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## CAPETOWN COMMENTS.

### THE "SIMCHAS TORAH" BALL.

### THE GUILD'S ACTIVITIES.

### GENERAL NEWS.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Mrs. M. Rosen and her co-workers are to be heartily congratulated on the success of the "Simchas Torah" Ball, held at the City Hall on Wednesday night, in aid of that deserving Institution the Cape Jewish Aged Home. A crowded ballroom testified to the work put in by an energetic body of ladies, who had undertaken the sale of tickets, and the excellence of the catering arrangements were generally commented upon. The hall, thanks to Mrs. I. Wittenberg, Mrs. J. Ginnes and Mrs. A. Goldberg, together with their willing helpers, presented a charming aspect. The colour scheme was rose pink and white. Thousands of artificial poppies and festoons of balloons and golden swallows lent additional colour and the twinkling lime lights transformed the hall into a veritable fairyland. A pleasurable item, introduced during an interval, was the ballet "The Snowman," arranged by Miss Ruby Levin. Eight of her pupils dressed in costumes reminiscent of Swiss winter sports took the floor with sleigh and reindeer in the background. The motif of the ballet was the building of a snowman followed by a snowfight; the transformation of the snowman into a youth by a fairy, until eventually the bold youth is snowballed into submission by the others. Miss Levin's Merrytone Band played the appropriate music and the scene enacted was enthusiastically received by the onlookers. There was gaiety during the spot light and cap dances for which prizes were given, and the dancers were bombarded with showers of confetti and streamers from the bays and gallery. Dancers and non-dancers alike were imbued with the spirit of carnival, and a very enjoyable affair concluded in the early hours of the morning.

Harry Jacobson and his band was in attendance and submitted a popular programme of dance music. Amongst those present one noticed Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Mr. M. Rosen, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris, Mr. and Mrs. A. Liberman, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Stodel, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank, Mr. and Mrs. M. Warshaw, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lewis, Mr. A. Rosenthal, Mr. and Mrs. L. Pinn, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rosen, Mr. and Mrs. Eilenberg, Councillor and Mrs. S. Goldstein, Councillor and Mrs. L. Gradner, Councillor and Mrs. L. Bernstein, Mr. Harry Cohen (Secretary) and Mrs. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. I. Wittenberg, Mr. and Miss Rosenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Kruyer, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Rosen, Miss M. Korelstein, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Clouts and Mrs. Frank, Matron of the Home. Amongst the onlookers were a number of the inmates of the Home, who took a very human interest in the proceedings.

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The Cape Jewish Guild held an extraordinary general meeting in the Guild Rooms on Sunday last. The meeting was called to consider the recommendations of the Executive in connection with the acquisition of ground for the projected tennis club.

These recommendations were unanimously adopted, and four trustees were elected. Following this business Mr. J. O. Markowitz read an interesting paper on "A Romantic Chapter in Jewish History."

The first of a series of monthly concerts organised by the Guild Orchestra was held on Wednesday, there was a good attendance and all the items were well rendered. In addition to orchestral items and instrumental solos, the following contributed to the programme: Miss Mildred Korelstein and Mr. Jack Levy, vocalists; and Mr. H. P. Stinton, comedian.

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On Thursday a large number of Guild members attended the rooms and enjoyed a function arranged—"A night on the ocean wave." A programme of typical deck sports was indulged in.

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There was a meeting of the Paarl Hebrew Congregation on Monday last when tenders were submitted for the rebuilding of the local Synagogue that was destroyed in the disastrous fire four months ago. There were eight tenders, the highest being £5,588. The successful firm was J. Larsson & Co., whose quotation was £4,495. Building operations will be commenced immediately.

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Owing to the withdrawal of his nomination by Dr. F. Murray, the Rev. A. P. Bender returns unopposed to the Cape Hospital Board.

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The Capetown Turkish Baths will be complete by January and thus Councillor S. Goldstein's "baby," as the scheme has been popularly called, will have reached maturity. Councillor Goldstein by his perseverance and enthusiastic advocacy has been the means of providing Capetown with a long-felt want, and although he met with consistent opposition and great discouragement at the outset he has eventually seen the consummation of an idea he conceived five years ago. Mr. Goldstein is certain the baths will be a huge success, and he has recently been inundated with enquires as to the opening date.

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### JEWISH WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.

We would particularly draw attention to the advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue inviting applications for the Jewish War Memorial Scholarship of the value of £150 per annum, tenable for three years either at the University at Oxford or at Cambridge. At the request of the Secretary of the Council we have accepted charge of the application forms and regulations and we should be happy to distribute same to any applicants. At the same time if the intending applicant resides in Capetown he should communicate with the Rev. A. P. Bender, if in Durban with the Rev. E. M. Levy, in Pretoria with Rabbi W. Hirsch, or if in Johannesburg with the Rev. B. I. Beckman or ourselves.

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### THE "CHRONICLE" CAKE.

No. 904.

From the Bijou Theatre on October 9th Mr. Jack Stodel writes: "Of all the surprises your 'Cake' took the cake and I must really express my intense gratification for the laudatory remarks accompanying it. It is really the 'sweetest' bit of encouragement I have had and I am sure I shall write better songs after eating it."