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There were races here on October 9 and it is interesting to record the fact that Mr. A. Lavenstein's Suvla Bay won the Michaelmas Handicap of £600, and Mr. M. Stiller's Rose Bowl won the Farewell Handicap of £550. These were the two important races of the day.

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Mr. W. Kaplan of Musgrave Road left on October 9 for Saldanha Bay on a visit to his daughter and son-in-law.

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The annual meeting of the Durban New Hebrew Congregation took place on October 10. The officers for the ensuing year who were elected are Mr. C. H. Blumenfeld president, Mr. M. K. Rosenbach treasurer, Mr. A. M. Solomon, hon. secretary and committee Messrs. W. Katz, M. Hackner, J. M. Shapiro, I. Ditz, H. Hirschhorn, P. Ditz, and H. Stern. Messrs. I. Rosenbach and S. A. Nathanson were re-appointed Trustees. The meeting passed a resolution instructing the committee to proceed with the building of new synagogue and to report to a meeting of members in due course. It was also resolved that a memorial, containing the names of the Jewish soldiers of South Africa who were killed during the Great War, be erected in the vestibule of the new Synagogue.

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The enterprising Circle arranged a debate at their meeting room on October 11. The subject was. Is it against the interests of Judaism that Jewish religious Rites and customs be reformed. Punctuality is no virtue of the Circle for although the meeting was announced to commence at 8 prompt it was not till 8.20 p.m. when the chairman Mr. B. Kahn opened the proceedings. He announced that Rev. A. P. Bender who was presently in Durban, had been

invited to address the members and he read a letter from the reverend gentleman regretting his inability to attend owing to health reasons. The debate was then opened by Mr. B. Jackson who in a lengthy address argued that reforms were unnecessary. Mr. B. T. Shapiro followed and claimed that Judaism should march with the times. At the conclusion of Mr. Shapiro's address an interval for refreshments took place after which the chairman invited participants in the debate, of which many availed themselves. Amongst those who took part were Messrs. S. Moshal, M. Wolpert, W. Cranko, H. Hillman, D. Davis, and B. Sandler. The hour now being a late one the chairman said he would adjourn till a later stage and the meeting then dispersed.

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What was announced as the last ball of the season took place in the Town Hall on October 13. It was a ball promoted by the Durban Jewish Ladies Guild in aid of the Palestine Restoration Fund. The hall was by no means over-crowded still the attendance was considered satisfactory for a ball in October. The music was provided by Rainsford's orchestra and was placed on a platform in the centre of the hall around which the dancing took place. Mr. C. Levisohn made an efficient D.C. and was assisted by Messrs. A. J. Cohen, L. Raphael, I. Rothstein, J. Leaman, W. Simon, and M. Kaplan. Light refreshments were provided during the interval. The function was certainly one of the Ladies Guild's successes and the ladies are to be congratulated on their triumph.

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Mr. Lionel Hart the Chairman of the Stamford Hill Divisional Association of the Unionist Party presided at a meeting on October 14 at which

the M.L.A. for the constituency Mr. J. G. Hunter gave an account of his stewardship in the last session of Parliament. In introducing the member the Chairman dealt with the present political position and thought that the time had arrived when the South African Party and the Unionist Party should be scrapped and a new party formed to be called the Constitutional Party of South Africa. At the conclusion of Mr. Hunter's address a vote of confidence was proposed and carried unanimously and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

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Miss Jenny Sonnenberg gave a delightful recital at the Town Hall on October 14 and was received with enthusiasm by the audience encores being vociferously demanded from all parts of the Hall. Mr. Robert Kofsky's cello playing also proved a treat and he was also accorded the compliment of encores. Miss Minnie Freeman accompanied all the items programmed and proved herself a capable musician. Miss Sonnenberg's second concert was given the following night with even greater success than the former concert.

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The Johannesburg Hebrew Operatic and Dramatic Company are giving a one night's performance in the Theatre Royal of De Americaner Glicken, on October 18. Miss Katie Nathan is the leading lady and will be supported by Miss Taibe Gold, Jack Lurie, Isidor Feinstein, Phillip Schraga, Paul Bass, and S. Schaffer. Part proceeds are in aid of the Jewish War Victims Fund.

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