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Historic Manhattan Synagogue to Open Expanded New Campus

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Park Avenue Synagogue

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Just in time for the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah, Park Avenue Synagogue (PAS) is officially opening its new and expanded campus on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. With 97% participation in its capital campaign, *A Synagogue in Action: Building the Future*, the synagogue raised \$96 million to meet the needs of its growing and vibrant community which is bursting at the seams.

To mark the culmination of this six-year effort, PAS is hosting a celebratory rededication event on Sunday, December 8. Honored guests include Cardinal Timothy Dolan and religious leaders of multiple faiths. City Council Member Keith Powers will deliver a proclamation from the City of New York. Major benefactors will be honored and the entire community will participate in this once-in-a-generation moment.

The 87th Street building had not been renovated since 1981 when the New York Times hailed the effort as an ‘act of civic generosity.’ Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove stated that “it was critical that throughout the development of the new campus the buildings continued to reflect our commitment to tradition and change. The success of PAS is not just about our physical architecture; it’s about our spiritual architecture—a community that meets people where they are and inspires them to journey to where they aspire to be.”

Chairman of the Board, Marc Becker explained “what we have accomplished here is quite staggering, but these walls are not what defines us, rather it’s our commitment to our values, to our community and to generations to come.”

In October 2017, the synagogue dedicated the Eli M. Black Lifelong Learning Center in a newly renovated townhouse at 11 East 89th Street. The synagogue also purchased the adjacent former Road Runners Club headquarters and began the major revitalization of its building on 87th Street and Madison Avenue.

About Park Avenue Synagogue

The congregation is an historic global leader in the Jewish world, with a long record of preserving Jewish tradition and innovating Jewish expression. From its modest beginnings in the late 1800s, PAS has grown into a dynamic community of more than 5,000 members, seeking to inspire, educate and support its membership towards living meaningful, passion-filled Jewish lives.

The event will be livestreamed at: pasyn.org/webcast. To schedule an interview with Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove, Cantor Azi Schwartz, or Executive Director Beryl Chernov, please contact bchernov@pasyn.org.