

# Newsletter

Autumn, 2006

Dear Sisterhood Member,

Hope you enjoyed the High Holy Days with loved ones. And, may all our prayers for Peace in Israel come to pass. Rosh Hashana is a time of new beginnings and hopefully we will see our brethren in Israel living without fear of Hezbollah's attacks, and that, finally, a lasting peace comes to that beleaguered country. Sisterhood donated \$5,000 to ARMDI (American Red Magen David Israel) for replenishment of much needed supplies.



*Reminder: Mark your calendar for (corrected date) Saturday, June 2, 2007, 9 A.M., our Special Shabbat Service in Honor of the "Five-Way Anniversary"...this is the first of our celebrations (with a typical Yannite collation served)...The next day, Sunday, June 3, 2007, at 2 P.M. is our Gala at the Oceanside Jewish Center, which will culminate the "Five-Way Anniversary Celebration" in grand style.*

This is a momentous happening for our community. Many people left their homelands and came to the United States during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries seeking both religious and personal freedom. And we, the Jews of Greece, Romaniotes and Sephardim, were among them. We are fortunate to still have our functioning synagogue, without ever once closing our doors even during the major renovations of the past few years. Our Brotherhood does a yeoman job; the Pashas, bringing friends and families together is still going strong; Sisterhood continues its philanthropy, broadening out since our inception; and the KKJ Museum has opened many doors for us and continues to do so. What a remarkable feat! When so many other congregations were forced to close their doors – we are still going strong! What better reason to celebrate? *We survived!* With your support and commitment, we will continue to flourish for many years to come.

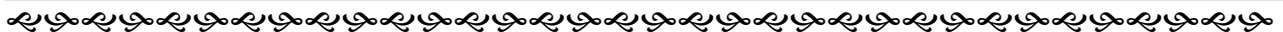


### ROSH HASHANA at KKJ

Services at KKJ for Rosh Hashana were beautifully conducted by Chaim/Victor Kofinas, with an able assistant, Sol Matsil, who volunteered his services and did a superb job. There was a rather large crowd in the sanctuary, as the women had to sit in a makeshift "women's section" at the rear of the room. It was quite a departure from our usual "gallery view", but until the renovations and construction are completed, we have to make do, although I must say, some women enjoyed "being closer to the action". The Shofar was blown by Andrew Marcus, son of KKJ's president, Marvin Marcus; Maurice Askinazi, husband of our member Kathy; and Adam Kofinas, son of Chaim/Victor Kofinas and grandson of Koula & Sol Kofinas. What a treat to have not only one Shofar blown, but three. It was a lovely sight to behold and hopefully will be repeated again next year! Inshallah!

*Sisterhood is delighted to congratulate Dr. Anna Kohen who, this past summer, returned to Avlona, Albania (from whence the 37 Albanians we helped bring to America came) where they conferred "Honored Citizen of Avlona" upon her. In addition to Anna's award, they re-named the street where most of the Jewish people lived "Street of the Hebrews" and designed and installed a plaque listing the names of the Jews who lived there. Anna also proudly informs us that as of March of this year, for the very first time, they have an Israeli Consulate in Tirane, the country's capital.*

*Keep up the good work Anna.  
Mazal Tov!*



2006 "Pre-Hanukkah Party" We are planning a "Pre-Hanukkah" party at Ben's Kosher Deli, Thursday, November 30, 2006 at 2:15 P.M. Please send in your enclosed reservation form promptly to avoid being shut-out! Esther Benjamin has graciously volunteered to chair this event and she's eagerly awaiting your \$25 checks and forms. Hope to see you all there.



Please join me in welcoming our newest members, Penny Santiago, Gail Nisman, Jane Banoff - Samuels and Dr. Risa Samuels-Beck. We look forward to greeting them at future Sisterhood and KKJ events.

### REMINDER:

Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 P.M. – SIMCHAT TORAH services at KKJ.

**DONOR CARD PROGRAM**

Without your support, Sisterhood is not able to do the philanthropic work we have become known for. Sisterhood is extremely grateful to all our Donor Card participants. Our Sunshine Secretaries are ready, to do it all for you. For just one phone call, they will write out the appropriate card, Get Well, In Honor Of, In Memory of, naming you as the donor, seal it, stamp it and mail it, all for a *minimum* donation of \$3.00 (of course we accept and welcome more). Please continue to support our Donor Card program and keep Sisterhood "in-the-black". Many Thanks

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**SISTERHOOD NEWS**

Congratulations to Sarah Mandragona on the Bar Mitzvah of her Grandson, Evan. Proud parents are Sam & Lisa Mandragona. Mazal Tov to all.

Best Wishes for Good Health to Bea Zagha's husband, Eli.

Congratulations to Irene & Dave Solomon on the engagements of their grandchildren, Erica Solomon to Eric Gould and Scott Solomon to Catharina Horth. Mazal Tov.

Best Wishes for Good Health to Phyllis DeCastros' husband, Elliot.

Best Wishes to Janice Solomon on her move to Boynton Beach in the Sunshine State from Staten Island in the Empire State. May she enjoy Good Health and Happiness in her new home.

Congratulations to Corinne Levy on the marriage of her grandson Bradley to Michelle. Mazal Tov!

Belated Happy "Special" Birthday wishes to Ralph Battino. Wishing him Many More with Good Health.

Congratulations to Paul & Ellie Moses-Gilman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Alex. Proud Grandma is Stella Moses and older sister, Jaime. Mazal Tov to all!

Sincerest Condolences to Litsy Eliasof-Pinhas and Mollie Drucker on the passing of their brother, Joseph (Jerry) Solomon.

Best Wishes to Anne Oppenheim on her Very Special Birthday, and her move from Bayside, New York to Lantana, Florida. Hope she enjoys her new digs in the Best of Health!

Sisterhood sends its Sincerest Condolences to Eleanore Reznik, and family, on the passing of her beloved husband, Barry.



We are fortunate to have among our members, Deanna Cohen-Marcus, who has written a book called "My Journey" that traces the history of both sides of her family, from both Salonika and Ioannina. The book is available at the KKJ Library, the Sephardic Home, The Jewish Genealogical Society in Palm Beach, Florida and Temple Torah in Palm Beach, Florida. Deanna's family lived on the

Lower East Side of New York and her father ran C&O Sportswear, where many of our people may have worked. Deanna has very graciously offered her experience and expertise to anyone wishing to trace their own roots. If you would like to avail yourself of her know-how, please contact me at 718-648-7374 and I'll put Deanna in touch with you.

*To all our SnowBirds leaving us for warmer climates, we hope you have safe journeys and enjoy a healthy winter and come back to us in the spring of 2007, ready for the "Five-Way Anniversary Celebration", which we are working towards finalizing. Initial mailings will, hopefully, have gone out by the time you receive this Newsletter...additional details will be sent as we get closer to the date.*

*Best Regards,  
Rose Eskononts*

Sisterhood is saddened to report the passing of its long-time member, Betty Brody, and we extend our deepest condolences to her sons Robert and Ben and their families.