

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

CALENDAR:

July 14 (Tamuz 23) Sabbath begins 5.17 p.m.
July 15 (Tamuz 24) Sabbath ends 5.53 p.m.

BIBLE READING:

Week commencing Saturday, July 15. 1st Book of Kings, Chapters 17-22.

S.A. Soviet Friendship Congress

THE South Africa Soviet Friendship Congress held during the week-end in Johannesburg, was attended by a large number of delegates. Amongst those who read papers were: Dr. S. D. Neumark of the Witwatersrand University (Economic and industrial organisation of the U.S.S.R.), Adv. M. H. S. Festshteyn (Military Organisation), Dr. G. Sacks of Cape Town (Foreign Policy), Mr. B. Friedman, M.Sc. (Science in Russian Industry), Mr. Colin Legum, Johannesburg (The Press), Mr. Roy Kantorowich of the Iscor Town Planning Department (Russian Architecture), Dr. Max Gluckman of Northern Rhodesia, and Mr. Julius Lewin, Lecturer in Native Law and Administration at the Witwatersrand University (The Soviet Family of Nations), Mr. H. M. Schneier, Organising Secretary Medical Aid for Russia (Morale), Capt. H. Sonnabend, presiding (Social Services in the U.S.S.R.).

Relatives Sought

Abraham Greenberg, of Jeluya, near Vilkovishki (or Jelvia, near Verkovich), district Slomin, now living in Russia, wants to get in touch with his brothers in Johannesburg, and with Marsein Atsarkin, also living in Johannesburg.

Efraim Menkes, from Lvov, Poland, who is now a Palestinian soldier serving in the Middle East, wishes to contact his aunt, Deborah Menkes, living in Johannesburg.

Further information may be obtained from the S.A. Zionist Federation, Permanent Buildings, Johannesburg.

The Progressive Music Society

presents its first lecture

"THE DEVELOPMENT OF JEWISH MUSIC FROM BIBLICAL TIMES TO THE PRESENT DAY"

by the Rev. S. Kibel

on Wednesday, 19th July, at 8 p.m.

at the Left Club, 147, Commissioner St.

Admission free.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are being extended to Harry and Zena Cohen (nee Friedman), of Benoni, on the birth of a son at the Frangwen Maternity Home on Saturday, July 8.

The engagement is announced of Alice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kalmin, of Uitenhage, to Henry (S/Sgt.), son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Sack, of Johannesburg.

The engagement is announced of Michele (Minnie), only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kangisser, of Johannesburg, to Jacob (Jack), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Sher of Pretoria.

Gerald, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Kollenberg, of 25 Duncan Road, Sixth Street, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, will read a portion of the Law at the Bulawayo Synagogue on Saturday, July 15.

"Our Land Our Hope"

AN interesting piece of music which has just been published is "Our Land Our Hope," from the play "Awakening" which was produced in Johannesburg. The words and music of the song are by Margaret Strassburg, and were inspired by her visit to Palestine in 1935. She spent over a year there, and became enthusiastic over the vital and youthful spirit of pioneering which pervaded the country.

"Our Land Our Hope" is a melodious march, dedicated to the Youth on the march to Palestine. It has been warmly praised by local singers, and should prove a popular addition to the repertoire of Zionist youth societies in South Africa.

Copies of the printed song can be obtained at Polliacks.

The Leningrad Symphony

THE Leningrad Symphony, which was composed by Shostakovich during the siege of Leningrad, was brilliantly performed by Mr. Jerry Schulman and his orchestra at the Metro Theatre on Sunday night.

The first movement is the most outstanding, with its stirring and fascinating intermingling of themes, expressive of battle clashes and warm human suffering, and the exultant determination to beat back the ominous threat of tyranny. The second and third movements are more subdued, but the fourth recaptures the spirit of triumphant resurrection.

Xenia Belmas, operatic soprano, sang arias from Rimsky, Korsakov and Tschai-kovsky.

The South African Friends of the Soviet Union have arranged a matinee performance of the Leningrad Symphony for next Sunday afternoon.

Port Elizabeth Women Zionists

THE Study Circle of the Port Elizabeth Women's Zionist League is doing splendid work. It is attended regularly by the committee and other members of the society, and everyone is deeply grateful to Mrs. Elias for her very fine lecture and Bible reading.

Interesting Bible lectures are held under the auspices of the Parents' Association of the Hebrew School, and Mrs. Elias reads portions of the Bible at these lectures as well as the Study Circles.

The League associated itself with the Eastern Province Zionist Conference through the representation of the chairman, Mrs. Dubb, and the vice-chairman, Mrs. Harris.

A highly successful effort, as the result of which J.N.F. funds will benefit handsomely, was a street cake and Delicatessen stall held in Main Street. The competition, organised by the League, is being conducted vigorously.

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The Cinema

Ronald Reagan, George Murphy, Joan Leslie and Una Merkel are featured in "This is the Army," in addition to a cast of 350 soldiers who appeared in the original stage show. Lyrics are by Irving Berlin (who also appears in the film). The negro cast is headed by Joe Louis, the boxer. A first-rate musical show at the Colosseum.

Thirteen women stars make up the film "Cry Havoc" at the Metro. Built up along the lines of "Bataan," the film vividly depicts the part played by nurses in the battle against the Japs. A good deal of humour and pathos, and a film very worthwhile seeing.

Thrills and chills are provided in "Hidden Hand," the hair-raising mystery film coming to the Plaza. Confusion is started by an eccentric old woman who launches a terror campaign, and in the process killing, blackmail and plenty of corpses are the order of the day.

Roddy McDowall, brilliant child star, is more than excellent in "My Friend Flicka," the grand story of a boy and his horse which is both charming and dramatic. Scenes are colourful and realistic. Good supporting acting by Preston Foster and Rita Johnson. See it at the 20th Century.

Mr. E. B. Peltz's Gift to Benoni Chevra Gemmara

THE presentation of a set of the Talmud (Sash) to the Benoni Chevra Gemmara by Mr. E. B. Peltz, in memory of his late father, took place at a special function arranged by the Society.

Like his father, who was a pioneer of Benoni, Mr. E. B. Peltz has taken a keen interest in the Jewish communal life of that centre, especially the Talmudical Society. He himself had studied in some of the greatest Yeshivot.

After the presentation ceremony, members and visitors attended a dinner given by the donor and arranged by the treasurer, Mr. A. Leiman. Mr. Peltz was welcomed by Mr. W. Shames, chairman of the Chevra, and Dr. A. Porter, President of the United Hebrew Institutions of Benoni. Rabbi I. Kossovsky delivered an inspiring address. Another speaker was Mr. W. Samuels, a foundation member of the Chevra. Mr. Peltz suitably replied. Mr. H. Kay, hon. secretary of the Chevra, who proposed the vote of thanks, expressed the gratitude of the society to Mr. Peltz for his magnificent gift.

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