

Newsletter

Fall, 2007

Dear Sisterhood Member,

Wishing You a Happy and Healthy New Year

Trust you all enjoy being with family and loved ones at this special time of year. May the New Year be the Happy Beginning of a Sweet and Wonderful Year.

L'Shana Tovah, Anyos Muchos, Chronya Poula!

We are coming down off a tremendous high – our trip to Greece was spectacular! Highlighted, of course, was the Bar Mitzvah of Seth Kofinas in Janina. There wasn't a dry eye in the crowd...just knowing that this was where his great-grandparents worshipped before WWII, was quite emotional...and here we were witnessing the fourth generation of the Kofinas family celebrating this milestone event. What followed was a lovely luncheon reception at a restaurant on the island in the lake. Jon Kalef-Ezra, Vice President of the Jewish Community of Janina, very graciously thanked Sisterhood for our \$5,000 donation to their Kehila. He said the money will be put to good use repairing the synagogue.

Our group consisted of many David & Yomtov cousins who were meeting together for this heritage trip to locate their families' homes in and out of the Kastro. It was truly a memorable experience to see their expressions at finding them. One of our newest Sisterhood members, Elaine Lust (of the Askinazi clan) was thrilled to find her grandmother's home, outside the Kastro, and also to find the street where her grandfather

lived, though his home was no longer there – she walked on the same street he did. We also hail Carole Lurie (of the David/Yomtovs) as a new member. They were impressed with Sisterhood's past accomplishments, for which I am extremely proud of our membership, and expressed their interest in joining our ranks and we embrace them.

Salonika was very special for me personally. I met a "new" Capon cousin there, one I just recently found out about. Our cruise was quite an experience. Ephesus, with the ancient ruins was a sight to behold; the islands are just beautiful, but for me the most beautiful was Santorini, whose glorious scenery cannot be matched anywhere. Mykonos, Crete (Heraklion), and Patmos rounded out the islands we visited and each in its own way was wonderful.

Those of us who took the 3 day extension in Athens enjoyed all the sights, especially the Acropolis, the Jewish Museum, Lycobettus Hill, and leisure shopping at the Plaka and delicious food, everywhere! Our thanks to Marcia Haddad Ikonomopoulos for putting together this fantastic trip.

KKJ HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Below is the schedule for the High Holidays at KKJ, 280 Broome Street, NYC. Family and friends are welcome to worship at the only remaining Romaniote synagogue in the Western Hemisphere, which celebrated its 80th anniversary this year. Our services are unique and performed in the manner our forefathers brought with them from Janina:

Wed., Sept. 12	Erev Rosh Hashana	6:00 PM
Thur., Sept. 13	Rosh Hashana (1 st Day)	9:00 AM
	Rosh Hashana (Mincha)	5:45 PM
	(Tashlich)	
Fri., Sept. 14	Rosh Hashana (2 nd Day)	9:00 AM
Sat., Sept. 15	Shabbat Teshuva	9:00 AM
Fri., Sept. 21	Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre)	5:45 PM
Sat., Sept. 22	Yom Kippur	8:00 AM
	Mincha	4:00 PM
	Neila Service	6:00 PM
Wed., Sept. 27	Succoth (1 st Day)	9:00 AM
Thur., Sept. 28	Succoth (2 nd Day)	9:00 AM

SIMCHAT TORAH

We look forward to having you join us for Simchat Torah, Thursday, October 4th at 5:30 PM. Come rejoice in this jubilant holiday, where our unique and beautiful Torahs are carried by the men and boys in the congregation. Our Torahs are extremely heavy, being clad in wooden and silver Tiks as is the Romaniote custom, and our men do an excellent job of carrying them while chanting the traditional prayers. A delicious collation follows, as friends and family members mingle in the beautifully restored sanctuary. Come and be a part of this celebration.

Please join me in welcoming our new members, Esther Bedney, cousin of our members Ada Finifter, and Terry (& Sol) Lafazan; Elaine Lust, whose Askinazi family hail from 91 Allen...(Joe "Molly" & Schatz were her uncles); Carole Lurie, of the David/Yomtov clan, and Corin Doria, daughter of Marcia Ikonomopoulos. We look forward to greeting them at future Sisterhood events!

DONOR CARD PROGRAM

Our Sunshine Secretaries, listed below, are ready and waiting to do it all for you...just one phone call and 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 keep on supporting our Donor Card program and keep Sisterhood financially stable to continue our mission of philanthropy. We are grateful to all our donor Card supporters, for without your support, we would not be able to accomplish everything we do. *Thank you!*

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

NOTE

While Mollie Feder is in rehab at the Sephardic Home, please call either Esther Benjamin (914) 636-2480, or myself (718) 648-7374, for your Donor Card needs. I'm sure you all join me in wishing Mollie a speedy and complete recovery.

CURRENT DONOR CARD SUPPORTERS

Fran & Dave Albahae, Stemma Askinazi, Esther & Murray Benjamin, Annette Binder, Evelyn Cantos, Mollie Cohen, Rita Elias, Rose Eskononts, Jean Fishman, Sheila & Ben Gessula, Selma Gilberg, Irene Harris, Gail Jenny, Koula & Sol Kofinas, Terry & Sol Lafazan, Sarah Mandragona, Irene & Sol Matsil, Morris B. Matsil, Mollie Matza, Dora Mazza, Phyllis & Raymond Modiano, Stella Moses, Joe Myones, Judy & Eli Myones, Stella Myones, Eva & Max Nachmias, Dotty Naphtali, Evelyn & Nat Negrin, Tica & Max Negrin, Shirlee Paganetti, Esther & Irving Russo, Rose & Larry Salberg, Daisy & Ralph Schaeffer, Barbara & Ken Schwarz, Amelia Sobel, Audrey Solomon, Edith Solomon, Irene & Dave Solomon, Rita & Art Taub, Rae Yamali, Esther & Morris Yomtov, Raye & Hy Yomtov, Anita & Jack Zaffos, Bea Zaghera. *Thank you all!*

SISTERHOOD NEWS

- Congratulations to Dora Mazza on the birth of her two new *Great-Granddaughters*: Greta Nicole Bretts and Zoe Grace Stafford. Greta Nicole's proud parents (and older sister) are Melanie, Phil and Ava Bretts; Zoe's proud parents are Rebecca & Scott Stafford. We wish them all Mazal Tov!
- Sincerest Condolences to Leonard Neuhaus & family on the death of his father, Serge, husband of our late member Anne Yohanan Neuhaus.
- Belated Condolences to Matilda (Mitzi) Simons on the passing of her husband, Benjamin, and Best Wishes to her on her move from Delray Beach, Florida to Brookline, Massachusetts. We hope she enjoys her new digs up North!
- Congratulations to Rachel & Victor Mosios on celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mazal Tov & Many More with Good Health.
- Glad to hear that Anne Uffer is out of Rehab and back home in Florida. We wish her continued Good Health and full recovery.
- Sincerest condolences to Arlene Wohl and Mark Menachem, on the passing of their mother Estelle Cooper, Sisterhood's long-time member and daughter of our late, past president, Anne Elias.
- Congratulations and Best Wishes to Alyse and Harley Matsil on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Rebecca, Sept. 8, 2007. Proud Grandmas are Rita Elias and Annette Matsil. Mazal Tov to all.
- Congratulations to Marlene & Memoes Baharliias on celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mazal Tov!
- Best Wishes for Good Health and a speedy & complete recovery from surgery to Belle Negrin Davis' husband, Marty Davis.
- Congratulations to Denise & David Cohen on the engagement of their son Michael to Joanna. Proud grandma is our past president, Mollie Cohen. Mazal Tov!
- Happy Sweet 16 to Tara Donnino, daughter of Rochelle & Tony. Proud grandma is Mollie Cohen. Many More!
- Sincerest Condolences to Max Negrin and family, husband of our long-time member Tica, on the passing of his brother, Sam.
- Happy Very Special Birthday Wishes to Irene Solomon. Many More with Good Health!
- Wishing Anne Oppenheim & Mollie Matza (both in the same Facility) Very Happy Special Birthdays and Many More with Good Health.
- Best Wishes for Good Health and speedy & complete recovery from surgery to Daisy Schaeffer's hubby, Ralph.
- Best Wishes for Good Health to Simone Appel. Hope all is back to normal, soon.
- Best Wishes for Good Health to Esther & Sam Bedney. Hope they're both doing well.

Best Wishes,

Rose Eskononts

SISTERHOOD COMING EVENT

SAVE THE DATE!!!

*For our Annual Hanukkah Party
Thursday, December 6, 2007, 2:15 PM at
Ben's Kosher Deli, 209 W. 38th Street, NYC.
See Enclosed Flyer for Details.*

Sisterhood is grateful to Marcia Ikonopoulos for her very generous donations "In Honor of Frankie Doria's (Mr. Delicious) 3rd Birthday from Grandma Yiayia"; and "in Honor of Rose Eskononts for her tireless work for Sisterhood."
Many Thanks

Sisterhood is saddened to note the passing of our long-time members, Estelle Cooper, daughter of our past president, Anne Elias; and Julia Matza (of California) whose husband, Louie, is the one the Syro step "The Louie" was named for! We send our sincerest condolences to their families.