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Special to the "S.A. JEWISH CHRONICLE."

A successful concert and dancing display took place in the Town Hall on September 4th in aid of St Faith's Building Fund. Mr. David Cohen gave a masterly performance of No. 12 Rhapsodie (Liszt) for which he was persistently encored. Amongst those who took part in the dancing display were S. Smolensky, C. Romain, J. Levisohn, M. Meyers, V. Lipinski, B. Sandler, E. Smolensky and T. Marcus.

Master Alfred Stiller was *Barmitzvah* on September 11. He read *Maf-tir* and the *Haphtorah* before a very small congregation but was highly successful in the intoning. If the members of the Durban Hebrew Congregation did not attend the Sabbath service the day before the New Year in large numbers they did, however, attend in full force the reception and dance which was given by Mr. and Mrs. M. Stiller to celebrate their son's *barmitzvah*. This was held in the Alexandra Hall which was beautifully decorated, small tables being placed all round, the space in between being reserved for the dancers. During an interval, wine was handed round and Mr. F. C. Hollander M.E.C. with his usual eloquence, toasted the *barmitzvah* boy and the host and hostess. The toast was received with musical honours and was responded to by Master Alf and his father, after which dancing was resumed to the strains of a jazz orchestra and kept going to the early hours of Sunday. Mr. I. Kahn was the D.O. and was assisted by Messrs. Chas. de Solla and L. M. Brahm, as M.C.'s. In an adjacent room card players were as numerous as the dancers, but there was more jollification in the ball room, which contrasted with the seriousness of the faces of the card players who were intent with raking in the shekels within a few hours of the commencement of the New Year. Mr. and Mrs. Stiller were heartily

congratulated on the success of their efforts in entertaining so many of their friends and well-wishers.

The Circle held a hat debate at the Anzac Tea Rooms on September 6. This proved an interesting and enjoyable evening to all those who put in an appearance.

Mrs. Max Cohen of Point Road was the victim of a theft from her room of clothing valued at £11 and a five chambered fully loaded revolver. The theft took place during her absence. The C.I.D. have the matter in hand.

The following Natal successes in the recent theory examination of Trinity College have been announced, Higher Local, V. M. Ellenbogen. Senior, G. J. M. Davis. Advanced intermediate, G. F. Brewer. Intermediate, M. A. Davis, J. Stoffberg. Junior, A. Brewer, L. D. Brewer, A. P. Goldman, B. Jacobson, L. Jacobson, I. Lewis, K. Lewis, L. Linder, Preparatory, E. M. Davis, L. Lipshitz, F. Lyons, A. Sang and A. Scott.

At the weekly shoot of the Greyville Presbyterian Air Rifle Club Mr. J. Lynes was the unlimited cup winner whilst Mr. V. Wartski made the respectable score of 66.8.

A social and dance was held by the Durban Branch of the South African Labour Party of which Mr. S. S. Freedman is Hon. Secretary for the purpose of welcoming back to Durban the Party's Parliamentary and Provincial Council Members. A pleasant evening was spent by those present, amongst whom was Councillor I. Davis.

The famous pianist Sidney Rosenbloom arrived in Durban with the Balmoral Castle. Mr. Rosenbloom proposes to give a recital at a later

period, which will be looked forward to by musical people. Another interesting arrival is Miss Susanno Margolis, who came direct from New York, where she was the pianist with the orchestras at the famous Fox Theatre. Miss Margolis intends settling in Durban.

Mr. S. Lawison of Ordance Road has left for Johannesburg on a short sojourn of a week's duration.

At the annual meeting of the Greyville Women's Unionist Association. Mrs. Victor Robinson reported the year's doings of her Association. At the election of officers, Mrs. Robinson was again elected the President, and Mrs. Lionel Hart was was one of the ladies who was elected on the committee for the ensuing year.

An interesting case was that in which Harold Ritch sued J. Robertson of the Balmoral Hotel for £150 damages, for the value of clothing lost to him and damage done to certain other clothing. This case was a sequel to the theft of clothing which was reported at the time in this paper, and which occurred at the Balmoral Hotel. The Magistrate found for the defendant with costs.

Mercury Lane was agog with excitement Sept. 11, when Mr. B. T. Shapiro announced his engagement to Miss Madge Miller the daughter of Mr. S. H. Miller of Johannesburg.

Pretoria War Victims Fund.

We have been requested by the Committee of the above to publish the following announcements in our paper:

The following amounts were collected in Pretoria on behalf of the Relief Fund for Jewish War Victims.

The sum of £10.19.3. at the wedding of Miss May Goddard to Mr. Ben Kristal, which took place on the 1st day of August.

On August 29th, the collection made at the wedding of Miss M. Cohen to Mr. J. Minsk realized the sum of £10.3.6.

At the *barmitzvah* of Master Lionel Greenbaum, which took place on the 20th August an amount of £13 was collected for The Fund.

At the *bris melah* of Master D. Goldblum the sum of £18.0.0. was collected by Mr. L. Mirvie and bought by Mr. M. Kushner, of Benoni, in the name of the infant.