

Durban Doings

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

It is impossible for the writer of these notes to be "au fait" with every happening of Jewish interest in this town, consequently the resident correspondent will be pleased to receive any information of interest to the Jewish community to Box 296 or Telephone 7720.

On Monday the 16th inst., the Durban Jewish Circle held a most popular event in the form of a Court of Injustice. The function was exceptionally well attended and the audience were kept in roars of laughter by the vagaries of the Court officials and the various "prisoners" brought to book. Quite outstanding was Mr. A. K. Hymar, as the judge whose remarks as he cheerfully fined each and everyone of his victims were both witty and humorous, and delightfully appreciated by the members and their friends present. Mr. Lorrie Miller as Miss Verinictov caused great merriment in his impersonation as a coy young lady. Mr. I. Hellinger, as "clerk of the court" methodically carried out his duties of swearing in the prisoners, the prosecutors were Dr. B. Moshal and Messrs. C. Lyons and I. J. Levine. The entertainments section of the Circle who were responsible for the evening are to be heartily congratulated on its success.

Miss Lottie Shraga, the young Durban violiniste is carving out a successful career for herself by playing first violin in the popular Capetown Ladies Professional Dance Orchestra. This orchestra performed recently at Admiralty House. Miss Shraga who was a successful candidate at the Natal Examinations and Eisteddfodan was trained in Durban by Miss V. Murray.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Morris Gold (of London) to Frances, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lyons, 278 Clark Road Durban.

We heartily congratulate Miss Tikvah Alper, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alper of 310 Vause Road on being the successful candidate for the Robt. Acutt £300 scholarship. We wish her every success in her future career.

Dr. Max Byala of 124 Madeline Road arrived here on Sunday last per the Armadale Castle, accompanied by his parents who were

on a short visit to Capetown. Dr. Byala intends to take up general practise in Durban.

Mr. L. M. Braham returned to town per the Armadale Castle on Sunday last after a short trip round the coast.

Sincerest sympathy is extended to the relatives of the late Israel Leigh Levy who passed away on the 13th inst.

The engagement is announced of Hettie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Solomon, to Nat, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Woolfson (Girtzlowitz), both of Durban.

On Wednesday the 18th inst., the marriage of Miss Ada Kukely to Mr. Sol Israel was solemnised at the St. Andrews Street Synagogue. The Rev. E. M. Levy officiated, assisted by the Rev. N. Menachemson. A reception was subsequently held at the Model Dairy, Beach, whence the many friends and relatives of the young couple gathered to wish them everything of the best in their new sphere.

Mrs. Jack Cohen of Pretoria is on a three months visit to her sister, Mrs. H. Wolff, at Durban.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., Michael, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Abramson of 85 Mansfield Road read a portion of the law at the Park Street Synagogue on the occasion of his Barmitzvah. Mr. and Mrs. Abramson held a reception on Sunday last at their residence where their many relatives and friends gathered to wish young Michael every success and good fortune for the future.

Mrs. Kaplan and son, of Musgrave Road, have returned to town after a visit to Saldanha Bay.

Little Miss Leah Lewis, the 14 year old daughter of Captain and Mrs. Lewis of Durban is to be heartily congratulated on being awarded a three years Art Scholarship at the local Technical College. We wish her every success.

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The Talmud on Love of God.

Compiled and translated by Rabbi S. M. Neches.

Whosoever repents of sin out of love and not out of fear, God pardons his sins and obliterates them completely. (Yoma 86a.)

"... And God did tempt Abraham." (Gen. xxii 1.) Why? With ten trials our father Abraham was tried, and he stood firm in them all, to make known to the later generations how strong was the love of our father Abraham towards God. (Aboth v. 4 & com.)

Forty-eight qualifications are requisite for acquiring the Torah. One of these is the love of God. (Ib. vi 6.)

Whosoever labours in the Torah for the love thereof, is called a lover of God. (Ib. vi 1.)

"Job served the Lord only out of fear," said Rabbi Johanan ben Zakkai, referring to the verse (Job. i 1): "... this man was perfect and upright, fearing God." But Rabbi Joshua ben Hyrcanus says that Job served God out of pure love, basing it on the verse (Job xiii 15): "Lo though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." (Sotah 27b.)

Serve God with love and fear. If you are tempted to hate Him, remember that you are a lover of God, and a lover cannot hate; and if you are tempted to disobey Him, remember that He is to be feared, and one who is feared must not be disobeyed. (Yer. Ber. ix.)

Love towards God is only manifested by strict observance of His commandments; none may claim that his love towards God exonerates him for disobedience of any one of God's expressed commands. (See Elijah Rabba xxvi 22.)

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