

Dear Sisterhood Member,

With the onset of fall, we'll once again be privileged to see the splendid foliage Mother Nature presents to us. How fortunate for those of us who live in the Northeast to have the ability to see this outside our windows, in the parks and roadways. This year, driving upstate to the Pashas' Fall Weekend at Honor's Haven (the old Fallsview Hotel), was at the very beginning of the turning of the leaves to the autumn colors. What a panoramic kaleidoscope of magnificent hues on the hillsides. I never tire of the view. And, speaking of the Pashas, the weekend was great! We had a number of people attending their very first one, and we hope this will not be their last!

I spent Yom Kippur at my daughter's and attended Kol Nidre and Yizkor services at the Sephardic Temple of Cedarhurst. Rabbi Marans, spiritual leader, explained how their sanctuary became home to some 20+ Torahs, many of which were given to them for safe keeping by synagogues whose doors had closed, in addition to Torahs donated by members and those purchased specifically by the Temple. One in their collection had an astonishingly beautiful history. When Rabbi Marans was in Salonika some years ago, he was told the saga of two Torahs partially destroyed in the Holocaust - one suffered burns to half of its contents and the other Torah suffered water damage to half of it, as well. A Sofar (a scribe especially trained to hand-write Torahs) who had been consulted said he would be able to make one "kosher" Torah out of both halves, and thus preserve them for their original intent, which he accomplished. Rabbi Marans told Victor Hazen, one of his congregants back in the states, of this wonderful restoration. Mr. Hazen quickly told him to purchase this unusual Holocaust survivor, in his name, and bring it home to the Sephardic Temple in Cedarhurst, where it now safely resides, due to his generosity.

Simchat Torah at KKJ, October 10<sup>th</sup>...we had a lovely crowd to mark this very joyous event in our people's history. As you know, our Torahs are clad in silver and wood, making them extremely heavy, but very beautiful, and the men and boys each did a yeoman's job in carrying them throughout the sanctuary for the required seven (7) hakafoth, with each man passing the Torah to another so that everyone got an opportunity to participate. A delicious Greek collation followed, which was enjoyed by all. Shabbat, October 17<sup>th</sup>, saw another first at KKJ - we had a baby-naming of twin girls, Isla Sophia and Xanthe Raven: (Hebrew names: Shoshanna Chaya and Jamina Tziporah.) Proud parents are Jennifer Ann and John Kitses! Mazal Tov to the entire family!

#### DONOR CARD PROGRAM

Our Donor Card Program is our one constant source of revenue, and it depends entirely on your commitment to keep it healthy. Listed below are our Sunshine Secretaries, who are ready...just one phone call is all it takes, and they will write out the appropriate card, be it "Get Well", "In Honor Of/Congratulations," "In Memory Of", naming you as the donor, sealing, stamping and mailing it, for a *minimum* donation of \$5.00 (please note, due to rising printing and postage costs we have had to increase the price). Your continued, ongoing participation in our Donor Card Program is what helps keep Sisterhood viable and running in the "black".

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**Thank you All**

### **SISTERHOOD NEWS**

- ~Happy Belated Very Special Birthday Wishes to Esther Yomtov's husband, Morris. Wishing him Many More with Good Health.
- ~Best Wishes for Good Health, and a Speedy and Complete Recovery to Shirlee Paganetti.
- ~Happy "Special" Birthday Wishes to Anna Ullman and Many More with Good Health.
- ~Best Wishes for Good Health and a Speedy Recovery to Bea Zagha.
- ~Happy "Special" Birthday Wishes to Terry & Sol Lafazan who share the same birth date.
- ~Sincerest Condolences to Joe & Mark Besca & family on the passing of their mother, our long-time member, Matilda.
- ~Congratulations to Corrine Levy on becoming great-grandmother to twin boys, Joshua and Ryan. Proud parents are Bradley and Michelle Dollinger. We send the new family our Best Wishes for many years of Health and Happiness. Mazal Tov!
- ~Best Wishes for Good Health and a Speedy and Complete Recovery to Sheila Gessula.
- ~Belated "Special" Birthday Wishes to Shirley Matza. Wishing her Many More with Good Health.
- ~Wishing Dora Mazza the Best of Health and Speedy Recovery. Can't wait to see her on the dance floor when she's well again.
- ~Best Wishes for Good Health and Speedy Recovery to Rochelle Mendelow. Hope she's back to 'snuff' real soon!
- ~Congratulations to Vicki & Joel Schare on becoming grandparents to Rebecca Hannah (named for maternal and paternal grandmothers, Betty Matza-Houllif and Hannah Schare.) Proud parents are Stefanie & Roni Nathanson. Mazal Tov to the whole family.

### **KKJ MUSEUM**



Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> saw an unusual event unfold. A Greek filmmaker, doing a documentary of Greek Americans, came to KKJ with his crew to interview KKJ congregants and members of our community, both in Greek and English. There were nine of us assembled and each in turn told his/her narrative, prompted by the director's questions. It was quite riveting to hear the different accounts that were told. Some were quite emotional, especially when it dealt with the Holocaust and how they survived; others were not quite as intense, but each told a unique history of his/her family life's dynamics. This documentary should be completed by February of next year and it will be interesting to see what the filmmaker has compiled across the country. I'm sure Marcia Ikononopoulos will have a KKJ Museum event to view the final product.

**Best Regards**  
**Rose Eskononts**