



# Kehila Kedosha Janina Synagogue and Museum

## January 2024 E-Newsletter

Dear Friends of Kehila Kedosha Janina,

The 15<sup>th</sup> of Shevat is the New Year for Trees, known as Tu b'Shevat. This year the date falls on January 25. Although this day is Rosh Hashanah for trees, we attach special significance to this holiday because "Man is compared to the tree of the field" (Deuteronomy 20:19). Through cultivating strong roots – faith and commitment to G-d – we produce many fruits—Torah and Mitzvot.

Observances and Customs. On this day it is customary to partake of the fruit with which the Holy Land is praised (Deuteronomy 8:8): olives, dates, grapes, figs, and pomegranates.

As Tu b'Shevat is celebrated this year in Israel, we pray that the war will end, our hostages will be released, and a sustainable peace will be negotiated.



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This newsletter, our 178<sup>th</sup> will, as always, cover news regarding Kehila Kedosha Janina and news concerning Greek Jewry. We hope you find our newsletter interesting. Your feedback is of utmost importance to us. If you missed previous issues, they can be accessed on our website [www.kkjism.org](http://www.kkjism.org).

We now reach thousands of households worldwide. What an accomplishment for a little synagogue on the Lower East Side of New York City. Our community of 'friends' continually grow with each newsletter. If you know others who wish to be part of this ever-growing network, please have them contact us at [museum@kkjism.org](mailto:museum@kkjism.org)

We are open for Shabbat every Saturday morning starting at 9:30am. Please email [amarcus@kkjism.org](mailto:amarcus@kkjism.org) if you would like to attend, and enjoy a traditional Greek kiddush lunch after services. Our Museum is open every Sunday from 11am-4pm. If you wish to sponsor a newsletter, contact us at [museum@kkjism.org](mailto:museum@kkjism.org).

## Simchas

We love to share our moments of joy with our reading audience, especially now, when so much sadness in Israel weighs so heavily on us. Rae Matza Yamali turned 101 in December, Annette Binder will turn 96 in January, and Esther Colchamiro will turn 105 on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Esther Colchamiro also became a great great-grandmother when Nehama Zirkind gave birth to Eliahou in December.

Annette Binder was born January 22nd, 1928, the only child of Joseph Politis and Esther Josephs. Annette often recounts that her parents would take her everywhere, especially to the Bronx to visit relatives. By blood or through marriage, Annette is related to an unbelievable number of Yanniote families and, fortunately for us, is a repository of memories.



Rae Yamali was born on December 3, 1922 and turned 101 in December. Rae is a beloved aunt and sister-in-law whose stories are a living memory of her family and culture (the Yamalis, the Bacolas, the Couenca and Roman). Aunt Rae remains vibrant and engaged-staying closely connected to the lives of relatives and many friends. She has reminded those close to her to never take for granted who they are by encouraging all to look more deeply into their histories and to learn what they owe to the past. Rae is related to so many. She is the daughter of Abraham Matza and Mollie Vitoulis (both of Blessed Memory) and, through this connection, related to Genees (through her sister Sally who married Abe Genee, Hy Genee's older brother) and the Gottliebs through her sister, Irene. Rae is related to the Vitoulis families through her mother.



Rae and Albert Yamali on their wedding day

We wish a Mazal Tov on the birth of Eliahu, the first born son of Nechama and Yechiel Zirkind. Nechama is the eldest daughter of proud grandparents Rabbi Yitzchak Dovid and Elisheva Smith. Elisheva is the daughter of Rochelle Rosen nee Colchamiro and Michael Rosen, making them great grandparents. Rochelle Rosen is the daughter of Esther and Ralph Colchamiro, making Esther Colchamiro sheyichieh, great-great grandmother of Eliahu, with the great merit to see and hold her great-great grandson spanning 5 living generations in the 3000 year chain of our precious Jewish heritage, Baruch Hashem! We are looking forward to celebrating the 105<sup>th</sup> birthday of Esther Colchamiro, b'Ezrat Hashem, on Feb.1, 2024 (Hebrew birthday Rosh Chodesh Adar).



## Passings

This was a difficult month for the loss of many loved ones.

In the United States we mourn the passing of Bella Velleli Cohen. We print the beautiful words of her daughter Esther Cohen Kahn: "It is with a heavy heart that I am sharing the news that my mother, Bella Cohen, the matriarch of our family, born Rebecca Velelis, has passed away at 97 years old. One of 13 children, she was born in Ioannina, Greece in 1927 to a father from Corfu and her mother from Ioannina. A Holocaust survivor, she was the epitome of strength. She had no fear. Only the will to live and love. After the concentration camps, she, and my father Peniel made a life in the United States, taking the journey with me on a ship, landing on Ellis Island when I was three years old. With a limited education and PTSD, she taught me so much about life and was the best mother I could have ever wished for. She was my best friend. She was deeply loved by my husband, Richard Kahn of Blessed Memory, who she called her son. She became a devoted loving grandmother to two boys Peter and Bryan and then a great grandmother to her three boys, Giancarlo, Ethan, and Mateo. Was so happy to become a Nona to Magda.



She was the definition of unconditional love. Always singing, always dancing, always cooking, she was unapologetically herself. Those who knew my sweet mother know exactly what I mean. It was an honor to be her daughter and an honor to take care of her in the last years of her life when she became unable to care for herself due to Dementia. The impact she made on her family will live on forever because she lived for her family. Her family is what defined her and gave her purpose. She will be deeply missed and will leave a hole in my heart forever.

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We mourn the passing of Elias Mordecai, son of Solomon and Anna Mordecai. He was born in Athens on 02/02/1953. He leaves behind his children Sonny and Anna Mordecai, his grandchildren Adam and Marilou Icheme, Sarah and Noah Mordecai, and his brother Isaac Mordecai. He passed away on Sunday 17/12/2023. He will be mourned by family and friends, in Israel, in Greece and here, in the USA. His cousin, Evelyn Mordechai is a dear friend of Kehila Kedosha Janina.

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We mourn the passing of Jacqueline Kone, daughter of Chaim Victor and Stamatia Kone. She was born in Volos on 27/06/1966. She leaves behind her partner Vasilis Marinos, her sister Louisa Kone, and her husband Moses-Zenos Velelis, and her nephews Victor and Linda Veleli. She passed away in Volos on Tuesday 19/12/2023.

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We mourn the passing of Simha Ventura, daughter of David and Gisela Ventura. She was born in Athens on August 1, 1937 and passed away in Athens on Tuesday 12/12/2023. She leaves behind her son Henry-Chaim Ventura and his wife Rachel Sakki as well as grandchildren Rosalia and Alexander Ventura.

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We mourn the passing of Elias Haïm, son of Victor and Sarina (Nina) Haim. He was born in Ioannina on March 5, 1942. He leaves behind his sister Rachel Angelou and his nephews Sarita Haim, Angelos Angelou, and Sarah Angelou. He passed away Tuesday December 5, 2023 and is buried at the Jewish Section of the Third Cemetery of Nikaia in Athens.



## Visitors to Kehila Kedosha Janina

In December we had a number of special visitors. Our dear friends from Great Britain, Alex, and Dina Winson, visited us in New York. Claudia Nahson, the Morris, and Eva Feld Senior Curator at the Jewish Museum in New York City visited Kehila Kedosha Janina to see our collection of Shaddayot, brought over from Ioannina by our early congregants. Claudia became instrumental in helping us acquire another collection of Shaddayot (see article in this newsletter). Temple Shalom of Cherry Hill, New Jersey visited us on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Finally, one of our new young volunteers, Tara Silberg, helped during our program on Lebanese Jews with Haham Isaac Choua, introducing her parents to KKJ. Tara's mom Mindy is a member of the Colchamiro family.



Alex and Dina Winson



Neil, Mindy, and Tara



Claudia Nahson



Temple Shalom of Cherry Hill

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## Past Events at Kehila Kedosha Janina

On December 24<sup>th</sup> we were honored to welcome our dear friend Haham Isaac Choua who led a lecture and cooking class about Lebanese Jewry. The event was a resounding success, both in terms of attendance and the positive response. We sampled delicious 'Atayef, a traditional Lebanese treat made for Hanukkah (see recipe included later in this newsletter).



## Greek Jewish & Sephardic Young Professionals Network Hanukkah Party

Thank you everyone for attending our amazing Hanukkah party! We had an incredible time with live Greek and Israeli music, special guest musicians, delicious homemade bimuelos, keftikas, and latkes, and a very special candle lighting with a 100 year old menorah from Corfu! Thank you to everyone who brought such beautiful energy, and may the light in each of us continue to shine bright to be proud Sephardim, Romaniotes, and overall proud Jews.



## International Community Shabbaton

On December 15-16, Kehila Kedosha Janina hosted a special Shabbat weekend featuring Rabbi Gabriel Negrin, Chief Rabbi of Athens, in partnership with the Sephardic Jewish Brotherhood of America. There was a full house for services Friday evening, followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner. The crowd was too large to have dinner at Kehila Kedosha Janina, so space was rented across the street at the Allen Hotel. On Saturday December 16, Rabbi Negrin conducted Shabbat services at Kehila Kedosha Janina alongside Chaim Kofinas.

Rabbi Negrin chanted beautiful Romaniote liturgy and led multiple inspiring classes Friday night and Saturday. He shared insights on Romaniote history and traditions, the evolution of our communities across millennia, the exchange between ancient Jewish practices, Greek Orthodox religious customs, Sephardim, and more modern Greek Jewish traditions, and much more. We also welcomed many other distinguished visitors from across the US and abroad who share Sephardic and Romaniote heritage, including Professor Devin Naar and the Bivas Ladino High School club. Thank you to everyone who made it such a special experience.



Havdala with Rabbi Negrin



On Sunday December 17 the Sephardic Jewish Brotherhood of America hosted an international community gala at the Museum of Jewish Heritage. Guests came from all over the US and around the world. The honorees at the event were Professor Devin Naar, the Isaac Alhadeff Professor of Sephardic Studies and Associate Professor of History and Jewish Studies at the University of Washington, along with Rabbi Marc D. Angel, Rabbi emeritus of Congregation Shearith Israel the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue in New York City, and Howard Behar, former President of Starbucks International. Distinguished speakers at the event included His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros and Rabbi Gabriel Negrin. Music was provided by Avram Pengas and the Noga group, and there was lots of dancing. You can watch a full livestream of the event [HERE](#) and a Highlight video [HERE](#)





**Upcoming Events at Kehila Kedosha Janina**

**New Siddur Publication and Lecture – Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**

KKJ is honored to welcome Hakham Dr. Isaac S. D. Sassoon and Rabbi Steve Golden of the Sephardic Temple of Cedarhurst to celebrate the launch of a new siddur, Siddur 'Alats Libbi. Please RSVP to [Amarcus@kkjism.org](mailto:Amarcus@kkjism.org)

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**FOR A SPECIAL LECTURE CELEBRATING THE**



**LAUNCH OF SIDDUR  
'ALATS LIBBI**

**SUNDAY JANUARY 7 AT 1PM**

**KEHILA KEDOSHA JANINA - 280 BROOME STREET NYC**

The sages of old did not conceive of Jewish prayer as incantation, but as 'service of the heart' and as a vehicle through which we are invited to speak our hearts before Hashem. Join us for the official launch of the new Siddur 'Alats Libbi, edited by Rabbi Dr. Isaac Sassoon & Rabbi Steve Golden.

One of the world's leading Torah scholars, Hakham Dr. Isaac Sassoon synthesizes rigorous traditional study with scrupulous academic and historical scholarship. A prolific writer for TheTorah.com, Hakham Sassoon is the author of several critically acclaimed books.

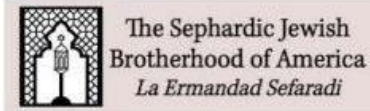
Hakham Sassoon's initial education was under the tutelage of his father - the renowned scholar Rabbi Solomon David Sassoon, Hakham Yosef Doury, and others. He studied at the prestigious Gateshead Yeshiva and various yeshivot in Israel. Hakham Sassoon received semikhah from the Chief Rabbinate of Israel, and holds a Ph.D. in Literature from the University of Lisbon.

Continuing his family's tradition of academic achievement, Hakham Sassoon has published on topics ranging from Scriptural commentary and history, to issues of current concern to the Jewish community.

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## Upcoming Events of Interest

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual New York Ladino Day – Sunday January 21 at 2pm**  
**Register [Here](#)**



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# Bendichas Manos: The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual New York Ladino Day!

Sunday, 21 January 2024 at 2PM EST

Center for Jewish History, 15 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC

**Curated by Jane Mushabac and Bryan Kirschen**



Featuring:

**Rabbi Marc Angel**, The Optimism of Ladino Civilization

**Rachel Amado Bortnick**, From Language Teacher to Founder of Ladinokomunita

A Conversation with **Elizabeth Graver**, author of the 2023 novel *Kantika*

**Sarah Aroeste** and **Susan Barocas**, *SAVOR: Songs and Stories about Food*

Since 2013, distinguished programs like ours have been held around the world to honor Ladino, also known as Judeo-Spanish. January 21<sup>st</sup> marks the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual New York Ladino Day hosted by the American Sephardi Federation.

## RSVP

**[www.asfny.org](http://www.asfny.org) (In-Person)**

*Early Bird General Admission \$20*

*(Regular General Admission \$25)*

*VIP \$36 (Includes VIP seating and reception)*

*\*Early Birds offer expires on December 17<sup>th</sup>*

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## News from Jewish Greece

### Athens

#### Hanukkah Celebrations with the Jewish Community of Athens

On Thursday, December 14, 2023, the Jewish Community of Athens celebrated Hanukkah at Beth Shalom Synagogue, the Festival of Light that symbolizes the hope that better days will come for all of us. As Judaism dictates to us despite tragic events, we must choose light and life. The Rabbi of Athens, Gabriel Negrin, spoke to us about the meaning of the celebration, inspiring all the attendees with his words. The keynote speakers of the event were Mrs. Vana Nikolaidou-Kyrianidou, Professor at the Department of Philosophy of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and the Dean of the Theological School, Mr. Emmanuel Karageorgoudis. We were honored with the presence of the Director of the Political Office of the Minister Mr. Vasilis Kikilias, Mr. Zois Tsolis, Mrs. Vasiliki Keramida, Director of the Office of the Secretary General for Religious Affairs, Mr. George Kalatzis, Mrs. Christina Xenopoulou from the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs and the members of the Jewish Community of Athens. And next year with health for all, let the candlelight of Hanukkah shine again!



#### Jewish Community of Athens highlighted in video from World Jewish Congress

The Jews of Athens, the long history and the pulse of the modern Jewish community are presented in the video created by The World Jewish Congress (WJC), as part of a series of short documentaries getting to know the Jewish communities of the world. With the collaboration of WJC, Central Board of Jewish Communities of Greece (KISE) and the Jewish Community of Athens (I.K. Athens), filming took place in the summer and the production of the video was recently completed. Guide in the footsteps of the Athenian Jews is Electra Kliafa, who tours the Acropolis, Plaka and Thissio in search of the roots of the ties between Hellenism and Jewry.



The General Secretary of the Community Council of the I.K. of Athens, Delia Alchanati, welcomes the viewer at the headquarters of the Community, in Thissio, and talks about the life of Jews in modern Athens. The Director of the Jewish Museum of Greece (JMG), Zanet Battinou, opens the doors of the JMG and informs the audience about the collection and the work of the Jewish Museum. The Rabbi of Athens, Gabriel Negrin, guides a tour of the two synagogues, presenting their history, with references to the cultural wealth of the Romaniotes and Sephardim of Greece.

From the symbolic space of the Holocaust Memorial, KISE General Secretary Victor Eliezer talks about the period of the Occupation and the Holocaust, with particular reference to the role of the Church and the Resistance. The Director of the Lauder Elementary School of the I.K. of Athens, George Kanellos, talks about the importance that the school attaches to education and Jewish identity.

A video is full of rhythm and liveliness, and comprehensive in information and meanings, outlining the history and diverse activity of the Athenian Jews.

Watch the video [HERE](#).

## Ioannina

### Annual Memorial for Moses Elisaf Held in a Touching Climate

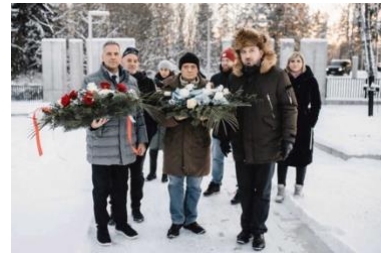
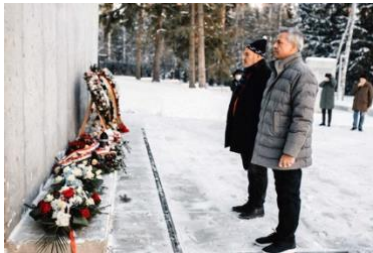
The annual memorial service for Moses Elisaf took place in an emotional atmosphere at the Synagogue of Ioannina. It's been exactly ten months since the day the Mayor of Ioannina passed away. On Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, his beloved wife Patra, his relatives, friends and associates, and people who traveled from all over the country, were there to honor his memory.



## Kavala

### Municipality of Kavala recognized by the Treblinka Museum

The Treblinka Museum awarded the Mayor of Kavala, Theodoros Mouriadis, for creating the Network of Cities Against Antisemitism that included a visit of the President of the Kavala Municipal Council, Konstantinos Pefani, to Poland. The initiative of the Mayor of Kavala, Thodoros Mouriadis, to create a Network of Cities Against Antisemitism, was awarded by the Treblinka Museum during events, held in Poland from December 3 to 7, on the subject of Nazi crimes in Europe during World War II.



## Thessaloniki

### Building permit for Thessaloniki Holocaust Museum finally issued

Greece's Environment Ministry and Thessaloniki's municipal town planning authority issued on December 19 the building permit for the construction of the city's Holocaust Museum, with work expected to begin next year, the Jewish Community of Thessaloniki announced on Wednesday.

The project is slated for completion in 2026.



"The issuance of the building permit paves the way for the construction of the Holocaust Museum, which is expected to be completed in 2.5 years," the community said, adding that the museum will be built with funding from the Greek government, Germany, the Stavros Niarchos Foundation and Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla, through the Genesis Prize Foundation.

The construction of a Holocaust Museum in the area of Thessaloniki Rail Cargo Station was decided about a decade ago, due to its historical importance. It was the location from which nearly 50,000 Jews were sent to their deaths in German concentration camps during World War II.

But it took a legislative regulation and two Presidential Decrees to resolve a series of issues, from ownership to land uses in the area.



## Volos

### **Hanukkah 2023 in Volos**

On Saturday, December 9, 2023, Hanukkah was celebrated at the Community Center of the Jewish Community of Volos (I.C. of Volos) with the participation of almost all our members, participation of friends as well as the presence of Mrs. Anna-Maria Papadimitriou, who from 1.1.2024 will assume duties as Deputy Regional Governor of Magnesia.

Also present were the Director and teachers of the 1st Experimental High School of Nea Ionia, who undertook to hold the Holocaust event on Monday, February 5, 2024 (one day after the main event).

The President of the I.C. of Volos, Mr. Marcel Solomon, in his welcome, referred to our mixed feelings given that the celebration takes place under the weight of the loss of so many innocent victims and the anxiety for the fate of the remaining hostages of the terrorist organization Hamas, stressing at the same time that Palestinians who are oppressed by the authoritarian regime that Hamas has imposed on Gaza, they are also its victims.

The religious minister Mr. Makis Moissis referred to the importance of the celebration and read the prayers for the lighting of candles. The children and ladies of the Community lit Hanukiya and the Community offered gifts to the children and some of the adults. A gathering followed in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

### **Inter-religious Meeting in Volos: Metropolitan of Volos meets with President of Jewish Community of Volos and President of the Muslim community of Greece**

Within the framework of the activities of the Orthodox Information Network to combat antisemitism, hatred, fanaticism, racism, and intolerance as well as to support every voice that preaches love, peace, understanding and fruitful interreligious dialogue, came to Volos, on 7.12.2023, the President for Greece of the Muslim community Ahmadiyya, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, (Mr) Imam Atta-Ul Naseer.



Their motto is "Love for all, hate for none."

He met with His Eminence Metropolitan Ignatius of Demetriados & Almyros, the President of the Jewish Community of Volos Mr. Marcel Solomon as well as the Reverend Mr. Meletios Meletiadis, pastor of the Evangelical Church of Volos.

During the meeting, which took place in a very good atmosphere, the dramatic situation in the Middle East, created by the terrorist attack against civilians in Israel by Hamas, was discussed.

It is worth noting that Mr. Naseer, immediately after the terrorist attack against Israeli citizens, sent a letter of condolence to the presidents of the Jewish Communities of Greece where, among other things, he emphasizes that: "... horrific attacks on civilians are not acceptable to Islam even in the event of war, let alone in other circumstances..."

Views were exchanged and the possible organization of a relevant event, workshop, or conference in collaboration with the Academy of Theological Studies in Volos was discussed. The visit ended with an interview of Mr. Naseer and Mr. Solomon to the journalist Mr. Nikos Varalis to the Orthodox Witness radio station. Mr. Naseer then spoke with the journalist Mr. Sotirios Polyzos on the show Good Morning Greece of TRT TV station.



## **Dedication of New Sefer Torah and Megilat Esther at the Synagogue in Volos**

On Thursday, December 14, 2023, the Jewish Community of Volos, with great joy and emotion, welcomed to its Holy Synagogue, a new Sefer Tora and the Megila Esther, donated by the Aaron Avdelas family.

The Sefer Torah, accompanied by the co-religious Mr. Avi Amgar and the Israeli Zion Yishak, arrived from Israel at 6.00 in the afternoon and was followed by its admission ceremony by the religious minister Mr. Makis Moses, in the presence of our members.



The President of the Jewish Community (I.C. of Volos), Mr. Marcel Solomon, moved and happy, said that a timeless wish of all of us and the ardent desire of Mr. Aaron Avdelas are fulfilled.

He also referred to the family's timeless contribution to Jewry and our Community, which Mr. Aaron continues.

He thanked them and pledged that a special event will be held during which the family will be declared a major donor of the community.

## **Corfu**

### **Recently unearthed photo of the former Jewish school in Corfu**





## Italy

### Rome Sent Powerful Message as Thousands Marched against Anti-Semitism

Thousands of people gathered last month in Piazza del Popolo in Rome to attend a rally against antisemitism and terrorism organized by the Union of the Italian Jewish Communities and the Jewish Community of Rome. Some of the highest-ranking representatives from the political, religious, and civil spheres were present in the square.



Senator for Life Liliana Segre also joined the initiative: "We always think that it's over, that the world has moved on," she said the day before the rally. But instead, she said with bitterness, "we have to see Jews being hunted down and killed because they are Jews; being asked to apologize because they are Jews; being forced to hide because they are Jews."

"We cannot remain silent before what is happening," stated UCEI President Noemi Di Segni, urging all of society to mobilize. It is a plea that is not just meant to be "from Jews to Jews," but it is also a call to take to the streets regardless of ethnic, cultural, and religious distinctions to defend a "pacific and safe coexistence" that also includes the "freedom to wear the David's star around one's neck or the kippot on one's head."

Since October 7, we have observed an increase in antisemitism in all its forms," said Di Segni again, recalling the many manifestations of the phenomenon: from Islamic fundamentalism to conspiracy theories, passing through religious antisemitism. President Di Segni did not hide her disappointment, with the position taken by "unions, NGOs, organizations such as Amnesty International and UNICEF, and women organizations like Non una di meno" on the conflict and its repercussions defining them as subjects "with a twisted political agenda."

Di Segni also stated that "we were expecting other organizations that cherish life" to arrange such initiative. But unfortunately, it was not the case. "This initiative of ours has the desire to fight against miscommunication that is likely to bring us back to the worst that European culture produced in the past," stated Victor Fadlun, President of the Roman Jewish community.

"Jewish presence is a precious resource. Today we are seeing that it is threatened by a resurfacing poisonous and karstic trend. Jews have been attacked and stumbling stones commemorating the victims of the Holocaust have been desecrated in Italy as well," he added later, exhorting every citizen who is sensitive to certain values to participate to what has the ambition to be "a celebration of freedom and democracy." The deep meaning of the initiative "is that the constitutional principles the Italian State is based on cannot be questioned," reiterated Fadlun.

### Sami Modiano Given Award in Rome

Sami Modiano, born in Rhodes, Greece, is one of the few remaining survivors from the Jewish community of Rhodes. He now lives in Italy. Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma awarded Sami Modiano, "grandfather" of our community, the Honoris Causa Degree in Medicine and Surgery. Among the motives: "He promoted in young generations full awareness of the value of human life and a culture of respect for life."



### Pompeii

Recent excavations at the archeological site of Pompeii give us a glimpse at the life of middle class citizens. One fascinating find was a bed. Since there has been speculation over the years that there were Jews living at Pompeii, there is hope that more definitive proof made be found among these recent discoveries.



## Israel

### Hostages' families light menorahs in Tel Aviv, troops in Gaza mark start of Hanukkah Times of Israel

Former abductee Amit Shani, at holiday rally, says relatives must 'keep fighting until the last hostage is returned'; IDF commander hails soldiers as 'modern day Maccabees'.



Marking the start of Hanukkah Thursday evening, the families of Israeli hostages held by Hamas held a candle-lighting ceremony during a rally in Tel Aviv calling for the release of their loved ones, while soldiers fighting against the terror group lit menorahs in Gaza to celebrate the first night of the Jewish holiday.

The ceremony in Tel Aviv was held in an area called Hostages Square, where relatives and friends of those abducted in the Hamas-led onslaught on October 7 lit Hanukkah candles. The display included an empty table set for the festival that featured menorahs with photos of hostages.



About 137 hostages remain captive in Gaza following the release of 105 civilian abductees, mainly women and children, starting on November 24 and through December 1 as part of a Qatar-brokered deal to free groups of hostages in exchange for a multi-day pause in fighting, the release of Palestinian prisoners, and a boost in aid supplies to Gaza.

In Tel Aviv on Thursday night, some demonstrators marched to the Kirya military base as they carried torches and called for the immediate return of the hostages, chanting "Now! Now! Now!"

Among those lighting candles at the square were US Ambassador to Israel Jack Lew and Amit Shani, a 16-year-old former hostage from Kibbutz Be'eri who was abducted by Hamas-led terrorists and held in Gaza until her release on November 29, alongside 11 other Israeli hostages, as part of the weeklong truce agreement.

Before the temporary ceasefire deal, four hostages were released unilaterally, one was rescued by the IDF, and two bodies of hostages were recovered in Gaza.

"I am very moved and happy to stand here this evening for the first night [of Hannukah], on Israeli soil," Shani told the crowd. "I want to thank everyone who worked for the return of all the hostages and everyone who has so far returned. It makes me so happy to finally be here with family and friends."

"We need to keep fighting until the last hostage is returned," he added.

Additionally, fellow Be'eri residents Raaya Rotem and her teen daughter Hila Rotem, who were freed on separate days last week, lit a menorah during a Zoom call with kibbutz members evacuated from their homes following the Hamas massacres on October 7 when 1,200 people were killed, mainly civilians.

Similar candle lighting events in honor of the hostages were held elsewhere, including the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City. Since the truce ended last week when Hamas violated the terms by refusing to release remaining female hostages and two children, fighting has resumed in Gaza, with the military expanding the ground operation into the southern Strip.



On Thursday evening, soldiers operating in Gaza also lit candles to celebrate the holiday. "You are modern day Maccabees," Maj. Gen. Yaron Finkelman, the head of Southern Command, told troops in the Jabaliya camp in northern Gaza. "This is a long, important, and difficult war, and this is a symbolic moment of the lighting the Hanukkah candles... We will continue onwards until victory," he said.



## United Kingdom

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## Germany

### Scholz first German leader to light main Hanukkah menorah

Olaf Scholz became the first German chancellor to light Berlin's central Hanukkah menorah, in a sign of "solidarity" with Jews amid a surge of anti-Semitism during the Israel-Hamas war.



Wearing a kippa, Scholz also urged the "immediate" release of Israeli hostages held by Hamas as he addressed a crowd gathered at the Brandenburg Gate for the start of the Jewish festival of lights.

He then boarded a crane to ignite the menorah's first candle with a torch, accompanied by Rabbi Yehuda Teichtal. "I hope the light of this candelabra will shine across this square long beyond the eight days of the Hanukkah celebration," Scholz said.

"It stands for hope and optimism -- We especially need both in these days after the Hamas terror attack on Israel." Amid a sharp rise in hate crimes against Jews in Germany since the October 7 attacks in Israel, Scholz pledged to protect Jewish life eight decades after the Holocaust.

"I am happy that many citizens are supporting the Jewish community in word and deed and showing compassion and solidarity with our Jewish neighbors, friends, colleagues," he said.

"That is why I'm also happy to be here today," he said, adding that he wanted to underscore that Jews were an "inextricable part" of German society. Scholz called it "unacceptable" for Jews in Germany "to have to be afraid to practice their religion, their culture".

The ceremony, held under tight security, was attended by two family members of a German-Israeli hostage, Itay Svirsky. They lit the torch that was handed to Scholz to ignite the first candle.

**Gershon Harris**  
**Hatzor Haglilit, Israel**



The January 2024 KKJ bulletin comes out as Israel continues to be at war, along with an explosion of antisemitism the Jewish world has not seen in decades. The reality is inescapable and is clearly affecting Jews and Jewish communities everywhere. There is no question that we must find the strength and resilience to overcome this latest onslaught, and to help us do so it would be prudent to understand that despite the ferocity of today's antisemitism, our Sages taught us that "There is nothing new under the sun". In fact, as we begin reading the book of Exodus on the Shabbat of January 6<sup>th</sup>, it is almost uncanny how contemporary these ancient scriptures remain.

The first chapter of Exodus begins with a brief introduction of the names of the Israelites that came to Egypt with Jacob and the end of the era of Joseph, who by all accounts literally saved the Egyptian empire from starvation and dispersal. Verse 8 then states, "*Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who knew not Joseph*". The most famous and comprehensive classic Jewish Bible commentator, Rashi (Rabbi Shlomo Yitzhaki, 11<sup>th</sup> century) is puzzled by this statement, and first offers the more obvious and literal interpretation that a new king and empire arose that did not personally know Joseph. However, since nowhere in the previous Biblical narrative does it say that the Pharaoh of Joseph died and a new king replaced him, Rashi offers a less literal interpretation, suggesting that this was the same Pharaoh under which Joseph served, but his attitudes and perception of Joseph had changed, i.e. he acted as if he did not know Joseph and all he did for Egypt. Through chronologically this interpretation seems a bit far-fetched, given the age Pharaoh would have been, the continuation of the text not only gives credence to this interpretation, but could have been written today:

*"And he said unto his people: 'Behold, the people of the children of Israel are too many and too mighty for us; Come, let us deal wisely with them, lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when any war is initiated against us, they also join themselves unto our enemies, and fight against us, and get them up out of the land. Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh store-cities, Pithom and Raamses. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And they were fearful because of the children of Israel. And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigor. And they made their lives bitter with hard slavery, in mortar and in brick, and in all manner of work in the field; in all their slavery, wherein they made them serve with rigor. And the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives.... and he said: 'When ye serve as a midwife to the Hebrew women, ye shall look upon the birthstool: if it be a son, then ye shall kill him; but if it be a daughter, then she shall live.....But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men-children alive.....and Pharaoh charged all his people, saying: 'Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive'" (Exodus 1, verses 9-22).*

Even a cursive reading of this text shows the shocking relevance of the Biblical narrative today. It's all there: irrational envy and fear of Jewish success; the idea of the "fifth column", Jewish betrayal and treason, and of course a distorted vision of how large and powerful Jews can become, not to mention extreme changes in the same ruler's attitudes and treatment of his/her Jewish citizens, as well as the evolving of methods of persecution and annihilation: first debilitating economic measures followed by discreet forms of mass murder and ending in outright murder of Jews. This pattern continued throughout Jewish history in the Diaspora, culminating in the Holocaust, and no other People has suffered the physical, social, religious, and economic persecution in the vast majority of countries where we lived.



The founding and success of the State of Israel completely changed this reality, if not in antisemitic rhetoric and Jew-hatred, but certainly in Jewish pride and ability to defend ourselves. As the late Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik emphasized in his famous essay "My Beloved Knocks" in 1956, on the occasion of the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the new State of Israel, one of the greatest signs of G-d's direct helping hand in creating the new state was the fact that Jewish blood was no longer cheap. As Rabbi Soloveitchik said: "*When God smote the Egyptians, He sought to demonstrate that there will always be accountability for the spilling of Jewish blood. At present, it is necessary not only to convince the dictator of Egypt [Nasser], but the self-righteous Nehru, the Foreign Office in London, and the sanctimonious members of the United Nations, that Jewish blood is not cheap*".

Substitute other names for Nasser and the others, and the words of Rabbi Soloveitchik are frighteningly contemporary. Antisemitism may be unconquerable in terms of attitudes, rhetoric and even certain actions against Jews and Israel, but not in terms of Jewish pride and our ability to defend ourselves. The horrible events of October 7th in Israel were unprecedented in their horror, ferocity and casualties, yet relatively quickly and decisively, the IDF and all of Israeli society rallied, regrouped and responded. There is no question that the very existence of Israel provides the greatest deterrent against physical persecution, pogroms and genocide against Jews all over the world. Likewise, Diaspora Jewry's unbridled and enormous support for Israel is no less critical for Israel's continued success. This unity of purpose is the real secret in fighting our enemies, no matter how numerous they be or as overwhelming they may sometimes seem.

עם ישראל חי!



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"And he [Pharaoh] said to his people: Behold the people of the children of Israel are too many and too mighty for us..." (Shemot 1:9).

Pharaoh was ruler of a vast empire. The Israelites were a tiny group mainly living among themselves in Goshen. They posed no threat to Egypt. Yet the mighty Pharaoh somehow imagined that the Israelites were incredibly numerous and powerful and that he had to crush them before things got out of hand. He mobilized the Egyptian masses against the Israelites, leading to centuries of enslavement and suffering.

Pharaoh was the author of the earliest "conspiracy theory" against Israel. He fantasized outlandish charges, he apparently believed them, he promoted them, he acted based on them.

Did Pharaoh actually know any Israelites? Did the Egyptians who oppressed the Israelites have any personal relations with them?

As strange as it may seem, Pharaoh and the Egyptians—like most anti-Semites—focus not on real flesh-and-blood people. Rather they hate stereotypes that they create. They turn Israelites/Jews into things: oppressors, manipulators, dangerous enemies. Although these claims are incredibly foolish and not grounded in reality, that does not stop people from embracing them.

Why do they engage in hatred and vilification of people they don't even know, people who pose no real threat to them? Perhaps it is a manifestation of paranoia or jealousy. Perhaps it's a way to strengthen their own egos by diminishing others. In one of his essays, Umberto Eco suggests that human beings need enemies! It is through their enemies that they solidify their own identities.

Whatever the psychological reasons for fostering and believing conspiracy theories, humanity can only be redeemed by overcoming the corrosive evil of hatred. Although this seems like a far-fetched dream, it can happen.

Many years ago, a young lady came to my office to discuss the possibility of her conversion to Judaism. She was raised in Saudi Arabia to American parents in the American military. She grew up hating Israel and hating Jews although she had never met either an Israeli or a Jew.

When she reached college age, she came to the United States to study. She met Jewish students and found that they were nice people, not at all like the stereotypical Jews she had learned to hate as a child. She began to study Judaism. She learned about Jewish history and about modern Israel. She eventually met and fell in love with an Israeli man.

In due course, she converted to Judaism, married the Israeli, established a religiously traditional household, and had children who attended Jewish day schools when they came of age.

We discussed the remarkable transformation of her life from a hater of Jews and Israel, to an actively religious Jew married to an Israeli. In one of our conversations, she mused: "Wouldn't it be wonderful if all haters could suddenly find themselves in the shoes of the ones they hate? If only people really understood the hated victims by actually living as one of them!"

She came to this insight through her personal experiences. She overcame blind hatred by literally becoming one of those she had previously despised. She wished that all haters would at least try to see their victims as fellow human beings rather than as dehumanized stereotypes. If only people could replace their hatred with empathy!

While this is an important insight, it obviously eludes many people. Our societies are riddled with racism, anti-Semitism, anti-nationality x or anti-ethnicity y. It seems that many people prefer to hate rather than to empathize. They somehow imagine that they are stronger if they tear others down. They don't realize that by poisoning their lives with hatred, they undermine their own humanity.

Since the days of ancient Pharaoh, the people of Israel have been subjected to grotesque and hateful conspiracy theories. We continue to face such ugliness today. But we are a strong and resilient people, imbued with ultimate optimism for humanity. We value those human beings who choose love and understanding rather than hatred and vilification. We respect those who overcome hatred and who thereby contribute to the betterment of humanity.

The prophet Amos taught (8:11): "Behold the days are coming and I [God] will send a famine to the land, not a famine for bread and not a thirst for water...but to hear the words of God."

We affirm this prophecy...and we wait for its fulfillment.



## News from Our Community

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America  
Remarks at the International Sephardic Community Gala  
December 17, 2023

Museum of Jewish Heritage  
New York, New York



My Dear Friends,

I am honored to offer these few remarks on behalf of the Greek Orthodox People of America – to congratulate this evening’s honorees, and to state with boldness the support of our Church for all our friends in the Jewish community.

The Sephardic Jewish Community and our Ῥωμανιῶτες Brethren are especially dear to all Greeks, for we share a history that spans millennia. And to be gathered together here in the Museum of Jewish Heritage – the Memorial to the Holocaust for New York and beyond, is deeply moving. Especially as I prepare to go to Thessaloniki next month to speak at the *National Day of Remembrance of the Greek Heroes of the Holocaust*.

The Jewish and the Hellenic communities share an unbreakable bond, and I want to take this opportunity to say in no uncertain terms – that we will never forget, and we will never relent, in the battle to overcome anti-Semitism in whatever guise it presents itself. We have been with you in our shared past. We are with you now. And we will always be with you. We are children of one Father, and for all our individuality, there is a profound, shared, and precious ancestry.

Therefore, knowing that our evening is substantial, I will make use of that most Hellenic quality – to be laconic, and make an end of my remarks.

But know this, there will never be an end to our unity, our friendship, our solidarity, and our steadfast championing of justice, peace, and the well-being for the Jewish People and their homeland, Israel.

Thank you for the honor to be in your company this evening and to speak from the heart.  
May G-d in His infinite mercy bless us all.

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### Louis Menashe’s Commentary in the Washington Post

**Another vivid Jewish language making a comeback**, Washington Post, October 1, 2023

Regarding the Sept. 25 Politics & the Nation article “A vivid Jewish language makes a comeback”:

Making sure that Yiddish does not die and emphasizing the glories of the culture associated with it, from colorful proverbs to hearty chicken soup, is a fine way to combat antisemitism — a way to counter hate, as South Floridian Yiddish teacher Avi Hoffman has it.

But there ought to be room on that path for another Jewish language and another Jewish culture, that of the Sephardim, descendants of Jews from the Iberian Peninsula, whose language is not Yiddish but Ladino, sometimes known as Judeo-Spanish. In fact, the headline could well apply to Ladino, and accounts could be told of efforts by organizations such as the Sephardic Jewish Brotherhood of America and Washington’s Sephardic Heritage International, plus scholars and students at universities in the United States

and abroad, to make sure Ladino enjoys a robust revival. (At one time in the past century, it was so widely spoken that a Sephardic journalist proposed Ladino as the Esperanto of the Mediterranean).

I was raised by parents who emigrated from Salonika, Greece. It wasn't the knishes we had, but borekas, crescent-shaped pastries with different fillings. I didn't know about gefilte fish, but I loved my mother's Passover specialty, pesce en salsa, carp in a vinegar-based sauce. For "Mazal tov," we said, "Mashalla!" I could go on.

"Comebacks" for Yiddish and Ladino and associated cultures have noble roles to play in the American landscape.

Louis Menashe, New York

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We were honored to welcome Alex and Dina to Kehila Kedosha Janina and wish to share this magnificent photo of the New York skyline taken by Alex during his visit.



We are blessed to have a President at Kehila Kedosha Janina who is everywhere. Just this month alone he was at Sotheby's bidding on a private collection of Shaddayot for our synagogue/museum and playing Santa Claus, as he does every year, to the helpers who work next door at 282 Broome Street. There are those who say, "Where's Waldo?" We at Kehila Kedosha Janina sat "Where's Marvin!"





Finally, although we all love potato pancakes for Hannukah, here are some recipes to try something different next year.

### **Prasino Keftedes (leek pancakes)**

#### Ingredients:

3-4 whole leeks, about 1.25 pounds  
3 large eggs  
3 tablespoons matzo meal  
1/3 teaspoon sea salt  
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper or Aleppo pepper  
1/16 teaspoon allspice (optional)  
1/3 cup olive oil for pan-frying



Leeks tend to be sandy, so I suggest soaking them before cooking. If you purchased whole leeks with the dark leafy green tops, prepare them by cutting off the bottom and cutting off the dark green part as well. Set those aside to use later — leeks add a beautiful flavor to homemade soup stocks — just be sure to wash them well before cooking.

Cut the leeks lengthwise before cutting each half into about 1-inch-wide chunks. You should have about 3 cups of leek slices.

Fill a large pot halfway with water and a teaspoon of salt.

Add the sliced leeks to the pot and allow the leeks to soak in the water for about 10 minutes. Drain the water. If the water had a lot of sand or bugs, repeat this step until there isn't any sediment in the bottom of the water when checked.

Drain and rinse the sliced leeks in a colander.

Fill up the same pot halfway again with water and a teaspoon of salt.

Add the sliced leeks to the salted water and put the pot onto the stove at a high temperature to boil. Once the water starts to boil rapidly, reduce the heat to medium and continue cooking for 15-20 minutes.

Drain the leeks in a colander and set the colander back onto the empty pot to cool. Any extra water will drain into the pot.

Once the leeks are cool to the touch, press them with the back of a spoon or a spatula the same way that you would press water out of spinach before cooking with it.

While the leeks are cooling, whisk the eggs and mix in the matzo meal and spices. Allow the mixture to sit for about 10 minutes. This will give the matzo meal time to soften, which will give you a lighter fritter. Mix the cooked leeks into the egg and matzo meal mixture and stir well. You may see some small pools of egg, which is normal. If the mixture looks sloppy, add another tablespoon of matzo meal and let the bowl sit for a few minutes before frying.

(A note about the optional allspice: This spice is used strongly in some recipes and not at all in others. My husband prefers it to be used sparingly, but he notices if I omit the spice completely. If allspice in savory food is not your cup of tea (most Americans think of it as a baking spice), then omit it. If you like the spice, then you can double the suggested amount and adjust to taste.)

Put a frying pan over medium heat and add the olive oil to the pan. Allow the oil to warm for a few minutes. I love to use olive oil for both health and for the flavor it gives to fried food, but you need to be mindful of the heat of the pan so the oil doesn't burn.

For large fritters, I measure the mixture using a ¼-cup measuring cup. Measure the desired amount and use the back of the measuring cup or a spoon to flatten out the fritter before adding another one. Don't overcrowd your frying pan. It's OK if only 3 or 4 fit in at a time.

Fry for 3-4 minutes on the first side. Check to see if it's golden brown before flipping it over to fry for an additional 3 minutes.

For small fritters, use about 2 tablespoons per serving. Cook for 3 minutes on the first side, turn and cook for an additional 2 minutes. Once cooked, remove them to a tray lined with paper towels to drain the grease.

You can serve these as quickly as they can cool. I typically have a line of people in the kitchen looking for a fresh one right out of the pan.

This recipe makes about 8 large pieces or about 14 small ones. If you love the flavor, you can easily double the recipe.

Chanukah alegre! Chanukah sameach! May we see victory and miracles with our own eyes. Enjoy and bless your hands!

And, from our talented Haham, Chef, and Scholar, Isaac Choua, 'Atayef.

Hakham Isaac Choua

# 'Atayef // Stuffed Pancakes

## Ingredients

All-purpose flour: 3 cups  
Fine semolina: ½ cup  
Sugar: 2 tbsp.  
Salt: a pinch

Baking soda: ½ tsp  
Instant yeast: 1 tsp  
Warm water: 4 cups, divided  
(or 3 cups water and 1 cup warm milk for a total of 4 cups liquid)

## Directions

Combine flour, semolina, salt, and baking soda in a bowl. Add 3 cups of warm water and mix. Separately, combine 1 cup of warm water with yeast and sugar and allow it to rest for 10-15 mins until yeast activates and bubbles form. Then combine with mixture in bowl for a watery pancake batter and allow it to rest for 30 minutes. This resting period will enhance the formation of airy bubbles in the 'atayef during the frying process.

Preheat a non-greased, non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. The formation of bubbles during the frying process is an indicator of the batter's proper functioning and the correct heat selection. If bubbles are not forming adequately, increase the heat.

Once the surface of the pancake is dry and loses its shine, remove it onto a clean kitchen towel and cover it to prevent drying out. Repeat this process with the remaining batter. Allow the pancakes to cool slightly, then fold them into half circles with the bubbly side facing up. Seal the sides by pressing gently, leaving a small opening for the filling.

## 'Aṭar // Simple Syrup

### Ingredients

Sugar: 2 cups  
Water: 2 cups  
Lemon juice: 1 tbsp  
Rose water: 1 cap  
Orange blossom: 1 cap  
Corn syrup: 3 tbsps

### Directions

In a saucepan on medium-high heat, add the sugar and water.

Bring to a boil, then immediately reduce the heat and simmer on low heat for 8-10 minutes.

The syrup should thicken slightly. Stir in the orange blossom water, rose water, lemon juice, and corn syrup.

## 'Ashṭa // Cream Filling

### Ingredients

Ricotta Cheese - 32oz  
Mascarpone - (8 oz)  
'Aṭar: 2 tbsps

### Directions

Add Ricotta and Mascarpone Cheese to a large bowl. Next, fold in 2 tablespoons of 'aṭar (simple syrup) until fully integrated. If the mix is too runny, add a tablespoon of powdered sugar to thicken. Finally, chill the 'ashṭa in the refrigerator for at least an hour before using it in desserts.

### Assembly

With a piping bag fill the opening with 'ashṭa and stuff the 'atayef. Dip each pancake into ground pistachios and serve with 'aṭar.



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