

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 great event has come and gone but it has by no means been forgotten. I refer to the Cabaret which the Durban Jewish Circle held on the 17th of June. It was, I think, the most successful event of its kind, that has ever been staged in Durban and great credit is due to those ladies and gentlemen who so gallantly rallied round the chairman, Mr. Cecil Lyons. The venue of the Cabaret was the Town Hall and this somewhat sombre hall was transformed into a veritable fairyland. From the central chandelier to different points in the room were suspended chains of multi-coloured lights and vivid balloons the ensemble giving the effect of a brilliant maypole. The vestibule had been laid out to form a lounge, in one corner there being a novelty stall, where a bevy of young ladies in fancy costume, dispersed balloons, and all those etceteras so essential to a cabaret. As is usual the ladies excelled themselves in the catering department and, by the way, one saw unfamiliar faces at the wheel but they not only lived up to the Circle traditions but out-did all previous efforts. Vos' Orchestra were in attendance and in addition there was an exceedingly bright little entertainment given by the Joy-belles which was heartily appreciated. Last but not least, must be mentioned the exhibition dance given by "Vinderine" and his partner which was enthusiastically encored. The proceeds are in aid of "Our Orphans" and there should be a goodly sum to be placed to their credit. Congratulations to all who helped towards the brilliant success of the function.

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Mr. Hirsch Hillman was a passenger per the "Balmoral Castle" last week, he is on a short holiday visit to the Homeland.

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Sincerest sympathy is extended to Mr. S. Bloom on the death of his mother, Mrs. G. Bloom, at Golders Green, London.

It will be remembered that Miss Rose Alper, of Durban, was the fortunate winner of the Campbell Clarke Scholarship, of free tuition at the Royal Academy, London, for two years. News has now been received that Miss Alper has made such excellent progress that the Committee of the Academy has decided to extend the scholarship to yet a fourth year. Miss Alper is taking the part of Pamina in the "Magic Flute" at the Scala Theatre, London, on July the 6th, her first public appearance. Owing to this extension of her scholarship, this talented young lady will be unable to return to South Africa and tour the Union this year as intended.

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On Thursday June the 18th the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Shapiro, of Rorvik Avenue, Durban, was initiated into the covenant of Abraham. The all important ceremony was performed by the Rev. N. Menachemson and the usual toasts were honoured.

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The Durban Bnoth Zion held their annual carnival ball in the Town Hall on Tuesday the 23rd prox., the proceeds are in aid of the National Fund. The committee was comprised of Messrs. P. Winberg, L. Hart, Nathanson, Sacks and the Rev. E. M. Levy and Mesdames E. M. Levy, L. Hart, Menachemson, Hackner, Goldberg, Stone, Franklin and Halibam. The hall and vestibule were beautifully decorated with palms, balloons and brilliant lighting effects. Mrs. Goldberg and Mrs. Stone were in charge of the stall for the sale of noisy toys and balloons Miss Wadley vary graciously presented the prizes, the lucky prizewinners being: Ladies—Most Beautiful, Miss Daliveray (Spanish Lady); Mrs. A. Vos, (Flirt); Ladies Historical,—Miss S. Cohen, (National Fund); Gentlemen's Historical:—Mr. Armitage, (Kali); Ladies and Gentlemen's Most Original,—The Four Carnivals and Mr. H. Jackson, (1950 Fashion). Ladies Advertisement: Mrs. Hayman, (Springbok Tobacco) Gentlemen's Advertisement,—Mr. Kempner, (Johnny Walker). Ladies Cheapest—Mrs. Lazarus, (Chequers). Gentlemen's Cheapest—Mr. Cooper, peirrot. A special prize was awarded to Vos' band who regaled the merry throng with music and who were also in fancy costume.

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Mrs. B. G. Scott and her two daughters were passengers by the

Armadale Castle yesterday. They are on an extended visit to the "Old Country."

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On Wednesday June the 24th Miss Isa Stalis, the operatic soprano, (of the Rand) and the young Durban pianist, Mr. David Cohen, gave a successful concert in the King's Hall. This is an ideal venue for an occasion of this sort as the acoustics are well nigh perfect and the seating accommodation comfortable. Miss Stalis did not succeed in attracting a large enough audience to fill the hall, but there were sufficient present to give her a rousing reception. Miss Stalis gave renderings of "Visi d'arte," "Love is a Bird," "What Money Can't Buy," "Musetta," "Oeuvre tes yeux bleuse" and several others.

Mr. Cohen opened the programme with Rachnaninoff's "Prelude in G minor," and in the second half played Liszt's "Waldesrauchen" both of which were very praiseworthy efforts and for the latter he was very heartily encored.

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Mr. A. L. Norden of the firm of Messrs H. E. Mattinson and Norden, Public Accountants and Auditors, Durban, has been appointed a Fellow of the Society of Incorporated Accounts and Auditors, England.

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The next eagerly awaited for event on the social calendar is the Ball to be given by the Durban Jewish Ladies Guild on the 14th July. The venue of the function is to be the Town Hall and the proceeds are in aid of the Jewish Benevolent Society and the Guild Funds—two most deserving causes. The "July Ball" is an old established annual event and this year's ball promises to be even more successful than those staged in former years. Vos' orchestra will be in attendance and bridge tables will be available for those undesirous of indulging in the light fantastic.

Cape Jewish Orphanage.

Applications are invited for the position of Assistant House Master for the Cape Jewish Orphanage.

Applicants must be competent Hebrew teachers. State age, qualifications, experience and salary, expected to Secretary, P.O. Box 1204, Cape Town.