

Newsletter

February, 2006

Dear Sisterhood Member,

Hope you've all gotten past the stage of writing 2005 in your correspondence and have 2006 under your belts! I know the very first checks in my checkbook for this year were mistakenly dated 2005, but now I'm in the groove and 2006 is firmly embedded in my brain! It just took a little longer to sink in!

SYNAGOGUE IN IOANNINA, GREECE

We've learned that the Ioannina synagogue suffered \$15,000 water damage from heavy rainfalls they recently had. The Ioannina Jewish Community consists of approximately 50 Holocaust survivors subsisting on meager pensions. We, and our Romaniote colleagues, have been approached to assist them with their repair efforts. If you would care to donate to this worthy cause, Sisterhood will match your donations, dollar for dollar, to an equitable amount we will be sharing with our brother/sister organizations [\$5,000 each]. If you wish

to contribute, please make your checks out to "Sisterhood of Janina -Ioannina Synagogue." KKJ has pledged to do its part, as well, and has sent \$5,000 to the Jewish Community in Janina, and, hopefully, will be receiving donations, which will make up the \$5,000. The AFGJ has pledged \$5,000, which they also anticipate raising from their membership. In this way, we are hoping to reach the goal quickly to help our co-religionists in Janina. I am certain Sisterhood will once again rise to the challenge and give generously to this appeal.

KKJ

With Hy Genee, home from the hospital and recovering from surgery, KKJ is in more desperate need of men to complete the minyan necessary to conduct Shabbat services. If you know of anyone who is available and can be counted in a minyan, please, ask them to donate their precious time for this most worthy cause. Many of our "regulars" are snow birds, making the possibility of additional men attending, even more pressing, that we urge you to notify all able bodied men "to come to the aid of their Kehila."

It's "tax" time, and our member, Chaim Kofinas, CPA, who is normally at Hy Genee's side conducting services, cannot make the trip down from Rockland County to do this mitzvah for the foreseeable future. We are reaching out to the community to find a "Baal Koreh" (torah reader) who can help us in our hour of need, but without a full complement of the required 10 men (minyan) services cannot be conducted—so please spread the word and "give us some men"! It is truly a mitzvah! Thanks.

KKJ

Renovation of KKJ's interior will begin shortly. There is a very aggressive plan in the works to restore the sanctuary and ladies' balcony to its former glory. New electric fixtures will be installed, in keeping with the style of the original chandeliers, as well as much-needed air conditioning (not heard of in 1927). Walls will be repaired, plastered (to remove all ravages of time and leaks) and painted to complete the project. This job will take a couple of months to complete and in the interim, Shabbat services will be held in the basement area until everything is back in place and we can resume our normal routine. KKJ will once again be the "jewel" of a synagogue as so many of our visitors exclaim whenever they visit. We're sure you will agree once the work is completed.

Sisterhood is extremely grateful for the following generous donations made by:
>Sarah (Shirley) Mandragona in Memory of a Dear Friend, Manny Moses;
>David, Denise, Michael, Estelle, Rochelle, Tony, Matthew & Tara ~ Wishing Mom /Grandma (Mollie Cohen) a Happy 75th Birthday and Many More;
>Barbara Nessim, In Honor of Sisterhood.
>Joel Negrin, son of Diana and Samuel Negrin, in honor of parents' 65th Wedding Anniversary, March 22nd. To quote Joel, "...They have been a perfect match ...and have had a pretty nice run since March 22, 1941, at the Concourse Plaza." We wish them Mazal Tov & Many More with Good Health!
Thank you all.

DONOR CARD PROGRAM

Please support our Donor Card Program. All revenue goes a long way to enable Sisterhood to continue its philanthropic efforts. With your ongoing participation, we will be able to continue donate to worthwhile causes. Please our Sunshine Secretaries and they will send out the appropriate card for you, Sympathy, In Honor Of..., or Get Well, signing it for you as the donor; addressing, stamping and mailing it – they're waiting for your call – Let your fingers do the walking...that's all it takes, one phone call and a *minimum* donation of \$3.00, of course, we accept and welcome more!

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

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Thank you

all!

SISTERHOOD NEWS

- Best Wishes for Good Health to Judy & Eli Myones after their car accident. Hope their therapy sessions go well and they get back to their "old" selves, soon!
- Very Happy "Special" Birthday Wishes to our Mollie Cohen. May she enjoy many, many more with Good Health!
- Congratulations to Corrine Levy on the engagement of her grandson Bradley Dollinger to Michelle. Proud parents are Claire & Glenn Dollinger. A November wedding is planned. Mazal Tov
- Congratulations to Jackie Andros on becoming a great-grandmother for the third time...newest great-granddaughter is Zoe. Proud parents are Dana & David Lichtenberg. Mazal Tov.
- Best Wishes for Good Health and a speedy recovery from surgery to Julie Jeuda's husband, Jack.
- Best Wishes for Good Health to Phyllis Modiano. May her recovery be speedy and complete.
- Best Wishes to Sol & Irene Matsil on their son, Marc and family's re-location to Alaska.
- Congratulations to Dora Mazza on becoming a Great-Grandma. Ava Isabel Bretts was born Saturday, January 21, 2006, to granddaughter, Melanie & Phil Bretts. Mazal Tov to them all!
- Congratulations and Mazal Tov to Renee & Moe Seraita on the Bar Mitzvah of their Grandson, Michael Ryan Seraita and for their granddaughter Gena Renee Seraita being accepted to the University of Delaware...Proud parents are Dava & Steven Seraita. Mazal Tov.
- Best Wishes to Esther & Morris Yomtov on their Grandson Brian's marriage to Sally Cohen in April. Proud parents of the groom are Harriet & Ben Yomtov. Mazal Tov.
- Mazal Tov to Diana & Samuel Negrin on celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary. We send our congratulations and wish them many more with Good Health.
- Best Wishes for Good Health to Dora Gessula. Hope her hospital days are over.
- Best Wishes for Good Health to Evelyn Klapholtz's husband, Bert. Hope his hospital days are over and physical therapy and rehab are doing him a world of good and he's back to his old self soon.

*Best Regards,
Rose Eskononts*

If you haven't already done so, please be a Koukla and mail your 2006 Dues (\$15 check made out to Sisterhood of Janina) to:

Anne Cohen,
9115 160th Avenue
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Your *prompt* response enables Sisterhood to continue its philanthropic endeavors.