

# Newsletter

November, 2007

Dear Sisterhood Member,

To those of our members who travel to warmer climates for the winter, we wish you good health, good times and a safe return to us after your "Snow Bird" Days are over! And, to those who stay put here at home, let's hope we have a snow-free, reasonably mild winter, and good health to all!

## KKJ

Shabbat, September 8, 2007, KKJ saw Paul & Aliza Solomon's second daughter Rebecca Ariella, named in our sanctuary, with her older sister Rachel and grandparents, Rhea and Sol Solomon and many other family and well-wishers in attendance. A delicious kiddush was presented by the family, which was enjoyed by all present. We wish the family Mazal Tov and many years of good health and happiness. KKJ is pleased to have these special "simchas" within our newly refurbished sanctuary. In fact, there was a wedding ceremony performed recently...just like in "days of old".

Rosh Hashanah, once again, saw KKJ filled to almost standing-room-only capacity. It was a joy to behold all who attended our services. Many newcomers there were participants in the Greek trip we took this summer. Their ties go way back to the beginning days of KKJ...here, where their families worshipped when they first came to these shores...they were re-connecting to their roots on this very special holiday. We had people from as far away as Illinois attending. A granddaughter of Rabbi Davidson, Barbara Moss,

was there and she loved seeing where her grandfather officiated so many years ago. It completes a circle when the descendants of our founders, now living so far away, find their way back to where it all began. We welcome them and hope they can return time and time again.

Many thanks to Sol Matsil, husband of our long-time member, Irene, joining Chaim Kofinas, on the bema, along with Andrew Marcus, son of KKJ's president Marvin, and Seth Kofinas, son of Chaim and grandson of Sol Kofinas, and Maurice Askinazi, husband of our member, Kathy. Andrew and Maurice, once again, blew the Shofar beautifully. They all did a yeoman's job of conducting our services.

Simchat Torah, October 4<sup>th</sup>, was also an almost-standing-room-only event. Our beautiful Torahs were carried throughout the sanctuary with the time-honored chanting, in joyous fashion. The collation that followed was delicious and enjoyed by all, young and old alike. Please try to attend next year, and have your family and friends help make up a minyan for Shabbat services. That is the greatest mitzvah.

## SISTERHOOD

Last year, Sisterhood's pledge of new Rosh Hashanah books for KKJ, fell through the cracks. So, once again, we promised to contribute New Year books, and will definitely keep the pledge this year!

Enclosed, please find a copy of the translation (courtesy of Marcia Haddad Ikonomopoulos) of an article that ran in a Ioannina morning newspaper, detailing the July 21<sup>st</sup> Bar Mitzvah of Seth Kofinas, in Ioannina, which I think you'll find quite interesting.

Sisterhood has donated to the devastated Greek people, who were left homeless after the horrible fires that wreaked havoc on their countryside. This is what Sisterhood is all about - philanthropy (a Greek-derived word!) and where your Donor and dues monies go. Following, is the ad which recently ran in the NY Times: *"THE BIRTHPLACE OF DEMOCRACY NEEDS YOUR HELP. Greece is witnessing unbelievable losses of lives and property but also the livelihoods of countless people who will need assistance for many years to recover from this calamity"* signed, Archbishop Demetrios, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. *"Please join: Senator Paul Sarbanes, Senator Olympia Snowe, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, Nicholas Bouras, Margo & George Bebrakis, Margo & John Catsimatides, Jim Gianopoulos, Mary & Michael Jaharis, Melina Kanakaredes, Helen & Peter Kikis, Faye & Alex Spanos, Nia Vardalos, and many other fellow Americans in offering generous assistance to the victims of the fire-ravaged nation through the Greek Fire Relief Fund."* To make a personal donation to this fund, mail your check or money order to Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America (earmark your donation for the "Greek Fire Relief Fund"), 8 East 79<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10075."

**Please join me in welcoming our newest members, Susan Holiday, whose husband Jay is of the David/Yomtov family; Edith Tonkon, of the Negrin/Ganis family, and Barbara Delin, who may have ties to the Benjamin family. We are overjoyed that they have become Sisterhood members and hope to see them at future Sisterhood events..**

Sisterhood received a lovely donation from Anne Uffer thanking all who called and sent their prayers and cards wishing her a speedy recovery. Anne is in New York, but will be going back to Florida for the winter and I'm sure we wish her continued good health.

### DONOR CARD PROGRAM

Our Sunshine Secretaries are ready and waiting to do it all for you...just one phone call and they will write out the appropriate card, be it "Get Well", "In Honor Of" or "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 supporting our Donor Card program and keep Sisterhood financially stable to carry on 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 <sup>th</sup> St. #3H, Brooklyn, NY 11224	(718) 449-2782
Stella Moses	3530 Henry Hudson Pkwy E #7K, Riverdale, NY 10463	(718) 543-8825
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, Anna Coffino, Mollie Cohen, Rita Elias, Rose Eskononts, Jean Fishman, Sheila & Ben Gessula, Selma Gilberg, Irene Harris, Marcia Ikononopoulos, Gail Jenny, Esther Jeuda, Julie & Jack Jeuda, Koula & Sol Kofinas, Terry & Sol Lafazan, Elaine Lust, 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, 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

- ~Wishing Many Happy "Very Special" Birthday wishes to Mollie Kaplan, with continued Good Health.
- ~Hope Marcia Ikononopoulos enjoys her new digs in Huntington, NY (having moved from East Meadow). We wish her health, happiness and joy in her new abode.
- ~Congratulations to Mimi & Murray Vitoulis on celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Wishing them many more with Good Health and Happiness.
- ~Wishing Linda and David Solomon the very best life has to offer on their move from Queens, NY to Oregon. May they enjoy their new digs with Good Health and much Happiness.
- ~Congratulations to Arielle Genee on her engagement to Josh Sternberg. Proud parents are Marla & Martin Genee & proud grandma is Lil Genee. We wish them all Mazal Tov!
- ~Congratulations to Mimi & Murray Vitoulis on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Jeremy. Proud parents are Pam & Mark Vitoulis. Mazal Tov to all.
- ~Happy "Very Special" Birthday Wishes to Stella Myones. We Wish Her Many, Many More Happy Returns, With Good Health.
- ~Happy "Special" Birthday Wishes to Terry & Sol Lafazan (who share the same birthday). We wish them Many, Many More Returns, with Good Health.
- ~Happy "Special" Birthday Wishes to Annette Binder, Cal Attas (Norma's hubby) and Sam Confino (Anita's husband), all born in the same January, "X" number of years ago! Wishing them Many Happy Returns With Good Health!
- ~Happy "Very Special" Birthday to Sunshine Secretary, Mollie Feder. We wish her Many, Many More With Good Health!
- ~Congratulations to Laura Gordon on the Bar Mitzvah of her great-grandson, Joseph. Mazal Tov.
- ~Best Wishes for Good Health to Audrey Solomon. Hope she is now fully recovered.
- ~Sincerest Condolences to Evelyn Negrin on the passing of her husband, Nat.
- ~Congratulations to Simone & Bernie Appel on their new Great-Granddaughter, Sophie. Mazal Tov!
- ~Congratulations to Sherri & Larry Busch and big brother, Benjamin, on the arrival of their baby daughter, Miriam Tehru, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. Mazal Tov! And, a great big hug and kiss of welcome to Miriam Tehru, my grand-niece!

There's still time for you to join us at our Hanukkah party on December 6, 2007m 2:15 PM. Historically, this is a truly fun-filled afternoon. The food at Ben's is delicious, latkes made of potatoes and other veggies are excellent, as are the sandwiches, soups and desserts! Once again, we hope to have a great time raffling off the gifts brought by all the attendees, which helps Sisterhood money-wise. For one of the very few times since we've been having our Hanukkah parties, we will actually have the candle lighting ceremony during Hanukkah. Get your \$27 check (made out to Sisterhood of Janina) to Esther Benjamin, 675 Pelham Rd. #F-10, New Rochelle, NY 10805, ASAP, to be part of this annual celebration!

*Best Regards,*

*Rose Eskononts*

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