

CALENDAR:

March 24 (Adar 29) Sabbath begins 5.59 p.m.
 March 25 (Adar 30) Sabbath ends 6.33 p.m.

NOTABLE DATES:
 Pesach (First Seder)—Friday evening, April 7.

BIBLE-READING:
 Week commencing 25th March, Book of Joshua, 17-24.

MADAME ROSE PAULE
Teaching Zion to Sing

"I LIKE Johannesburg very much, but I long to be back in Jerusalem," Madame Rose Paule told a representative of the "Zionist Record" the other day. Madame Paule is the famous opera singer and member of the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, recently arrived in this country from Buenos Aires, where she performs regularly at the Colon Theatre during the operatic season. She is now on her way to Palestine.



Born in Czechoslovakia, she appeared on the Viennese stage at the age of 21, and since then her fame in the opera world has spread. She studied Strauss' music under the composer himself, and recently performed his "Rosenskvadeher." Beethoven's "Fidelio" is her favourite opera, and she excels in Wagnerian roles. An American paper says, "During the year this dramatic Wagnerian soprano was brilliant as Kundry in "Parsifal" and Ortrude in "Lohengrin."

It will be no new experience for Madame Paule to be in the Middle East. She has often performed with the Palestine Orchestra, and will soon give a number of concerts in Teheran, Cairo, and Jerusalem. "After that I shall get to work in Jerusalem," Madame Paule said. She has been engaged to teach singing and dramatic art at the Academy of Music, Jerusalem, where her husband, a well-known physician, is living. The Academy was built up by Huberman and Toscanini who were responsible for Madame Paule's present appointment.

Comparing the Palestine Orchestra with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Madame Paule said, "They are both great orchestras composed, mostly, of brilliant young artists. But I think that the Palestine Orchestra is the finer of the two, and one of the greatest in the world." She was 22 when she first visited Palestine, and loves the country. "Jerusalem especially," she said. "It typifies Palestine for me. Tel-Aviv is the all-Jewish city, but I do not consider it symbolic of the Jewish people." Madame Paule is full of enthusiasm for her future work in Palestine, and hopes to help through her teaching in the development of opera in Palestine.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Braudo of Altrincham, Cheshire, on the birth of a son on the 11th March, 1944. Mr. Charles Braudo is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Lazar Braudo of Tel Aviv, and his wife was Shula Kahanowitz of Tel Aviv.

The marriage of Capt. Dennis Levy (S.A.A.F.), youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Levy, to Daphne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Edinburg, will take place at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue, on Thursday, March 30, at 4.30 p.m.

The marriage will take place in New York on the 31st March of Bella Boner, only daughter of Frieda Boner and the late David Boner of Pretoria, to William Dalin, son of Roche Dalinsky of Jerusalem.

Cultural Relations with U.S.S.R.

The Society for Cultural Relations with U.S.S.R. is holding a function on March 28 at 7.30 p.m. at the Carlton Hotel. Dr. L. Golberg will speak on "Research in U.S.S.R." The artists of the evening will be Cantor Backon and Miss Taube Kuschlik. The Mayor will preside.

ANNUAL MEETING AT GERMISTON

The 14th annual general meeting of members of the United Hebrew Institutions of Germiston was held at the Germiston Synagogue on Sunday, March 19. A large gathering of members were present, and the president of the Institution, Mr. L. L. Saffer, presided.

The following were elected to the new Council: Mr. L. L. Saffer, president (fourth term); Mr. L. Finger, vice-president; Mr. H. Colman, hon. treasurer; Mr. M. L. Goodman, president Chevra Kadisha; trustees, Capt. J. Ginsburg, Messrs. J. Sindelman, H. Sneeck, J.P.; Councillors, Messrs. I. Barr's, B. N. Cohen, J.P., I. Dunsky, L. B. Hosiosky, E. Kaplan, J. Kramer, M. Margolius, L. Nestadt, A. Ruskak, A. J. Rosen, N. Segal, B. Steinberg, W. Swartz, A. Zion.

Brilliant Barmitzvah Boy

A BLOEMFONTEIN correspondent writes to describe an original aspect of the recent Barmitzvah celebration of Harold Hotz, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hotz, well-known communal workers of Bloemfontein. Friends who came to offer congratulations to Harold were entertained at the piano by the young host who played classical and modern light music with equal facility.

From an early age Harold has shown marked musical promise, and last year was awarded a University of South Africa Bursary for obtaining distinction in the Higher Piano Examination. In the past few years he has won honours and much praise from discriminating judges such as Dr. Anna Marsh and the late Mr. C. A. O. Duggan at Free State musical festivals, both English and Afrikaans.

By a coincidence, the announcement of the bursary award to the young musician followed soon after the news that his elder brother, Basil, had been presented with a bursary for obtaining the highest marks for Science in the Union and Rhodesia in the Matriculation Examination. I was pleased to learn, writes the correspondent, that on the occasion of his Barmitzvah Harold remembered the Youth Aliyah and sent in a suitable donation.

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THE CINEMA

A film that depicts with stark reality the struggle of the Chinese people and their unconquerable spirit to survive is "China," the film at the Colosseum, which is attracting large audiences. Alan Ladd has the role of a mercenary oil-salesman, but Loretta Young, a charming American girl, soon makes him change his views and ways. This is a film that you will remember.

"Lassie Come Home" at the Metro, is a film that is both powerful and charming. It has a background of intense emotion, which provides for both pathos and humour. Lassie, the central figure, is by no means the only attraction, for the stars—Roddy McDowall, Donald Crisp and Elsa Lanchester—all have roles equally important.

Tyrone Power appears in an entirely new characterisation—that of a Lieutenant in a submarine in "Crest Dive," at the 20th Century. Some realistic sea battles have been included, and the love element too has not been neglected. Vivid technicolour lends added splendour to this fine production.

"The Remarkable Andrew," now at the Curzon, features Brian Donlevy, Ellen Drew and William Holden, and is an enjoyable comedy-drama that should make for first-rate entertainment.

"One Day of War," the first South African release of the outstanding Soviet film, can now be seen at the Standard. There is an English commentary throughout!

Four famous stars: George Raft, Brenda Marshall, Peter Lorre and Sydney Greenstreet, appear in "Background to Danger," a film which is considered to have all the verve and charm of Casablanca. It should run for a long time at the Plaza.

Chingola.—A service to celebrate Purim was held at the home of Mr. N. Israel and was attended by the entire community. On the same occasion the Barmitzvah was solemnised of the two elder sons of Mr. Max Katz who conducted the service.

Mrs. R. Hurwitz

Mrs. R. Hurwitz, Hon. Treasurer of the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa, has arrived in Johannesburg from Cape Town and will visit branches of the Union in the Transvaal and Free State.

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