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Jan Peerce to Star in Our Benefit Performance on January 20, 1957 Of Puccini's "La Boheme" at Metropolitan Opera House



Jan Peerce

Among the Metropolitan stars who will be featured in our benefit performance of Puccini's "La Boheme," on January 20, 1957, will be the tenor, Jan Peerce. We are sure that any who have had the opportunity to hear this remarkable artist will agree that his participation will greatly enhance the opera performance we are to witness.

Mr. Peerce will be included in a cast of other Metropolitan stars, including soprano Dorothy Kirsten. The Metropolitan Opera Chorus will participate, as will the Metropolitan Orchestra under the direction of Tibor Kozma.

Tickets for the opera, at prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$25. each, are now available in our office. There

are a total of 3500 tickets to be disposed of before this important synagogue venture can be termed a success. Only by active participation of each and every member of our synagogue family will our opera committee be indeed able to reach their goal of making this year's effort the best yet. We hope that all our readers will follow the fine example now being set by some of our ardent workers whose pictures appear in this issue of the Review on page three. If each of our readers would take a pair of tickets for themselves and sell a pair to their friends or business associates, then we would reach our goal.

Please Do Your Part!

MEN'S CLUB REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting of our Men's Club will take place this Monday evening, December 3, beginning at 8:30 P.M. in our Synagogue. All the men members of our congregation who are interested in participating in the work and activities of this group are cordially invited to attend.

JOINTLY SPONSORED CHANUKAH PARTY TO TAKE PLACE THIS SATURDAY NIGHT

May we remind all our readers of the festivities which will take place in our Synagogue this Saturday night, when our Women's League, Men's Club and Mr. and Mrs. League will jointly sponsor a Chanukah Cha Cha Night and Bagle Buffet. Among the exciting events planned for the evening are dance instruction in the latest steps, a Champagne Hour (Kosher, of course), and delicious bagles and lox. In addition, homemade latkes, like mother used to make, will be prepared by our devoted Women's League member, Gittel Silverman. Serving on the Arrangements Committee for this event are Mmes. Monroe Gaines Dan Gribetz, Sam Gursky, Fred Heiser, Norman Kreisman, and Louis Reissman.

We are sure that all who attend this congregational social observance of the Chanukah holiday will enjoy themselves and we therefore urge them to attend. Donation for the evening, which can be paid at the door, is only \$2 per person. The party is scheduled to begin at 8 P.M. Come early and join in the fun.

FATHERS AND SONS

Reserve the date!

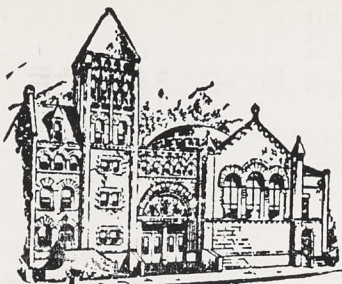
SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 9, at 9:30 A.M.

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will sponsor another of the popular

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We hope to see you there!



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TOMORROW'S BAR MITZVAH



Harold Tornroth

Congratulations to Mrs. Ruth Tornroth upon the Bar Mitzvah of her son, Harold, which will be celebrated at our services tomorrow morning. Mazel Tov also to the grandmother, Mrs. Mae Daye.

CHEVRA TEHILLIM

We would like to advise our congregation that Tehillim (Psalms) are read every morning of the year before services. Those in need of special prayers may contact our Chevra, or telephone to the Synagogue and we will be glad to be of service.

Isak Haselkorn,
Gabbai

THE PRAYER BOOK

COMMENTS BY RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

"THOU ART HOLY" refers to G-d alone.
"AND THY NAME IS HOLY" —

His prophets and his deeds, are all in G-d's name. An army goes forth in the name of a king, — so we too go forth as soldiers in the "Army of the Lord" and by our deeds, sanctify the name of G-d. "The Holy King", we use this form during the 10 Days of Repentance, beseeching G-d, as the Holy King, in whose hand are the collective and individual destinies of His people, — to deal accordingly.

"THOU FAVOREST MAN WITH KNOWLEDGE"

The highest favor to אדם "the highest type of man," is KNOWLEDGE. Therefore הוֹנֵן is employed because to receive knowledge is a "kindness." Bezalel had been given all his knowledge from G-d.

בִּינָה UNDERSTANDING, "is given by a מלמד, "a teacher," even to "a mortal," אנוש a lower type than אדם, a man. A natural understanding is imparted to mortal man.

השכל I would translate as שכל, "psychology," the ability to employ the knowledge and the understanding we attain.

We should certainly most earnestly pray for דעה, "knowledge," בִּינָה, "understanding" and השכל, "psychological approach" to our problems, and to other human beings.

"CAUSE US TO RETURN TO OUR FATHER"

When we come back to a father, we are anxious to know and carry out his will. For us the road back to our Father is through the Torah, — His will. **TO THY TORAH —**

Torah is above prayer. Prayer implies that we ask for something, whilst in returning to the Torah, we seek what G-d, our Father, wants us to do. This is the highest form of unselfishness, and filial duty.

"AND BRING US NEAR, O OUR KING, TO THY SERVICE" —

First we must learn, then we will know how to practice and serve.

"OUR KING" —

When it comes to service, or prayer, the term King, is employed, because in His hand is the destiny of the people.

"AND BRING US BACK IN PERFECT REPENTANCE" —

Perfect repentance comes through Torah, Service and Prayer.

"WHO DELIGHTEST IN REPENTANCE"

G-d does not delight in punishment, to bring us back to our senses, but rather in repentance, as we read in Ezekiel, chapter 33 verse 1, "Say unto them. As I live, saith the Lord G-d, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, — but that the wicked turn from His way and live." Only after repentance may we ask for forgiveness.

JR. CONGREGATION NOTES

Have you seen the beautiful gold pins which have been presented to all regular congregants of our Youth Congregation and our Junior Congregation? Our Youth Congregation meets every Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, under the guidance of Herschel Gold, where they conduct the entire service. The younger boys meet at 10:30 A.M. with Samuel Ward. Refreshments are served after the services.

CHEVRA KADISHA

The Holy Society is the term designated for those, who are present when the last rites take place preparing the dead before the funeral. Our Chevra Kadisha has been weakened by the fact that its members have become too old to attend to their duties. If there are any men or women who would volunteer, kindly see Rabbi Goldstein for further information. As a rule, we find that the members of the Chevra Kadisha are blessed with a ripe old age.

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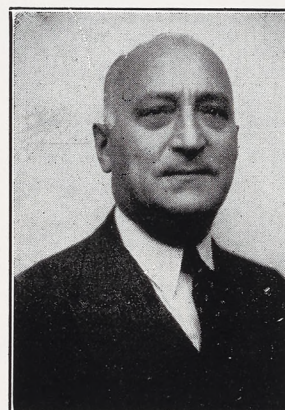
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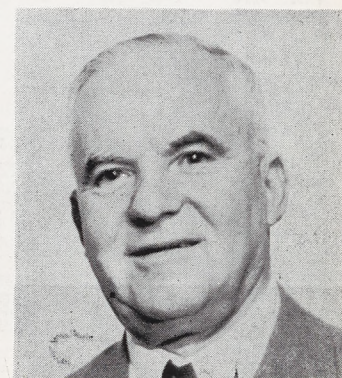
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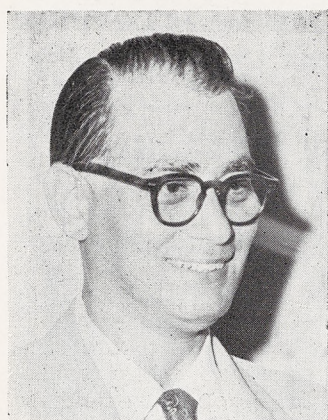
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Our Women's League

LAST CALL FOR RESERVATIONS FOR ANNUAL LUNCHEON ON DECEMBER 10

Monday, December 10, 1956 is the date.

The Sert Room of the Waldorf is the place.

The occasion is the exciting Annual Luncheon of the Women's League.

For most of our readers, the above information is not new. What is brand new, however, is the creative program planned by the committee. In a travel-abroad setting, aboard an Italian Line Steamer we will be privileged to see a colorful fashion show featuring

- Hats by John Frederick
- Furs by Philip Hulitar
- Gowns by Elfreda Visioni, Anna Miller, Harvey Berin, Branell,

Junior Sophisticates

All this plus a delicious luncheon, a lavish treasure chest and take home prizes for each and every guest. Don't miss our sister-hood's chief fund-raising activity. Join all of us in sharing an afternoon of relaxation and fun together. Our President, Mrs. William Foont, our luncheon co-chairmen, Mrs. Eddie Schreiber and Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel and their entire committee look forward to greeting you. You can still make your reservation by calling the synagogue Office, TR 7-8281. Only \$15 will admit you to our December 10 luncheon. Please be prompt; the doors will open at 12 noon.

BOARD MEETING THIS MONDAY

On Monday, December 3, at 12:30 o'clock, Mesdames W. Freeman, J. Kirsch, J. Klein, and M. Koch will be the hostesses to the entire Executive Board at a Luncheon which will be held in the Synagogue Building.

All the members of the Board are urgently requested to attend since last minute details must be voted upon concerning the December 10 luncheon and our Bazaar.

MORE LUNCHEON THANKS

Mrs. Edward Jacobs, chairman of the Membership Luncheon, would like to thank the following hostesses whose names reached her after last week's Review went to press. They were: Mesdames Harry Schwartz, Isador Stoll, Harold Kaplan, and Caroline Thalheimer.

Andy's Hair Dressing Salon of 105 West 72nd Street enhanced our Door

Prizes with a free hair styling coiffure. Also Mrs. J. Isseks' son, Larry Soll, was instrumental in obtaining for every woman who attended the luncheon a pocket sewing kit as a gift. It was his firm Brown Vintners of 500 Fifth Avenue which donated these kits. Thanks to our untiring treasurer, Bert Isseks, for her efforts.

THE MEANING OF CHANUKAH

The festival can hold many lessons for us today. The Rabbis have emphasized the miracle of the cruse of oil instead of the military victory of the Maccabees to point up the moral lesson.

The Hasmonean victory was an important victory not only against foreign troops but also foreign influences which were internally undermining the Jewish religion. What made the battle of the time important was not its "military" significance but the determined re-dedication of the people to an elevated life of Torah.

SOCIAL DEPT. NOTES

Our Maccabees and Teen-Agers scored a wonderful success with their first joint Social last Saturday night. With Chanukah as the theme, they had music and horas, refreshments and prizes. A group of over 90 had a wonderful time. We are already looking forward to the next Social. See you then.

Our young people are welcome to use our new equipment at the new Gym at P.S. 87. For further information, contact our Social Department office.

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W.S.I.S. PRAYER SCHEDULE

Friday, Kislev 26

Light candles before4:10
Evening service4:20

Saturday, Kislev 27 — Shabbos Chanukah

Weekly portion: Miketz

Genesis 41:1-44:17 Numbers 7:24-29
Zechariah 2:14-4:7

Blessing for the New Month of Teves

Morning services8:30
Youth congregation10:00
Junior congregation10:30
Sabbath kindergarten10:30
Oneg Shabbos (Boys 9 to 12) 3:00
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class ..2:45
Mr. Allen's Talmud Class2:45
Mincha3:45
Reader of Torah: Lionel Etra
Reader of Service: Stanley Kaplan
The Sabbath terminates5:01

Sunday, Kislev 28

Morning services7:00, 8:00, 8:45

Daily Services — Chanukah

Morning services6:30, 7:30, 8:15
Mincha4:20

Friday, Teves 3

Morning services6:45, 7:45, 8:30
Followed by the explanation of the
Shulchan Aruch by
Rabbi Goldstein

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy to our Director Joseph Weinstein, on the loss of his brother, **William**

GETTING PERSONAL

by Sanford Solarz

We are happy to have among our worshippers at our last Sabbath morning services from their out-of-town colleges, Judith Beier, Jay Kobrin and Stanley Shulster . . . We were also glad to see Mr. Clarence Lieberman and his son, Bernard, on a visit from Atlanta, Georgia . . . Representing our Men's Club at the first convention of the Association of Men's Clubs were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Herman and Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Jacobs . . . A hearty welcome from Israel to Mr. and Mrs. Shaya Fisherman, the parents of Mrs. Moishe C. Pekier . . . Happy to have back from his visit to Florida, our Director A. M. Druckman . . . On the way to becoming a TV star is Jackie Bendheim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bendheim, who appeared with other pupils of the Manhattan Day School on the "4th R" Television program last Sunday morning . . . The host of our weekly Sabbath afternoon Seudah Shlishis tomorrow will be Mr. Stephen Klein . . . Mazel Tov and all best wishes to our Director and Mrs. Moses Langer on the birth of a daughter, Penina, to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Leisha Langer . . . Representing us in Florida are our Director and Mrs. Max Lazarus.

Birthday Greetings**Nov.**

- 30—Norman Grober
Jay Kobrin
Barbara Faith Stoper
Marc Alan Weinstein

Dec.

- 1—Director Morris Levine
2—Jay Samuel Goodgold
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3—Mrs. M. Bergman
Joseph Kalker
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Mrs. Philip Nager
5—Mrs. Hyman Feld
6—Linda Nan Levine
Rachel Pekier

Anniversary Greetings

- 1—Mr. and Mrs. A. Schlegman
2—Mr. and Mrs. Sidney N. Sands

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Women's League Co-Chairman

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Mr. Bennett Carter
Men's Club Co-Chairman

**HEBREW SCHOOL
CHANUKAH ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY MORNING**

Our parents and friends are invited to attend the Chanukah Assembly of our Hebrew School which will be held Sunday morning, December 2 at 10:30 o'clock. Our Women's League will provide "sweet remembrances" for this occasion. Mrs. Mannie Alt is Chairman of the Women's League Arrangements Committee.

The pupils of our school have already been presented by our Women's League with Chanukah candles and menorahs, enabling them to celebrate the Festival of Chanukah, according to the law.

During the week of Chanukah there will be celebrations of the Festival in all the classes, which will meet at their regular time.

STAMP CLUB TO MEET

A regular meeting of the Stamp Club will take place this Monday evening, December 3, at 7:30 o'clock, Mr. Jacob Goldberg, president of the Club has announced. All those interested are cordially invited to attend.

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