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The adjourned annual general meeting of the Durban Hebrew Congregation was held on September 24th. The new *Succah* was the meeting place on this occasion, which was crowded with members. The Treasurer submitted his annual report and the balance sheet, which occasioned a lot of criticism, some of which was resented by certain members of the Committee. After a protracted debate the balance sheet was adopted, and the next item discussed. This was the engagement of an assistant Reader and *Shochet*. The meeting agreed to leave this engagement to the incoming Committee, likewise the engagement of a *Shamas* and Collector. Mr. C. P. Robinson, M.L.A. then rose to present Mr. F. C. Hollander with a very handsome writing desk and chair on behalf of the members of the Congregation, to which they had subscribed. Mr. Robinson said it was only fitting that a suitable souvenir should be presented to a President of eleven years standing. He paid an eloquent tribute to the retiring President, and resumed his seat amidst loud applause. Mr. Hollander expressed his thanks, concluding his remarks by presenting the Treasurer, Mr. M. Stiller, with a silver cigarette box.

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A flying visit to Durban was paid by Mr. Jack Lewison of Johannesburg, the result of which being the announcement of his engagement to Miss Madge Hart, the elder daughter of Mr. Lionel Hart of this town.

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The *Chosan Torah* this year of the St. Andrews Street Synagogue was read by Mr. M. Davidson, the *Chosan Berishis* being Mr. A. J. Cohen. At the conclusion of the service on *Simchos Torah*, a fleet of motor cars was provided to convey the guests to Mr. Davidson's residence, where they

were regaled with a sumptuous repast. The toasts after the King were four in number, viz.: the *Chosan Torah* and *Berishis*, the incoming and the outgoing Presidents of the Durban Hebrew Congregation. The function was a very pleasant one, the speechmaking was high-class, and each toast was received with musical honours.

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Mr. V. S. Hart has left Durban for a six months tour of the Union in the interests of a Japanese firm which he represents.

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At the annual meeting of the Greyville Branch of the Women's Unionist Association, Mrs. Victor Robinson the lady President, presented her report for the past year, and dwelt on the activities of the Association. The election of officers which ensued, resulted in Mrs. Robinson being again returned as President. Mrs. L. Jacobs was elected to the Committee. This energetic Branch held a successful War Bridge in aid of Our Day Fund in St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday, under the direction of Mrs. Robinson which was well attended.

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Gunner A. L. Norden of the Heavies, arrived from Potchefstroom on embarkation leave. Unfortunately he was taken ill with fever immediately on his arrival, and on Friday was removed to No. 3 General Hospital, where he is now progressing favourably.

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Mrs. F. C. Hollander has been made a member of the Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.) for services in connection with the Red Cross.

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A party of 20 recruits en route for Oversea left Durban station on Saturday night. Sergeant Kreser till recently a member of the King's African Rifles was amongst them. The party got an enthusiastic send off.

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The Great War Market in aid of Our Day Fund was a great success the takings being over £1,600. To this sum the Jewish Ladies' Guild, who ran the egg, butter and cheese stall, contributed about £100. At

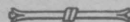
almost every stall our Jewish ladies were much in evidence.

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The block of land and buildings, amongst which is the Synagogue, Grey Street, belonging to the New Hebrew Congregation was sold by public auction on the 5th inst. and was purchased by Mr. L. Jacobson.

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Mrs. M. Hanreck has received the painful news that her father passed away at Brighton on August 13th.



The Students' Musical Magazine.

The October issue of this publication shows a marked improvement on the former issues and two prominent features are an article by Madame Bal on "speaking and singing" and the commencement of a series of chats on the Violin. In these chats, Mr. Hermann Becker will bring his extensive knowledge to bear on the many points, technical and theoretical, in which the violin abounds. Points such as the place and use of bridge and soundpost, the care of the violin, the easy working of the pegs, and a multitude of other facts that every student of the violin should know, will be laid bare in this series.

Mr. Becker writes scathingly and humorously in the condemnation of cheap violins, which he says have caused more budding geniuses to lay down fiddle and bow for good and all than can be imagined.

The history of the Musical Society of Johannesburg is a feature of the editorial, together with a tribute to the late Signor Galeffi whose loss to musical Johannesburg is irreparable. The psychological aspect is in the capable hands of Mr. Barry Lennard who deals in a masterly manner with his subject.

"From the Conning Tower," and the "Life of Handel" conclude the contents of this instructive little magazine for October.

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