

**RABBI WEISBERG OF REFORM JEWISH CONGREGATION CREATING IMPACT WITH INNOVATIONS**



FEMALE CANTOR

The tradition of a male Cantor on the pulpit of a Jewish congregation will be broken Friday night, December 12, when Cantor Dora Krakower chants the traditional melodies at the Reform Jewish Congregation, 2900 Palomino at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Krakower, who has shared the pulpit with Rabbi Erwin Herman, Southwest Regional Director of the Union of American Congregations, Rabbi Harry Essrig, Executive Vice-President of the Board of Rabbis of Southern California and the late Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath, national leader of the U.A.H.C., has served as Cantor since 1967.

A winner of the Benjamin Platt award from the University of Judaism and the Saul Silverman Music Award from the Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles,

she also has an extensive professional background.

Mrs. Krakower holds memberships in the Screen Actors Guild and A.F.T.R.A. under the stage name of Doreen Michaels. She has sung for Paramount Pictures and appeared on N.B.C. television.

"We feel honored to have a cantor of this calibre on our pulpit," said Rabbi Weisberg. "Although the Orthodox religion relegates the woman to a secondary place in the congregation, the Reform movement does not maintain this distinction. In fact," he continued, "a young lady has already graduated from the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati and will be ordained as a rabbi."

The service to be used in the Friday night service is an original service compiled by Rabbi Weisberg and entitled, "Not Alone."



2000 YEAR OLD MARRIAGE CONTRACT

A contract that was written over 2000 years ago was used in the marriage of two members of the Reform Jewish Congregation, Regina Ostro and Sid Goldberg here recently. Conducted by Rabbi Stephen Weisberg, the wedding included the signing of the Ketubah, a Jewish marriage contract that was formulated in biblical times.

Rabbi Weisberg located an illuminated

copy of the traditional contract and a congregation member, Lloyd Harris, reproduced it by an offset process in full color for the use of the congregation in future marriages.

"The contract describes the mutual vows of the couple, their mutual respect and even discusses women's rights -- twenty centuries ahead of its time," said Rabbi Weisberg.

anti-Semitism to assert that they are harming Christian and Moslem institutions and interests. It is only since June 1967 that the three Abrahamic religions are for the first time enjoying equality of respect and rights, with free access to all the Holy Places.

Look around this ancient city while you are here, Sir, and see for yourself. What mars her beauty? The reconstruction of the Jewish Quarter fully respects the character and beauty of the Old City.

But when the Jewish Quarter was destroyed by the Arab Legion, after the 1948 fighting, not a single voice of protest was raised by diplomats, Church leaders or UN personnel. All the synagogues of the Quarter were razed and turned into stables for donkeys. No one protested.

Who is desecrating the Old City today? I would ask you to go and look at the marvellous Golden Gate, which means so much to Jews and Christians alike, and see how the Moslem authorities have turned it into the junk-yard of the Mosque.

To suggest that archeological excavations along the Wall are being carried out in order to destroy the places holy to Islam is lunacy. But that is what UNESCO has decided.

There is in Jerusalem a beautiful Garden, with a unique Tomb - the Hill of Golgotha venerated by the entire Protestant world. Under the Hashemite regime, this hallowed ground was desecrated by the construction of a bus station. Who cared? Who protested?

A few days ago, some 40 nations had the elementary courage and dignity to refrain from supporting the murderous claims of the Arafat-Feisal-Gaddafi-Amin gang. May I humbly suggest that these same democracies quit the "Manhattan Circus," establish themselves in less polluted surroundings and leave the murderers and their backers to themselves.

You could take the initiative in this, Dr. Waldheim, or at least resign. As an Austrian, you cannot possibly wish to remain with an institution which bows to the orders and desires of the heirs of the Nazis.

HAIFA -- More than 60 of the world's leading figures in the fields of technology, philosophy, the physical and life sciences, sociology and international affairs, will participate in a three-day symposium at the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology.



MEZUZA DEDICATION

A dedication of a Mezuza which was affixed at the entrance of the sanctuary, an original service written by Rabbi Stephen Weisberg, a Hanukkah song fest and a visit by Rabbi Erwin Herman, Director of the Pacific Southwest Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations all took place last Friday at the regular services of the Reform Congregation of Las Vegas, 2900 Palomino.

"Although we share facilities with Pastor Sanford's West Charleston Baptist Church," remarked Rabbi Weisberg, "our Torah (Old Testament)

instructs us to place a part of the scriptures on the doorposts of our house and upon our gates. I requested permission from Pastor Sanford to make this addition to the entrance of the building and he graciously agreed to the dedication service."

Rabbi Weisberg said. Rabbi Herman, who was instrumental in organizing the Reform Congregation in Las Vegas, made his first visit since the congregation was formed, at this service. At present there are 180 individual and family memberships in the new congregation. All services start at 8:00 p.m.

**HANUKKAH FEATURE**

IN HONOR OF HANUKKAH, JEWISH 8-DAY TRADITION OF SACRED CANDLE LIGHTING, THE LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE WILL PUBLISH A SERIES OF STORIES TO COMMEMORATE THE HOLIDAY WHICH COMMENCES AT SUNDOWN SUN., DEC. 8 AND LASTS UNTIL THE EVENING OF SUN., DEC. 16.

(NO MATTER HOW YOU SPELL IT - CHANUKAH, HANUKKAH, HANUKA, HANUKAH - IT ALL ADDS UP TO HAPPY HOLY DAYS WITH SUCCESSIVE CANDLES ON THE MENORAH.)

*Letter to Dr. Waldheim*

By The Rev. Claude Duvernoy, D.D.

Sir, - May I ask you to spare a few moments to read this letter from an Israeli Christian theologian who has been living in Jerusalem since 1962 and for whom the recent happenings at the U.N. General Assembly have been ever more appalling than the contemptible Munich diplomacy of 1938.

It is quite clear that Arafat and Co. would not have enjoyed such a monstrous success had they not murdered women and children, hijacked and destroyed civilian aircraft, had they not practised that most despicable of crimes: the murder of hostages.

In short, crime does pay at the so-called United Nations.

Anti-Semitism, too. For it is sheer anti-Semitism to proclaim, for instance, that the Jews are desecrating the beauty and character of Jerusalem, their Biblical capital. It is

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