

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

CALENDAR:

June 2, Sabbath begins 5.7 p.m.
June 3, Sabbath ends 5.42 p.m.

BIBLE READING: Week commencing Saturday, June 3. Second Book of Samuel, chapters 1-6.

Brilliant Palestinian Pianiste

Ella Goldstein to Tour South Africa

ELLA GOLDSTEIN, brilliant young Palestinian pianiste, will shortly arrive in this country for an extensive tour. Miss Goldstein, who is only seventeen years old, has already made over 500 public appearances. Her popularity stretches from China right across to Egypt, Holland and Palestine.

She was born in Harbin in Manchukuo. Her music, which started at the age of nine, soon became the pride of the Far East, and her fame spread throughout China and Japan. The outbreak of war, however, rendered her and her parents refugees, and finally they landed in Palestine.

Miss Goldstein is well-known also in Holland and Egypt, two countries which were highly appreciative of her great playing. She had been scheduled to tour Belgium and France, but this was unfortunately prevented because of the war.

Ella Goldstein, who has often appeared as soloist for the Palestine Orchestra, has the makings of a world class pianiste. Her playing is characterised by a maturity which is seldom found in the music of even better known artists. South Africa is privileged to be afforded the opportunity to hear her.

West Rand Keren Hayesod Plans

STIRRING appeal to all present to do their utmost to ensure the success of the Keren Hayesod campaign was made by Mrs. J. Fredman of Benoni when she addressed a combined meeting of the Sandfontein, Roodepoort and Krugersdorp Zionist workers for the forthcoming Keren Hayesod and WIZO campaigns. The meeting was held at the Krugersdorp Communal Hall. At her suggestion, it was decided to hold a reception for the WIZO delegates. Mrs. B. Esmany of Krugersdorp very kindly offering her home.

Mrs. J. L. Friedman of Krugersdorp, presided, and Mrs. L. Friedman proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker.

LISTS OF DEPORTEES AT THERESIENSTADT, BIRKENAU AND POLAND

Available at Red Cross Offices

THE South African Red Cross Society announces that it has received lists of deportees in Theresienstadt, Birkenau and Poland.

These lists, which are neither comprehensive nor official, can be viewed at the offices of the Red Cross in Johannesburg, Durban, Cape Town, East London, Port Elizabeth, Bloemfontein, Pretoria, Kimberley, Pietermaritzburg, Grahamstown and Windhoek.

Rabbi M. C. Weiler, President of the South African Union for Progressive Judaism and Senior Rabbi of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation, has returned to Johannesburg after spending five weeks in Cape Town at the invitation of the Jewish Reform Congregation formed there recently.

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CONGRATULATIONS

The Central Committee of the Women's Mizrahi Organisation extends heartiest congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. L. Rade, on the occasion of the engagement of their eldest daughter, Alice, to Mike Kloss.

The Doornfontein Branch of the Women's Mizrahi Organisation wishes their chairlady, Mrs. Rade, and Rev. L. Rade hearty *mazel-tov* on the occasion of the engagement of their eldest daughter, Alice, to Mike Kloss.

The marriage of Madge, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alec Stillier, Central Hotel, Harrismith, to Neville, elder son of Mrs. L. Phillips, 23, Olivia Road, Berea, Johannesburg, and the late Mr. Mike Phillips, will take place on Sunday, June 4, at 3.30 p.m. at the Harrismith Synagogue.

Doctor of Divinity Conferred on Rabbi Weiler

RABBI M. C. WEILER, President of the Governing Body for Progressive Judaism and Senior Rabbi of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation, has been singularly honoured by his alma mater, the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A., who have bestowed on him a Doctorate of Divinity.



This award to distinguished laymen and rabbis by the faculty of the Hebrew Union College, with the approval of their Board of Governors, is conferred "in recognition of distinguished services in the cause of Judaism," usually after twenty-five to forty years' service in the Rabbinate. Rabbi Weiler graduated from the College eleven years ago.

In the last sixty years, there have been only seventy recipients of this degree from the Hebrew Union College. Among those who have been honoured are Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Governor Herbert H. Lehman, Louis Marshall, Claude G. Montefiore, Cyrus Adler, the Hon. Lily H. Montagu, Professor A. Z. Idelsohn, Professor Adolf Buechler, Professor Martin Buber, Rabbis Benjamin Szold, Leo Baeck and Abba Hillel Silver.

Saltzman Concert on Sunday

The South African Friends of the Palestine Orchestra and Habimah Theatre appreciate the interest being shown in Sunday night's concert at the Metro, which Pnina Saltzman is giving in aid of the two great Palestinian art organisations.

A special organising committee, under the guidance of Mrs. Goldfoot, and with the kind co-operation of Mr. Alex. Cherniavsky, have arranged the function, which promises to be memorable in Johannesburg, both musically and otherwise.

The Friends welcome the support of the public for institutions which have rendered outstanding services to the troops in the Middle East. South African officers, such as Generals Brink and Theron, have paid warm tribute to these institutions, whose performances have afforded much-needed relaxation and entertainment to men and women in the forces. Some of these men and women, now back in the Union, are specially delighted at a further opportunity of hearing Pnina Saltzman, favourite soloist of the Palestine Orchestra.

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The Cinema

"The More the Merrier," which features Jean Arthur, Charles Coburn and Joel McCrea, is an excellent comedy that will provide good entertainment for one and all. The story is all about a housing shortage in Washington, and Jean Arthur in her attempts to aid the war effort, sub-lets her flat to two men. When her fiance returns he is highly unreasonable about it all—but everything ends well. See it at the Colosseum.

The stars of M.G.M., among them Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland, Red Skelton, Eleanor Powell and Ann Southern, are very much in the limelight in the excellent musical comedy "Thousands Cheer," now showing at the Metro. The more serious parts are filled by John Boles and Mary Astor, and the music is provided by three leading bands.

A released convict who tried to start a new life, but found it very difficult in spite of the encouragement of a beautiful girl, is the story of "Big Shot," the film at the Plaza. Humphrey Bogart plays the part of the convict and Susan Peters (star of "Song of Russia") that of the girl.

Ernst Lubitsch's delightful comedy, "Heaven Can Wait," is being presented at the 20th Century this week. The acting is excellent, and the appropriate technicolour lends additional charm to the film. Don Ameche and Gene Tierney are in the main roles.

Bright Show at the "Empire"

Good singing, fine music, lavish display and bright burlesque mark the successful performance of the "Maid of the Mountains" at the Empire.

Harry Hambleton provides the highlight of the show with his number "At Seventeen." Pieter Roos and Winifred Castle, in the leading roles, are excellent. They are supported by a brilliant cast in which Perry Salmon, Gordon Kinghorn, Gwen Caddy, Marcia Warmback, George Castle and Harry Charles do excellent work.

Ivy Connee's dances were picturesque and impressive, while Charles Manning conducted with his usual liveliness.

African Consolidated Theatres, the Johannesburg Operatic Society, and Mr. Philip Levard, the producer, are to be congratulated on this fine contribution to the city's musical progress.

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