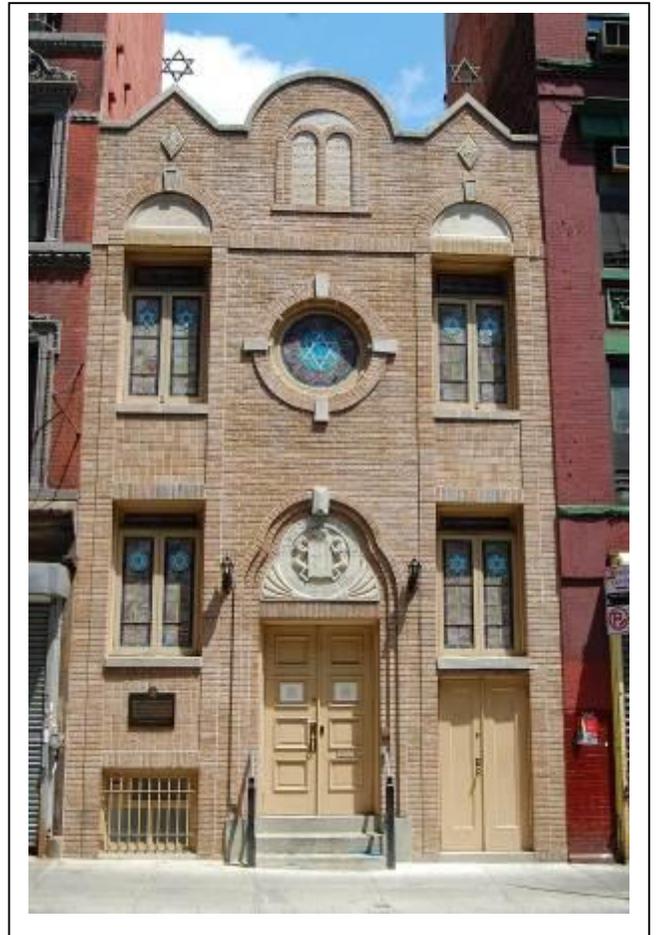
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