

CALENDAR:

Friday, 3rd March (Adar 8) Sabbath begins 7.20 p.m.

Saturday, 4th March (Adar 9) Sabbath ends 7.35 p.m.

NOTABLE DATES:

Purim—9th March.
Pesach (First Seder)—Friday evening, 7th April.

BIBLE READING.

Week commencing 4th March, Book of Deuteronomy, Chapters 27-34.

J.N.F. CAMPAIGN IN CLOSING STAGE

STRONG delegations of workers are about to visit the last few centres in the interest of the Keren Kayemeth Campaign.

Messrs. Harry Levin, M. Hechter and A. Leschin will visit Vryburg on Sunday, March 5. A meeting will be held at the Congregational Hall in the evening at which Mr. Lieberthal will preside.

Mrs. K. Gluckman, Mr. L. A. Pinco and Mr. M. Ettinger will visit Standerton on Sunday, March 5. A meeting has been called at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Seigel, 60a Caledon Street, Standerton, at which Mr. S. Seigel will preside. A full report of these Campaigns as well as those which were held during the previous week will be published in our next issue.

Hebrew University

The following letter was received by Mr. Morris Alexander from Dr. D. W. Senator, Administrator of the Hebrew University:

"Dear Mr. Alexander.—We were deeply impressed by the dignified way in which you described the Hebrew University's contributions to the war effort and to science and learning in general, at the "Palestina Erebevys" in Bloemfontein. Your long record as a pioneer for international understanding and co-operation gave particular weight to your address.

"Please accept our sincere gratitude for this address which has, no doubt, contributed to increase the understanding in South African Gentile circles of the hopes and ideals for which the Jewish people in Palestine is striving.

"Yours sincerely, David W. Senator, Administrator."

Harrismith

Mrs. H. Savage, hon. treasurer of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that institution the sum of £16 12s. 5d., being £4 9s. subscriptions collections, £2 18s. donations, and £9 5s. 5d. clearances of Orphanage boxes.

Jewish Aged Home

At the monthly meeting of the general committee of the Witwatersrand Jewish Aged Home, with Mr. A. W. Katzen, the vice-president, in the chair, it was reported that there were 163 inmates in the institution, 97 men and 66 women. There were seven new admissions during the month.

BOKSBURG AND BOKSBURG NORTH WOMEN'S ZIONIST SOCIETY.

The annual general meeting of the above society will take place on Wednesday next, March 8, at the Talmud Torah Hall, at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. S. Fredman will address the meeting.

Victory "V" Concert

The Victory "V" Concert, the proceeds of which are in aid of "Save the Children's Fund," will be held at the Coronation Hall on Saturday, March 4, at 7.30 p.m. It is being presented by Miss Irene Cohen.

CONGRATULATIONS

The engagement is announced of Lieut. Joseph Ralston, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ralston, of Pretoria, and 2nd Lieut. Ray Levinson, W.A.A.F., second daughter of Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. I. Levinson, of Woodlands, Parktown, Johannesburg.

The marriage of Nora, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Levin of Johannesburg, to Louis, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Kriel of Arlington, will take place at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue on Sunday, March 5, at 7.30 p.m.

The marriage of Reva, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rosenberg, to Vincent, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Franks (London), will take place in the Western Road Synagogue, Port Elizabeth, on Tuesday, 7th March, 1944.

The engagement is announced of Lily, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Rabie, "York Lodge," Clarens Road, Sea Point, and Henry Lesser, only son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Marcus, 17, 3rd Avenue, Lower Houghton, Johannesburg.

Final Saltzman Concert

PNINA SALTZMAN'S performance at her final concert last Sunday evening deservedly won the enthusiastic applause of a crowded theatre, and in response to the demands of the audience she gave a number of encores.

The major item on the programme was Beethoven's Appassionata. Its execution calls for tremendous nervous energy to express profound passion and lyricism. While at times this was not fully achieved, the rendering on the whole was individual and sincere and provided a memorable experience.

The Chopin Nocturne and Polonaise were splendidly performed. Chopin seems a favourite with Miss Saltzman, and indeed she possesses qualities particularly suited to the interpretation of this genius—perfect artistic restraint and poise. She has a concise economy of technique which achieves its effects without exaggeration or diffuseness.

The programme reached a triumphant climax with a vivid group of pieces by Scriabine, Rachmaninoff and Liapunow. Pnina Saltzman is very much at home in modern impressionistic music. Music lovers will be loth to part with her, for she is a brilliant and sensitive artist. Her outstanding technique, her clean, clear enunciation, and the sense of fearless pride in her playing, have created a lasting impression in Johannesburg.

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The Cinema

A feast of music and laughter is provided in "I Dood It" at the Metro. Red Skelton, as funny as ever, has the main role, and Eleanor Powell, who has the part of a glamour stage-star, occupies a prominent part in the "doings." A film guaranteed to act as an antidote to blues of any nature.

"Five Graves to Cairo" deals with a stirring episode of this war. The treatment is realistic and valid and the acting masterly. Eric von Stroheim has the part of Rommel—a difficult part perhaps, but played with skill of the first order. Francoise Tone as the greatest thorn in the side of Rommel, is excellent. At the Curzon.

Mirth and melody form the ingredients of "Bandwagon" at the Plaza. Ever popular Arthur Askey is in the main role, and side-splitting antics prevail from start to finish. Jack Hylton and his orchestra give real life to this sparkling comedy. At the Plaza.

A powerful drama which vividly demonstrates the decrees of fate and the futility of human desires is "Across the Pacific" now showing at the Colosseum. Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor are particularly well-chosen for their respective parts. A film destined to become famous.

"To-night We Raid Calais" is the thrilling story of a daring one-man Commando Raid on a small village in occupied France. Annabella and John Sutton top an excellent cast. See it at the 20th Century.

Those who have not yet seen "Casablanca" became famous overnight and is carefully can see it now at the Alhambra. The film worked out to suit all tastes. Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman are in the lead.

The "Doctor's Dilemma" at the Standard

Miss Carol Levitas, the producer, chose to treat "The Doctor's Dilemma" as a period-play, and the acting was, therefore, at times reduced to the style of light comedy. Nevertheless, many of the scenes, and in particular the death of the painter, were perfect achievements, and reflect well on the fine work of the producer. The acting was excellent throughout, though Mr. George Ormsby was a little too restrained. The "Repertory Players" is certainly one of Johannesburg's finest cultural institutions and "The Doctor's Dilemma" has added to its laurels.

The play will be shown again on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Middelburg (Transvaal). — Mrs. N. Brozin, Hon. Secretary of the local Branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that institution the sum of £1 12s. 6d., being subscriptions collected from local members.

Harrismith.—Mrs. H. Savage, Hon. Treasurer of the Harrismith Branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that institution the sum of £13 3s., being collection of subscriptions and donations.

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