

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

CALENDAR:
 February 25 (Adar 1) Sabbath begins 7.28 p.m.
 February 26 (Adar 2) Sabbath ends 8.3 p.m.

NOTABLE DATE:
 Purim—March 9.
 Pesach (First Seder)—Friday evening, April 7.

BIBLE READING:
 Week commencing February 26, Book of Deuteronomy, Chapters 18-26.

PNINA SALTZMAN'S SUNDAY CONCERT

PNINA SALTZMAN repeated her great success in the Liszt Concerto last Sunday night when she played the Mephisto Valse in a programme which, compared with her previous concerts, was of a somewhat lighter character. Her remarkable feats of technique held the audience spellbound.

The highlight of the evening was Mozart's Sonata in A Major, in which she played the six variations with an attention to detail worthy of a great artist. Other items on the programme—Brahms, Chopin, Schumann and Mendelssohn—once again showed that Miss Saltzman is a master of her instrument, and has deservedly won the admiration of the Johannesburg public.

The congenial atmosphere of the 20th Century Theatre added to the delight of the evening.

Miss Saltzman's final concert will take place on Sunday, 27th, at the 20th Century Theatre. The programme includes Beethoven's Appassionata, Rachmaninoff's Prelude in G Minor, and Bach's Toccata and Fugue.

Capt. and Mrs. S. J. Levy

Captain and Mrs. S. J. Levy have arrived in Johannesburg this week from "up North" and are staying with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Levy of Bellevue East.

Red Army Anniversary Concert

An impressive orchestral concert was arranged by Mr. Solly Aronowsky on behalf of the Soviet Union at the City Hall on Saturday night. An orchestra of selected Johannesburg musicians, conducted by Mr. David Trauneck, performed Beethoven's Symphony No. 5. While Mr. Adolph Hallis gave an outstanding performance of Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto, Mr. Harry Hambleton sang a number of Russian Army songs to the accompaniment of the orchestra. One of the songs the "March of Liberation," was composed by Mr. S. Aronowsky. The orchestra gave an excellent performance, though, on occasions, they seemed unable to keep up with the spirited playing of Adolph Hallis.

Mr. Aronowsky has undertaken, on behalf of the Friends of the Soviet Union, to organise a Gala Symphony Concert which will take place at the City Hall on March 11. The orchestra will be conducted by Mr. Edward Dunn, who is coming down from Durban for the occasion. Cecilia Wessels, the well-known dramatic soprano, will be among the artists participating in the concert.

Mizrachi Organisation of S.A.

On Wednesday, February 16, Rabbi B. Rabinowitz spoke very eloquently on Chapter 42 of Isaiah.

The next lecture will take place on Wednesday, March 1, at 7.45 p.m. at the Coronation Hall. Rev. O. Altshuler will deal with Chapters 43 and 44 of Isaiah.

All are welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The engagement is announced of Theodas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Davidson, 18, Bramson Road, Bloemfontein, and Denzil, son of Rev. and the late Mrs. A. Levy of Port Elizabeth.

The engagement is announced of Hilda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Stern of East London, to Jack Beder, of Bloemfontein.

The marriage of Sylvia, daughter of Mrs. E. Witkin and the late Mr. J. Witkin, to Walter, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Einstein, will take place at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue, on Sunday, February 27, at 11.30 a.m.

The Marriage of Paula, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Goldberg, to George, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. S. Solarsh, will take place on Sunday, February 27, at the Braamfontein Synagogue, at 10.45 a.m.

The engagement is announced of Minnie, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. H. Koopowitz, of East London, and Max Wilk, of Malvern, Johannesburg.

Quiz Evening Held by Zionist Socialist Party

The crisis within the Mapai, the attitude of Russia to Zionism, the formation of Arab trade unions, and the reported partition plan were some of the questions put to the Brains Trust at a Quiz Evening arranged by the Zionist Socialist Party on February 17.

Mr. Louis Pincus was in the Chair, and the Brains Trust consisted of Dr. Ellen Hellmann, and Messrs. Leslie Cooper, Leo Tager and Sam Rubinstein. Mr. Alexander Lewin was "Palestinian Expert," and gave clear and convincing answers to the questions directed to him.

In reply to a question on Jewish participation in the fight for rights for non-European in this country, Dr. Hellmann explained at some length why the Socialist fight was indivisible, and why, on a long-term view, it was impossible to expect to attain social justice for any one section of the community while other sections laboured under onerous discrimination.

On Partition, the Brains Trust re-affirmed the Jerusalem (Billmore) Programme, and emphasised that every organised group should make this unequivocal attitude clear.

Oneg Shabbath at the Sive Hall

A very successful Oneg Shabbath took place on Saturday, 19th inst., at the Sive Hall, under the auspices of the Lema'an Hashabbath Organisation. Mr. L. B. Katz was in the chair. In the course of a very interesting address, Adv. Elsley Zeitlyn very ably brought home to the audience the message of the Sabbath.

Cantor S. Backon created a real Oneg Sabbath atmosphere with a selection of suitable folk songs. Rabbi S. I. Mirkin then addressed the gathering and concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair guest speaker and Cantor Backon, as well as to Mrs. Brenner for her great help on this and other occasions.

Yeoville-Bellevue Zionist Society

The monthly Open Forum, conducted by the Yeoville-Bellevue Zionist Society, will be held at the Sive Hall, Hunter Street, Yeoville, on Thursday, March 2, at 8 p.m.

Mr. Edgar Bernstein of the Zionist Federation will review current news, and a free discussion will follow.

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Something new in the line of detective thrillers is successfully evolved in "Kid Glove Killer" at the Metro. Lee Bowman is the villain, Van Heflin the scientist detective and Marsha Hunt an aspiring detective who helps both to complicate and solve the mystery.

In Casablanca refugees from every part of the globe are huddled together waiting patiently for a transit visa to the U.S.A. Days, weeks, months and even years go by—and still they wait. Harrassing German officials make their plight no easier. This is the story of "Casablanca," the film that has become famous and can again be seen at the Curzon.

Gay in comedy, brilliant in dialogue, and fine in characterisation is "Talk of the Town" at the Colosseum. The action is swift-moving and realistic, and the love scene charming if not very powerful. Ronald Colman is co-starred with Jean Arthur.

"Secret Mission" at the Empire is a brilliant drama of adventure and intrigue, and the opportunities for masterly acting are well exploited. Hugh Williams and Carla Lehmann give admirable performances.

Men and their ships play a prominent part in "Destroyer" at the Plaza. Edward G. Robinson, who takes this type of role for the first time, gives a convincing performance, once again proving his remarkable versatility. Don't miss it!

Goodwill Day

Goodwill Day was observed in Synagogues throughout the Union last Saturday. At the Wolmarans Street Synagogue, Rabbi Lapin delivered an appropriate sermon during the Sabbath morning service.

At Temple Israel a special service was held on Friday evening and the congregation was addressed by Senior Rabbi M. C. Weller.

A special goodwill service was also held at the Germiston Synagogue. The service was attended by the Minister of the local Presbyterian Church, the Rev. H. J. Barnes. Rev. Dr. A. Lichtigfeld delivered a sermon.

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