

Newsletter

Winter, 2006

Dear Sisterhood Member,

Wishing You and Yours a Very Happy New Year!

After a long hiatus, Sisterhood held a "pre" Hanukkah party at Ben's Kosher Deli on Thursday, November 30th, which turned out to be an almost spring-like day, weather-wise! Although it was before Hanukkah really began, with Sol Kofinas' help, we lit the candles (without saying the blessings) and everyone enjoyed the day tremendously. The food was delicious, new friendships were formed, and some members found long-lost family friends! The raffle drawing was great fun and almost everyone attending won!

We've had no success in locating a meeting site that would be accessible to all, with no stairs to climb! But, we're still looking! There was no Annual Spring Chai Luncheon this year, but next year we, hopefully, will have an even grander affair, the *Five-Way Anniversary Gala* and we're hoping you'll all be there to celebrate this historic event. Details will be mailed out in early spring. There's still time to get in your Journal ads.

KKJ

Much has happened this year...we watched an almost total renovation of Kehila Kedosha Janina...which is taking even longer than anticipated due to unexpected snafus! But, with patience and fortitude, the work is almost totally completed and KKJ will once again be the little jewel of a synagogue that visitors constantly call it. We must give our heartfelt thanks to Sol Kofinas, who steadfastly, and without complaint, is at the site on an almost daily basis, along with all the work crews who come and go. His dedication and devotion to KKJ is remarkable. There are no words to adequately thank Sol who selflessly gives 100% of himself. People like Sol and his wife Koula are the essence of Kehila Kedosha Janina's worshippers.

Simchat Torah, Saturday, October 14th was an unseasonably cold day for October, but the conviviality emanating from those assembled was truly heartwarming. Victor/Chaim Kofinas continues to do a yeoman's job at conducting the services. The sanctuary was filled to almost standing-room-only capacity. Of course, the "women's section" is still situated in the rear of the room, but we're hoping the work on the upper gallery will soon be completed. After a delicious collation, people lingered, socializing, catching up with old friends, relatives, etc. Despite the construction debris, the people thoroughly enjoyed the festivities of this special holiday, commemorating our people receiving the Torah. It was a scene to behold and hopefully, will be repeated many times in the years to come, with a completely renovated and beautifully restored synagogue!

THE PASHAS

The Pashas have of late planned special programs for their meetings, inviting wives and widows of members to attend. At a recent meeting, they invited a woman who spoke of the Kindertransport program, which took place from 1939 to 1940, rescuing children out of Austria and other German occupied Eastern European countries, and transporting them to England for the duration of the war. It was a very moving, heartfelt presentation and well received by all those present. Kudos to Max Nachmias, Pasha President, for arranging these interesting evenings. And Congratulations to Max on being re-elected President! Mazal Tov!

Sisterhood received generous donations from:

- ~ Raye & Hy Yomtov in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. *Many More!*
- ~ Sarah Mandragona in honor of her Grandson Evan's Bar Mitzvah. *Mazal Tov!*
- ~ Mollie Kaplan, who couldn't attend the "pre-Hanukkah" party, but sends Best Wishes for a Very Happy New Year with Good Health to all!
- ~Stella Moses in honor of her Grandson Alex's Bar Mitzvah! *Mazal Tov!*
- ~Pat & Izzy Battino in Honor of their Granddaughter Sarah Battino [currently in Americorps] on becoming a member of Sisterhood.
- ~Gail Jenny in Loving Memory of her Beloved Husband, Morris.

2007 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please send your \$15.00 membership dues in the enclosed envelope to:

Esther Benjamin
675 Pelham Road #F-10
New Rochelle, NY 10805

Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks

DONOR CARD PROGRAM

Sisterhood is extremely grateful to all our Donor Card participants. Let your fingers do the "walking", and call – that's all it takes – a phone call! Our Sunshine Secretaries are ready to do it all for you. 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

SUNSHINE SECRETARIES

Mollie Feder	2940 W. 5 th St. #3H, Brooklyn, NY 11224	(718) 449-2782
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Judy Myones	6364 Overland Dr., Delray Beach, FL 33484	(561) 499-8244

CURRENT DONOR CARD SUPPORTERS

Fran & Dave Albahae, Stemma Askinazi, Pat & Izzy Battino, Ralph Battino & Jackie Andros, Terry & Abe Battino, Esther & Murray Benjamin, Annette Binder, Sherri & Larry Busch, Evelyn Cantos, Pearl Cantos, Mollie Cohen, Rose Eskononts, Mollie Feder, Sheila & Ben Gessula, Irene Harris, Gail Jenny, Mollie Kaplan, Koula & Sol Kofinas, Terry & Sol Lafazan, Sarah Mandragona, Irene & Sol Matsil, Dora Mazza, Stella Moses, Sheila Moss, Joe Myones, Judy & Eli Myones, Stella Myones, Eva & Max Nachmias, Dotty Naphtali, Evelyn & Nat Negrin, Anne Oppenheim, Judy Rosen, Esther & Irving Russo, Rose & Larry Salberg, Daisy & Ralph Schaeffer, Barbara Schwarz, Audrey Solomon, Edith Solomon, Rita & Arty Taub, Anne & Jack Uffer, Marilyn & Stanley Vitoulis, Mimi & Murray Vitoulis, Esther & Morris Yomtov, Raye & Hy Yomtov, Anita & Jack Zaffos, Bea & Eli Zagha.

Thank you all!

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Congratulations to Raye & Hy Yomtov on their 60th Wedding Anniversary! Mazal Tov and Many More. Best Wishes for Good Health to Celia & Dinah Hakim. Hope the New Year brings Celia & Dinah full recovery.

Sincerest Condolences to Tina Pardo and family on the passing of her beloved Mother, Esther Negrin. Wishing a Very Happy Belated "Special" Birthday to Minnie Battino. Many More in Good Health!

Best Wishes for Good Health to Sylvia London's husband, Izzy. Wishing him full recovery.

Our Sincerest Condolences to Alice Blecker and family on the untimely passing of her husband Larry.

Congratulations to Sheila Gessula's husband, Ben, who received "The President's Call to Service Award" for 4,000 hours of service. Ben continues his volunteering at Columbia Presbyterian and his hours of service now exceed 5,500 hours. Keep up the Good Work, Ben!

Congratulations to Rose Albala on the birth of her second great-grandson. Mazal Tov!

Best Wishes for a Complete and Speedy Recovery from Surgery to our Sunshine Secretary Stella Moses. Hope all goes well and she's back to speed, real soon.

Congratulations to Lois & Huey McGloin on the birth of their new Grandson, Colin Michael Taormina.

Congratulations to Gail Nisman on the marriage of her daughter Sara to Michael Sherman. Wishing the newlyweds many years of health and happiness.

Happy Very Special Birthday Wishes to Gladys Colchamiro's husband, Elliot. Wishing him Many More!

Sincerest Condolences to Sandra Fox and family on the passing of her Mother, Anna Hamburg.

Deepest Condolences to Phyllis DeCastros and family on the passing of her husband, Elliot. And, to his sisters, Joan Cohen and Roberta Russo and their families.

Happy Very Special Birthday Wishes to Audrey Solomon. Wishing you Many More with Good Health.

Best Wishes for Good Health and a Speedy Recovery from surgery to our Sunshine Secretary Mollie Feder.

Wishing Belated Very Happy "Special" Birthday Greetings to Mollie Kaplan. Many More in Good Health!

Sincerest Condolences to Bea Zagha and family on the passing of her beloved husband, Eli.

Happy Very Special Birthday Greetings to Lillian Cassorla. Many More in Good Health.

Join me in welcoming our newest members to Sisterhood: Nancy Battino, daughter of Terry & Abe Battino; Doretta Negrin, no stranger to KJ; Raanan Weintraub Baratz, of the Matza/Mioni/Pardo clan; Sarah Battino, granddaughter of Pat and Izzy Battino, and Esther Kaplan, daughter of the late Bea Myones. We look forward to seeing them at future Sisterhood events.

*Best Regards,
Rose Eskononts*

Sisterhood is saddened to note the passing of our long-time members, Rachel Weinberg, daughter of Rabbi Jessula Levy, one of KJ's founding rabbis; Honorary Member, Anna Hamburg, mother of Sandy Fox and Marion Vallit, and sister of the late Ethel DeCastros. We send our deepest condolences to their respective families.