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BIRTH

KARK.—To Gertrude and Wilfred, a daughter on October 14th, at the Queen Victoria Hospital.

BARMITZVAHS

GERSHATER.—Philip Joshua, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Gershater, of 68 Armadale Street, Sydenham, Johannesburg, will read a portion of the Law and Mafzir at the Sydenham-Highlands North Synagogue on Saturday, October 19, 1946, at 9.30 a.m.

SAPIRE.—Master Stanley Wilfred Sapire will read the Sedrah on Sabbath Bereshith, 19th October, 1946, at the Yeoville Synagogue, to mark his becoming Barmitzvah on the 7th Tishri, 5707. Mr. and Mrs. S. Sapire cordially invite all friends to attend the service and join them at Brocha at the Sive Hall immediately thereafter.

SOROKIN.—Michael, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sorokin, will read a portion of the Law and Mafzir at the Park Street Synagogue, Benoni, on Saturday, 26th October, Brocha at the residence: 185 Elston Avenue, Benoni. All relatives and friends cordially invited. No cards.

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DEATHS

SEGAL.—David, dearly beloved husband of Gerty and father of Reuben, Pearl, Fay, Norman and Sylvia, passed away at his residence, 10 Seventh Avenue, Lower Houghton, on the first day of Succoth (10th October). Owing to Succoth, prayers will be held from Sunday, October 20, at 8 p.m.

CONDOLENCES

SEGAL.—David, passed away on October 10, 1946. Deeply mourned and sadly missed by the President, Committee and all members of the Palestine Society, Johannesburg. Sincere condolences extended to his widow and family.

UNVEILING OF TOMBSTONE

MITAVSKY.—The unveiling of the tombstone of late Sarah Mitavsky will take place at Brixton Cemetery at 11 a.m. on the 20th October. Relatives and friends kindly accept this intimation.

IN MEMORIAM

SACKSTEIN.—Solomon (Zummie), W/O S.A.A.F., killed on active service 16th October, 1944. Ever remembered by his parents, sister, brother, relatives and friends.

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Rousing Welcome for Solomon

SOLOMON chose a serious programme for his first concert. There was an absence of the scintillating, showy, stuff, and of the usual "fillers" given in most programmes presented to Johannesburg audiences. Instead we were treated last night to a programme of really good music throughout.

Solomon performed two major works, Beethoven's Waldstein and Schumann's Carnival. The dramatic Waldstein was played by this great pianist with a simplicity as well as a depth that was truly impressive, and the Carnival was full of colour and variety. Comprising 22 musical pictures, each one different in mood and rhythm, the Carnival is a pageant full of light and shade, full of colour and tone. Solomon performed this great work with an abandon and obvious joy that was contagious and brought tremendous applause from the large audience.

The pianist's Brahms was most impressive. Here he displayed a sensitivity and a delicacy that was delightful. He played two intermezzi, the one in B flat minor and one in C major and the well-known Rhapsody in G minor. These three pieces were played with all the emotion of Brahms and yet with control. His tonal colouring throughout is remarkably smooth. One noticed particularly the very fine control of the left hand which acts as a beautiful background to the right hand, but without any blurring.

The second half of the programme comprised a Chopin Impromptu in F sharp, two Chopin Etudes, brilliantly performed and the beautiful Nocturne in D flat, which had all the dreamy quality one hoped for. His use of rubato was particularly expressive. He closed the concert with a brilliant performance of Chopin's Polonaise in A flat, which he played with a triumphal intensity and dramatic artistry that was truly great.

He received such an ovation that he returned three times and gave as encores a Chopin Waltz in E minor, the Paganini Caprice and the delicate de Bussy's "Girl with the Fair

Hair," which enraptured the audience.

Solomon's technical ease combined with his sensitivity of interpretation and emotional balance put him in the forefront of the pianists we have heard here and we look forward to his next concert.

R.M.

Death of Dr. J. J. Ginsburg

IN sad lament we regret to record the death of a well-known Germistonian, Dr. Joseph (Joe) J. Ginsburg, who died in England, where he had recently gone for the purpose of continuing his studies in the higher branches of his profession. In his passing, a life of great promise and ability in the cause of humanity has been cut short for "Among the grain a choice flower has been gathered by the Reaper."

The late Dr. Joe Ginsburg was born at Germiston in 1911, the only child of pioneers of that town, he was educated at Germiston Central School and the Germiston High School, and early evincing a desire to follow the medical profession, he qualified at Johannesburg, where he took his degree. His sterling labours and the nobility of his character stand as a monument to his memory. A devoted son to his parents and a firm friend to everyone he was beloved by all.

After serving for a period as house surgeon at the Germiston Hospital, he left for England for further study, but his studies there were interrupted by the advent of the war, and, on the outbreak of hostilities he got back by the earliest possible plane to this country to join up in the S.A. Medical Corps and served throughout the war. For a long period he was Medical Officer in charge of the Military Hospital at the Rand Airport, and many a patient there as well as at the Germiston Hospital will remember him and bless his memory.

Leaving the Army in October, 1945, he became married to Miss Rae Datnow, of Johannesburg. Accompanied by his wife, he then proceeded to England to resume his studies for higher medical qualifications which had been interrupted by the war.

The late Dr. Ginsburg took an active part in Communal work. He was a member of the Council of the United Hebrew Institutions of Germiston. Well versed in tradition and religious observance, he was an able student and exponent of biblical teachings. He founded the Germiston Jewish Library, of which he was the first Chairman.

"Easy to Wed" at the Metro

One of the brightest musicals of the year, the coming attraction at the Metro, "Easy to Wed," promises to be a real hit. Van Johnson, Esther Williams, Lucille Ball and Keenan Wynn are the stellar quartet around whom is evolved an uproarious tangle of wedded errors, with each of the principals forced to marry the wrong party in order eventually to capture the right one. There is an excellent supporting cast.

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