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### ADOLPH HALLIS VISITS SOUTH AFRICA



It is a number of years since the well-known South African pianist (whose home is now in London) has made a return visit to this country. On Wednesday evening last a large audience of music-lovers welcomed him at the Selborne Hall when he gave a recital under the auspices of the Johannesburg Musical Society. It was soon obvious that Hallis has developed a greater mastery of his instrument since he was last in South Africa.

The biggest item on his programme was Beethoven's Sonata in A Flat, No. 110. The interpretation of the artist was satisfying and drew appreciative applause from a discriminating audience. Hallis appears to have a leaning for modern works and his playing of three pieces by Bela Bartok stamped him as a fine interpreter of piano music by living composers.

In all his work on Wednesday evening Hallis showed the possession of a sensitive touch, sure direction and high brilliancy. He plays adroitly and with fine taste and perfect culture. It is good to learn that this distinguished artist is due to give some further recitals here.

### Berea Young Mizrahi to Hold Oneg Shabbat

On Friday, the 26th May, the newly-formed Berea Young Mizrahi is arranging an "Oneg Shabbat" at the Berea Hall, Tudhope Avenue, Berea.

Rabbi Gervis will address the gathering, and Messrs. S. M. Levin and J.S. Green will each deliver short talks. All Zionist Youth are cordially invited to this function and a real "Shabbat" spirit is promised there.

# Social and

The marriage of Anne, second daughter of Mrs. R. Kahn and the late Mr. M. Kahn, of Seventh Street, Orange Grove, Johannesburg, to Sidney, younger son of Mr. M. Green and the late Mrs. Green of Umgababa, Natal, will be solemnised at the Berea Synagogue, Johannesburg, on Sunday, May 21, at 10.30 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Levy, Pretoria (nee Annie Miransky, Durban), are being congratulated on the birth of a son, on the 8th inst.

The engagement is announced of Emmy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Glass, of Premier Mine, and niece of Mr. and Mrs. G. Glass, of Holmdene, to Harry, eldest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. A. Levin, of Ponevez, Lithuania. Both of Johannesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Janks (nee Violet Caldecott), are being congratulated on the birth of a bonny son, on May 12.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Becker, of Witbank, wish to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Sarah (Seckie), to Hymie, elder son of Mrs. and the late Mr. M. Orkin, of Johannesburg.

Roy, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. I. Klavansky, of Roodepoort, will read a portion of the Law at the Roodepoort Synagogue, on Saturday, 20th May.

The engagement is announced of Esther, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Fiddel, of Durban, to Oscar, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Berkowitz, of Johannesburg.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. A. Kuritzky, on the birth of a bonny daughter on the 10th inst.

The engagement is announced of Betty, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. Markus, formerly of Memel, Germany, to Norman Shapiro, of Kempton Park, twin son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Shapiro, Hancock Street, Johannesburg.

The engagement is announced of Mary, youngest daughter of Mrs. B. Rose and the late Mr. L. Rose, to Harry, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Blackstone. Both of Johannesburg.

The engagement is announced of Grace, youngest daughter of Mrs. Widman and the late Mr. M. Widman, to Cecil, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Bloom, of Johannesburg.

Ellis Sydney (Elly) only son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kramer, will read a portion of the Law and Maftir, at Germiston Synagogue on Thursday, May 25 (second day Shevuoth). An invitation is extended to all relatives and friends to attend Brocha, at the residence, 8 Scott Street, Germiston.

The engagement is announced of Fanny, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sussman, to Hymie, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Janit. Both of Johannesburg.

The engagement is announced of Marcia, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Sale, 26 Park Road, Bulawayo, to Jack, younger son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Ch. Rubenstein, of Johannesburg.

The engagement is announced of Miss Charmion Kantor, to Mr. Joe Hoffman, of Johannesburg, formerly of Capetown.

Norman Cecil, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Addleson, of 17 Botha Road, East London, will read a portion of the Law and Maftir at the East London Synagogue on the 27th inst. Brocha in the Communal Hall after service.

Rabbi I. M. Gervis (Minister of the Berea Hebrew Congregation) is now in Bloemfontein attending the Zionist Conference.

The engagement is announced of Deborah (Deb), only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Israelsohn, of George Street, to Isadore, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Lewis, of "Nylwood," Watson Road, Muizenberg.

### Forthcoming Shekel Ball

A pleasant winding up to the activities of the Johannesburg Shekel Committee for 1939, which, as a result of arduous and intensive effort, secured such splendid results in the Shekel Campaign, will be the Ball to be held by them at Coronation Hall on Saturday night, May 27th, at 8 p.m.

Although the ball is not organised for the purpose of raising funds, it is necessary that some means should be devised in order to defray expenses, and it has accordingly been decided to levy a nominal charge of 1s. per guest towards the catering expenses, and so prevent the affair from being a burden on Zionist societies.

Workers are entitled to bring partners, but for all those who are not in possession of complimentary tickets, a nominal charge of 4s. (including refreshments) will be made at the door.

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Since entering Capetown University he has taken his B.Sc., and has spent much time in research work. Recently he was offered an overseas research scholarship of £250 a year for two years.

## Durban Women's Zionist League

The monthly function of the Durban Women's Zionist League was held on April 25, at the residence of Mrs. Greene. Mrs. Torf presided. Mrs. Friedman read news items of current interest.

Mrs. Broomberg read a paper on the work done by the Keren Kayemeth, and appealed to all present to assist in the redemption of the land in Eretz Israel by contributing towards the purchase of Boxes, buying tree certificates, and inscribing the names of their children in the Sefer Hayeled.

Mrs. Ballin read an interesting and informative paper entitled, "Revival of the Temple," which dealt with the work of Eliezer Ben Yehuda and Aaron David Gordon.

A vote of thanks to the various speakers and to Mrs. Greene for her hospitality, was proposed by Mrs. Friedman.

## Arthur Rubinstein to Play on May 28

Music-lovers in Johannesburg are eagerly looking forward to hearing Arthur Rubinstein, the eminent Polish pianist, who gives the first of a series of recitals at the Colosseum on Sunday night, May 28.

One of the greatest of contemporary pianists, Rubinstein has enjoyed an international reputation for many years. He still remains, however, a simple, gentle person with a tremendous sense of humour and a vital interest in many subjects besides music. He is a voracious reader, and books of a historical and philosophical nature have a special hold on him. As a matter of fact he hopes in his spare time to pursue his customary book-hunting expeditions in South Africa.

South Africa will be an addition to a list of countries visited by Rubinstein which cover almost the whole globe. That he will have as enthusiastic a reception here as he has enjoyed in other parts of the world there can be little doubt.

## A Production by Leo Kerz

Leo Kerz's production of A. G. McDonnell's "What Next, Baby?" will take place at the New Library Theatre on the 6th of July, and will have an eight-day run.

This brilliant satire on two modern autocrats of the film-world offers Johannesburg something entirely new. Among other features this production will introduce "The Heinz Brothers," a group of four musical comedian-actors, Catchup, Pickles, Gherkens and Chutney, who are making their first appearance. They are trained by Leo Kerz in a "Ritz Brothers" routine, supported by Hanna Hearn delivering the swing-background and Hyman Sachs conducting the orchestra.

"What Next, Baby?" is being produced in aid of the Joint Emergency Appeal.

## Around the Cinemas

### "Dead End" at the Colosseum

"Dead End," this week's attraction at the Colosseum Theatre, brings together in the leading roles two of Hollywood's finest stars, Joel McCrea and Sylvia Sydney. Supporting them are the famous "Dead End Kids," who have lately been building up a fine reputation for their work.

Another of Samuel Goldwyn's great dramas of the screen, "Dead End" tells the story of life in the back streets of New York, and with the supporting cast including Humphrey Bogart and Allen Jenkins, United Artists' latest release is one worth while seeing.

### Film of Prison Life at Plaza

Lloyd Nolan and Gail Patrick head the magnificent cast in "King of Alcatraz," this week's feature at the Plaza Theatre. The story is written round Alcatraz Island, said to be the most dreaded prison in the world, and has as its theme a dangerous criminal in collision with the law. This Paramount drama, full of action and climaxes, should surpass "Alcatraz Island," the film which was recently presented at the Plaza.

### Brilliant Ice Show at the Metro

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's glorious ice carnival, "The Ice Follies of 1939," is this week's attraction at the Metro Theatre. After acting in dramatic roles for the past few years, Joan Crawford goes back to the role of the "Dancing Lady," which originally established her as one of Hollywood's leading stars. Supporting her in this magnificent "Ice Extravaganza" are Lew Ayres, James Stewart, and the most sensational ice skating troupe in the world, the "International Ice Follies."

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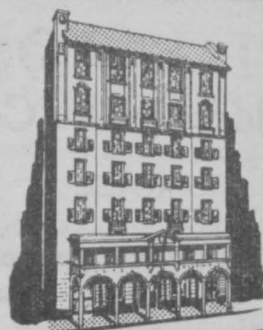
The next production at the Empire, Johannesburg, is "Going Greek," in which the famous comedian, Leslie Henson, will head a specially imported cast of brilliant actors, dancers and performers.

"Going Greek" has run for several months at the Gaiety Theatre, London, and reveals Leslie Henson's remarkable flair for comedy characterization.

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