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Kehila Kedosha Janina Synagogue

Tour & Luncheon



A small synagogue in New York City's Chinatown is reaching out to make people aware of its congregation's heritage through a museum that familiarizes people with its customs and history.

The synagogue is virtually unchanged since being built in 1927 by Romaniote Jews from Janina, Greece. In 2004, it was designated a landmark by the City of New York.

Both memorabilia and the museum's tour guides describe the story of the Romaniote Jews, from their entry into Greece in the first century to their current life in America.

Learn the differences between Greek Romaniote Jews and the Greek Sephardic Jews who fled from Spain to escape the Inquisition are featured: The two groups speak different languages and have distinct customs.

Monday, July 19

Meet at Kehila Kedosh Janina Synagogue

280 Broome Street (off Allen Street) at 11:00 am

- Join us for a private tour of the synagogue and museum, personally led by Museum Director, Marcia Haddad-Ikonomopoulos.
- Enjoy a traditional Greek-Jewish kosher lunch, that includes Greek salad, yaprakes, bourekas, kourlouia, seasonal fruit, hot and cold beverages.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT ARE REQUIRED IN ADVANCE

Cost: \$18 per person payable to Lori Fuchs-Meyers

Checks/Reservations can be given to Suzanne in the Education Department or directly to Lori Fuchs Meyers.

Did you know that the.....

- Earliest known Jewish settlement in Greece: Third Century B.C.E.
- Estimated number of Jews in Greece on eve of World II: 77,000
- Estimated number of Jews in Greece today: 5,000
- Number of Greek Jews who arrived in North America between 1908 and 1924: 30,000
- Cities with significant Greek Jewish communities: New York City, San Francisco and Los Angeles.