

BLOEMFONTEIN HEBREW CONGREGATION.

Annual Meeting.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Bloemfontein Hebrew Congregation was held in the Communal Hall on Sunday last the 14th September. Mr. O. Drobis presided over a large attendance and after the adoption of the Annual Report and Balance Sheet, the election of officers and committee for the ensuing year took place and the following gentlemen were appointed: President, Councillor Harburger, Vice-president, O. Drobis, Trustees, Messrs. W. Lewin and T. Belfort, Secretaries, Messrs. Simenhoff and Pencharz, Treasurer, L. Shapiro, Committee, Messrs. S. Harris, P. Caplan, M. Morross, J. H. Levy, L. Kramer, I. Fogel, D. Davidson, A. Sacks, and I. Sorokin.

Councillor Harburger in accepting the presidency thanked the members present for the honour conferred upon him and trusted that the community would help him. He promised that Bloemfontein Jewry would never be ashamed for having elected him to occupy this important position and he would try to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor the late Senator Ehrlich. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the outgoing officers and executive concluded the business.

AN "AT HOME."

On the occasion of the Barmitzvah of their second son, Maxwell Mr. and Mrs. Saul Margo were "At Home" to their friends on Sunday, September 7th, at their residence 2nd Avenue 4th Street, Lower Houghton Estate. There was a large and representative attendance of friends to congratulate them upon this happy event and amongst those present were the Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau and Mrs. Landau, Rev. Lipschitz, Rev. Lopato, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cohen etc., and etc. A very fine musical programme was given by well known local artists and the Barmitzvah boy in the course of a witty, as well as original, impromptu speech thanked those present for their gifts and good wishes.

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Durban Doings

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

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On Tuesday the 2nd inst., a reception was held in the Arthur Smith Hall to render Durban Jewry an opportunity of meeting their new minister Rev. E. M. Levy and also Mrs. Levy. The attendance was large and representative. Musical items were given by Miss C. Rothstein and Mr. I. Rothstein who were responsible for a very fine piano and violin duet, Miss Salkinder delighted the audience with her rendering of "Love's a Merchant" and Miss Rita Fienberg's exposition of "Queen Katherine's Speech" from King Henry the Eighth was also very much appreciated. Mr. Louis Roberts songs were also very well received. Miss Hilda Leaman was the accompanist for the evening. At the conclusion of the musical items Mr. Hollander welcomed Mr. Levy to Durban and gave a brief outline of what the Jews although few in number, have done for the welfare of the town. His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Thomas Wadley, in a very few words then tended a welcome to Mr. Levy from the members of the other communities of Durban inter alia assuring Mr. Levy that Mr. Hollander had been very modest in regard to the work of the Jews in the town. Mr. Levy then replied on behalf of Mrs. Levy and himself and thanked Mr. Hollander and Mr. Wadley for the warm welcome they had given him on his arrival in Durban. With a few well chosen words Mr. Levy gave his general impression of Durban and touched lightly on the good work he hoped to perform. The reception then broke up with the singing of the National Anthem.

Mr. A. J. Cohen paid a flying visit to Johannesburg last week but has now returned to town.

Mr. Lionel Jacobs returned to Durban last week from Europe, where he intended spending some six months but has returned earlier responding to the call of the sunny South.

Mr. Phillip Bloom, son of Mr. S. Bloom, of Durban was amongst

passengers for Durban per the Edinburgh Castle on Saturday last.

Mr. David Cohen the young Durban pianist scored another marked success last week when he played at Cavaliere Michele Corcia's concert on Wednesday the 10th inst., at the Town Hall. Once more Durban people were given proof of Mr. Cohen's genius. He will again assist Cav. Coscia to-morrow evening at the Town Hall at 8.15 p.m.

Sincerest sympathy is extended to Mr. C. A. Levy on the death of his father.

The wife should not upbraid the husband in the presence of their children.—Talmud.

A wise man is more than a prophet.—The Talmud.

For one who follows in the paths of peace and righteousness the sage of Dearborn—Henry Ford—works by indirection his wonders to achieve. Even peaceful Switzerland has not been immune from his anti-Semitic diatribes, and we may yet hear of excesses from that country which has been entirely free from anti-Semitism. When he accomplishes this he may then announce to an expectant world that the Saviour has come, for he hath stirred up even the most peaceful against Israel.

The American immigration quota law is a masterpiece of the botched and bungled. An Italian mother arrives with seven children, six are permitted to enter, and an infant born in Italy is barred because it was born in Italy and the Italian quota filled. Many more instances like this may shock the conscience of America and bring it to a realisation of the monstrosity it has brought forth.

He who erstwhile drew from the Jordan the waters that refreshed the heart of the world, and heard the Father whisper in the mysterious silences that brooded over the mountains of Judea, must return to the same old fountain head of inspiration, and interpret for mankind the speech of the mute skies. Truth ever grew out of the Palestinian soil; it will sprout afresh from under the plough shares of the Zionists pioneers. Zionism, in a word, is naught else than a stupendous scheme for the re-education of an entire nation! —Joel Blau.