

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.

The adjourned general meeting of the Durban Hebrew Congregation was held on Wednesday evening the 30th September. There were present Mr. C. F. Hollander, J.P., in the chair, Messrs. P. Wartski, S. Bloom, A. J. Lipinski, C. Lyons, L. M. Braham, H. Moss-Morris, C. L. Greenberg (honorary secretary) and about twenty-five others. The first item on the adjourned agenda was the notice of motion which stood in the name of Mr. C. Lyons which was that of altering the bye-law so that a vice-president should be provided for the Congregation. After a most animated discussion in which many members took part the notice of motion was lost. In view of the fate of Mr. Lyon's motion, Mr. A. J. Lipinski deemed discretion to be the better part of valour and withdrew the notice of motion which stood in his name. Amongst the important questions which occupied the members at this meeting were those good old hardy annuals, the Hebrew school and the Kosher meat supply. Both these matters were left to the in-coming committee to deal with and proposition was carried that a special general meeting should be called within six weeks to discuss the committee's action in regard to the kosher meat supply. The meeting then closed with the usual vote of thanks to the chair.

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Miss Eugenie Ritte arrived from the Homeland per the R.M.S. Saxon last week and has taken up her residence with her brother, Mr. A. Ritte.

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The following are amongst the successful candidates in the "University of South Africa" examinations recently held in Durban.

Pianoforte—Intermediate Division—Miss Jessie Beer, Miss Sarah Moshal. Higher Division—Miss Anne Magid, Miss Gertrude Magnus, Miss Patricia Zimmerman. Lower Division—Honours—Miss Ruby Geviser. Lower Division—Pass—Miss Beeva Marcus. Violin—Higher Division—Louis Edward Kaplan.

Singing—Intermediate Division—Miss Annie Moshal. Harmony—Higher Division—Miss Dora Jacobs, Miss Sarah Moshal. Lower Division—Honours—Miss Fanny Lurie. Lower Division—Pass—Miss Ruby Geviser, Miss Edith Lurie, Miss Sylvia Shapiro.

A special word of praise must be vouchsafed to little Miss Ruby Geviser who has been awarded the bursary offered in the Lower Division. We heartily congratulate the little lady and wish her every success in her future undertakings.

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Last Sunday evening marked the Durban Hebrew Congregation's childrens evening when the kiddies assembled to receive the usual box of chocolates and a flag which has been the custom for many years now. When it is noted that forty dozen boxes of chocolates and a like number of flags were distributed the enthusiasm, and the number of children present can be imagined. Prior to the "piece de resistance" the Rev. E. M. Levy delivered a most appropriate lecture to the children and although they were naturally all agog for the good things which they knew were coming they listened with rapt attention to the lecture.

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Mr. A. Atkins of Johannesburg was in town last week and was staying at the Marine Hotel.

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On Sunday last the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Calo was initiated into the covenant of Abraham. Rev. N. Menachemson performed the all important ceremony and the usual toasts were honoured.

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The Durban Jewish Circle held a most successful mixed doubles tennis tourney on the 5th inst. The tournament was of the sealed handicap variety and there was

an excellent entry of twenty-one couples. Mr. L. Raphael very kindly presented two silver cups as prizes for the winning couple and the Circle provided four spoons suitably inscribed for the second and third couples respectively. The results were—1. L. Raphael and Miss Berkowitz; 2. E. L. Braham and Miss Smolenski; 3. A. Stiller and Miss Kahn. An alfresco lunch was catered for by the ladies and combined with the favour of the clerk of the weather made altogether a most enjoyable day.

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Amongst passengers by the Karoa for India on Monday last were Messrs Franks and Levy and Capt. Bobbie Myers.

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Miss Lillian Jackson sailed per the Edinburgh Castle on the 6th inst., for the Homeland on an extended holiday visit. We wish her "bon voyage."

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Sincerest sympathy is extended to Mrs. J. Waldman and Messrs. P., A., and I. Cohen in their recent sad bereavement.

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The annual Sinchas Torah Ball took place on Tuesday last at the Pavilion, Marine Parade. The function gave every promise of eclipsing all former records for this particular event, the arrangements were in the hands of a capable committee of ladies and gentlemen of the Durban Hebrew Congregation and the Ladies Guild. Up to the time of going to press no further details were available but a full account will appear in my next notes.

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The funeral of the late Joseph Simons took place on Monday last. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his sorrowing relatives.

