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**ISRAELI EDITOR
SATURDAY MORNING SPEAKER**



Prof. Pinchas H. Peli

We shall once again have the pleasure to hear Prof. Pinchas H. Peli at our services this Saturday morning, January 13th. Our guest speaker is well known as the Editor-in-Chief of the popular Israeli weekly, *Panim-El-Panim*. He is on a Sabbatical in the United States on the faculty of Yeshiva University.

Professor Peli was ordained with *smichah* in Israel and was graduated from the Hebrew University. He was founder of the College of Judaic Studies in Jerusalem and its first Dean.

Our congregants are urged to invite their friends and neighbors to join them at our services to greet our guest.

**ALL WELCOME TO OUR
ISRAELI NITE
SATURDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 27**

Here is an unusual social event for pure fun and frolic for all our families, relatives and friends. The evening will feature Israeli food, entertainment and music — all for the nominal price of \$5.00 per person. Reservations should be made in advance by contacting the Men's Club Committee (see page 2) or the Mr. & Mrs. League Co-Chairmen, Mrs. Jack Nadel and Mrs. Arthur R. Stein, or call the Synagogue office TR 7-8281.

**PUBLIC LECTURE ON MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 15th
TO FEATURE INTERNATIONAL JEWISH PERSONALITY**

W.S.I.S. Prayer Schedule

Friday, January 12th

Light Sabbath Candles Before 4:32
Minchah 4:35

Saturday, January 13th

Morning Service 8:50
Sedra: Vayechi
Junior Congregation 11:00
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class
(in English) 3:35
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class
(in Yiddish) 3:35
Minchah 4:35
Reader of Service: Richard Kahn
Reader of Torah: Hillel Reichel
Sabbath Terminates 5:30

Week of January 14th

Sunday Morning 7:15, 8:30
Mon. thru Fri. 6:45, 7:50
Minchah Daily—Followed by
Exposition of Halachos
by Rabbi Reichel 4:40
Wed.—Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 8:00

Friday, January 19th

Light Sabbath Candles Before 4:39
Minchah 4:45

Saturday, January 20th

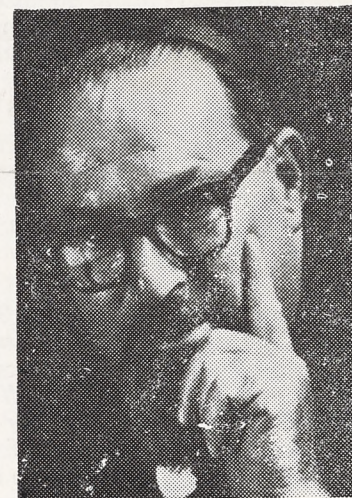
Morning Service 8:50
Sedra: Shemos
Junior Congregation 11:00
Rabbi Reichel's Talmud Class 3:45
Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class 3:45
Minchah 4:45
Reader of Service: Aaron I. Reichel
Reader of Torah: Levi Pekier
Sabbath Terminates 5:38

Week of January 21st

Sunday Morning 7:15, 8:30
Mon. thru Fri. 6:45, 7:50
Mincha Daily 4:50

Friday, January 26th

Light Sabbath Candles Before 4:47
Minchah 4:50



Rabbi Louis Rabinowitz

All are welcome to attend the Public Lecture in our Synagogue on Monday evening, January 15th, at 8:15 o'clock to hear Rabbi Louis I. Rabinowitz, the former Chief Rabbi of South Africa and presently Governor of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. This event is co-sponsored by our Women's League, Men's Club and Mr. & Mrs. League.

Rabbi Rabinowitz was born in Scotland into a Rabbinic family. He was Rabbi in England and served in the British Army as the Senior Chief Chaplain to the Middle East and then with the Army of Liberation in Europe. In 1945 he was appointed Chief Rabbi of South Africa and Professor at the University of Witwatersrand (Johannesburg). In 1961 he decided to fulfill his lifelong ambition to settle in Israel, where he plays an important role today.

Invite your friends and your neighbors to this eventful evening in our Synagogue.

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DEDICATION MESSAGE OF DR. HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Rabbi Emeritus

Mr. Zucker, our newly-elected intrepid President, officers, members of the Board of Trustees, eminent colleagues in the Rabbinate, my very dear friends!

I am delighted to see the hundreds of our old and new friends who have come here today to share with us our Dedication ceremonies, our simcha, in our newly-rebuilt Synagogue.

Fifty years ago, on April 17th, 1917, the late Congressman Isaac Siegel and I organized the Institutional Synagogue in Harlem, at 112 West 116th Street, composed mainly of young men and women in their teens. Within a short time, these enthusiastic young people, working at making a living during the day, would conduct house-to-house calls after they came home from work. At the first meeting, held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Livingston, it was reported that the membership had increased from 55 to 1000.

After some years, we moved to Midtown on the West Side and in 1937 we purchased the St. Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church, which we had to renovate to make it conform to our code of religious law, because of the seating arrangement and other religious requirements.

The Synagogue that we are dedicating today represents us as **history-makers and not, G-d forbid, as history-breakers**. Following the destruction of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, the Synagogue was fashioned after the pattern shown to Moses on the Mount, as we read in the book of Exodus: KECHOL ASHAR ANEE MAREH OSECHA AIS TAVNIS HAMISHKAN . . . VECHANIE TAASU — "The pattern of the Tabernacle which I have shown you, so shall you make it."

You may have observed that I have often expressed the thought that our Congregation has been the fore-runner, as history-makers and

~ MEN'S CLUB NOTES ~

The next meeting of the Men's Club will be held on Monday, January 22nd, at 8:30 p.m.

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Monday, January 15th — Attend the Public Lecture we are co-sponsoring (see page 1 for details).

Saturday night, January 27th — Social event for all the family (see page 1 for details). For reservations contact Julius Wiesel, Chairman, Messrs. Bayer, Etkowitz, Gelb, Rothberg and Steinlauf, Committee members.

not as history-breakers. I press this point because, in April 1913, the New York Times published the fact that a new and additional **faction** had been created in Judaism, to be known as the Conservative Movement. Although I had only just become the Junior Rabbi of the Synagogue which I was then serving, I could not rest until the first opportunity that I had to address the Congregation to indicate that this attempt to introduce a third party into Judaism would result in breaking up the unity of the Jewish people at that time. Alas, this was very soon proven to be correct.

I should like to leave, as my heritage to the Congregation, a recognition of the need for Jewish religious unity, which was broken with the advent of the Conservative Movement.

Unfortunately, many of our weak assimilated brethren have changed the pattern of their Synagogues, imitating the seating arrangements of the Church and the intermingling of the sexes. Thank G-d, we have stood steadfast in retaining the traditional Synagogue, but I must admit that throughout the years it has not been an easy task.

Two years ago, during the Thanksgiving weekend, our Synagogue was engulfed in a raging fire and we had to rebuild. I am grateful to the Almighty that He has favored you and me to live to see the rebuilding of this, our beautiful Synagogue, representing us again as history-makers and not, G-d forbid, as history-breakers.

The Talmud says: KAVATA ITIM LATORAH. After we shall leave this world we will be asked the above question, "Has your life been fashioned after the immortal Torah, or have you made the Torah change to suit your evanescent life." Please remember the words of the Prophet, Isaiah: "The grass withereth and the

flower fadeth, but the word of the L-d, our G-d, standeth forever."

A few months ago, we read that Noah was able to withstand the generations of the flood. And why? Because Noah walked with G-d, and not away from G-d.

Our parents walked with G-d, and not away from G-d. Let us imitate their noble example.

As we dedicate our Synagogue today, let us take to heart the words of the Midrash which says: "Not how much money have we invested in this building, but rather how many souls shall we revive and mold by virtue of the work we shall have accomplished in this building," where already we have three and four generations worshipping with us. We should not merely rededicate this Synagogue of stone and brick, but should on this occasion rededicate **ourselves** with renewed vigor and determination to continue the authentic Jewish religion.

Let me say with the Psalmist: "I want to declare the works of G-d, so long as the breath of life is within me." If I have inspired you with the feeling of **loyalty to G-d and His law**, then I may have had some success in my life's work.

May G-d bless all of you assembled here with good health, good fortune and spiritual vision to continue our heritage, our authentic historic faith, and let us say Amen.

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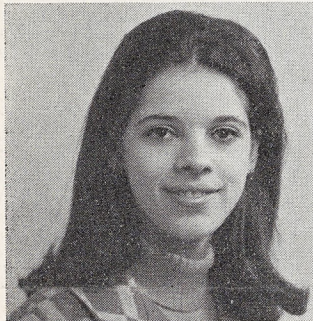
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ENGAGED



Esther Jacomowitz

Congratulations to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hausman, upon the engagement of their son, Jack L., to Esther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Jacomowitz. Mazel Tov also to Jack's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Chiel Reinhold, our members.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Walton High School and is a student at Hunter College. The groom-to-be, a graduate of Ramaz, is attending Hunter College.

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Happy Anniversary to the:

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Saturday, January 13th

4th Floor

2:45 P.M.

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Mary Handler — mother of Mr. George Handler.

Gabriel Neustadter — our member, husband of Mrs. Sadie Neustadter, Women's League member, and father of Arnold, Morton, Mrs. Morton Reiss and Mrs. Nathan Klausner.

Muriel Nirenstein—wife of our member, Dr. Samuel Nirenstein, sister of Mrs. Samuel Kramer, and mother of Julius.

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WSIS BENEFIT PERFORMANCE OF
CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA AND PAGLIACCI
SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 24, 1968
at N. Y. STATE THEATER LINCOLN CENTER**

by Alexander Rauchman

Francesca Roberto like many other young American opera singers had to work hard for recognition. After winning the Metropolitan Opera Auditions her training was just beginning — she sang in every major opera company in the United States and has appeared on television with the NBC Opera Company.

Her great triumphs were in Italy at the Opera Houses in Rome and Genoa. This past season she made an unscheduled appearance at the Metropolitan Opera House being called upon on short notice to replace an ailing Cio-Cio-San in *Madam Butterfly*.

No matter where Francesca Roberto sang she won critical acclaim.

The following is a composite of quotations from critics in America and Europe* — after reading this you will agree she is one of the greatest living young artists today:

"She (Roberto) is gifted with a great sensitivity and was repeatedly acclaimed by the audience."

"Her full soprano voice reverberated clarity and precision to the reaches of the House."

"Her execution of bel-canto was delightful. Her range was sure throughout with flutelike roundness at top and emotional fervor at the bottom."

"Miss Roberto displayed a remarkable voice of power in an extensive range and suppleness."

"Even-spun legato not inconsiderable range, projecting innumerable sotto voce intimacies with striking blend of clarity and tenderness." (She sang with Jan Peerce in Washington, D. C.)

"Francesca Roberto made an auspicious debut here singing the leading soprano role of Santuzza. Her voice is pure silver, smooth, and even from low to high register."

"Young Francesca Roberto stole the show."



Francesca Roberto

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By Sanford Solarz

Congregational Citations of Merit to our members, Messrs. Harry Schetzen and William T. Steinlauf upon their election to our Board of Trustees; and to Trustee Abraham M. Druckman who will be the guest of honor at the Annual Dinner of the Yeshiva Beth Joseph of Brooklyn at the Statler Hilton Hotel on Tuesday, January 30th . . . Mazel Tov to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Alpert, upon the forthcoming **marriage** of their daughter, Lois Rhoda, to Leslie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonor Katz (this will be the first wedding in our new Sanctuary); to our members, Hon. and Mrs. Albert Wald, upon the **engagement** of their granddaughter, Meryl Sue Moses, to Alfred

Norek; and to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jacobowitz, upon the **Bar Mitzvah** of Edward, son of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Rimberg . . . We felicitate Mr. Justin Stanford Colin, son of Trustee and Mrs. Albert H. Colin, who has been admitted as a General Partner with Lazard Freres & Co. . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery for Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein and Mr. Joseph Liebergall . . . Welcome home from abroad to Mrs. Rebecca Band, Trustee and Mrs. Frederick E. Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel F. Goldstein and son, Frederick, and Mr. Sigmund Koppel; and from points South to Trustee and Mrs. Abraham M. Druckman, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rudnick, David and Judith, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ten Brink.

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