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## Capetown Comments.

### A "KOSHER" KITCHEN.

#### WORCESTER'S NEW SYNAGOGUE.

Ada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Suritz, of Green Point, was married to Mr. Dave Berkowitz, of Kimberley, at the Gardens Synagogue on Tuesday evening. The ceremony, which was conducted by the Rev. A. P. Bender, assisted by the Rev. M. Kirschner, was witnessed by a large gathering. The popular bride was charmingly gowned in georgette, flared, profusely decorated with diamante in a flower design. Her veil of Brussels net was arranged under a headdress of orange blossom. The bride carried a shower bouquet of white roses and pink carnations and she wore a lovely diamond wristlet watch, the gift of the bridegroom. Attending the bride was Miss Anita Suritz (sister of the bride) as maid of honour. Miss Florence Suritz (sister of the bride) and Miss Annie Suritz (cousin of the bride) as bridesmaids, and Miss Phyllis Ward as flower girl. The maid of honour and the bridesmaids were all effectively gowned in deep flame georgette and each wore a turban of silver leaves. The little flower girl was an attractive figure in shell pink georgette and she wore a turban to match. The bride was given away by her father and the groom was attended by Mr. B. Suritz (cousin of the bride) as best man. The pole holders were Messrs. P. Halperin, I. Lehr, M. Maisel and B. Kupowitz.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Goede Trouw Hall and a really enjoyable affair it proved to be. The numerous guests were received by the unterfuhrers and the newly wedded pair, upon whom were showered hearty congratulations. Mrs. L. Suritz, the mother of the bride, wore a smart gown of deep petunia, handsomely designed with diamante, whilst Mrs. F. Suritz (aunt of the bride) had on an elegant toilette of black charmeuse artistically draped and caught at the side with a diamante buckle and red silk rose. Miss Mina Maisel (Wynberg) wore a pretty dress of cyclamen crepe de chene, Miss Hilda Fishman (cousin of the bride) was delightful in pale pink georgette trimmed with silver leaves and pale blue rosebuds. Miss Ettie Cohen wore a striking creation in shaded blue crepe de chine effectively relieved with panels of silver lace; whilst Miss Blumay Cohen was attractive in green and silver. After the usual congratulatory speeches, dancing to music provided by Mr. Zabow's orchestra was indulged in and a very merry time was spent. The honeymoon is being spent in Hermanus.

On Saturday, Walter, second son of Councillor and Mrs. L. Gradner, celebrated his Barmitzvah and read a portion of the Law at the Gardens Synagogue in the presence of a large congregation. The subsequent celebrations extended over three days and proved an outstanding social event. Following the proceedings in the Synagogue a large number assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Gradner, where lunch was provided. Appropriate speeches were made by the Rev. A. P. Bender, Rabbi Ch. M. Mirvish and Councillor S. Goldstein,

to which both the Barmitzvah boy and Mr. Gradner replied. "Open house" was kept throughout Saturday and Sunday and every section of the community was represented amongst those who called to offer their congratulations and to view the exceptionally large and handsome presents which had been showered upon the fortunate Barmitzvah boy. The celebrations culminated on Monday evening with a reception and dance at the City Hall, and it is safe to say that never had such an event created so much local interest. Both Banqueting and Minor Halls had been engaged, whilst by kind permission of the Mayor and Mayoress excellent use was made of the Mayoress' Parlour and the Councillors' robing room. From 7.30 p.m. a steady stream of guests filed past the proud parents and the Barmitzvah boy at the entrance to the Banqueting Hall. There were quite 1,000 people present, and it speaks volumes for the catering arrangements when it is said that every little want was satisfied throughout the long evening. Tasty decorations were in evidence everywhere, and although dancing in comfort was a difficult proposition there is no doubt that all thoroughly enjoyed a most successful evening. Every phase of Jewish communal life was represented—the various Synagogues, Charitable Organisations, Friendly Societies and Masonic activities, whilst Mr. Gradner's association with civic affairs was indicated by the presence of the Mayor (Mr. W. F. Fish), the ex-Mayor Mr. Verster, who was accompanied by his daughter Miss May Verster, and many councillors.

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It has been recognised for many years that a special Kosher Kitchen was needed at the New Somerset Hospital, where food could be prepared and served under proper supervision for the many Jewish patients at that Institution. At long last a definite move has been made and the Jewish Sick Relief Society has now undertaken to build and equip an up-to-date kitchen and to defray the additional expense of feeding patients. The necessary site has been provided by the Hospital authorities and plans for the structure have been submitted to the Hospital Board for their approval.

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For some time past the need of a more commodious and up-to-date place of worship has been felt by the Jewish residents of Worcester and strenuous efforts have been made to collect the required sum of £6,000 to carry out this project. This amount was needed to cover the cost of a new Synagogue and hall and the latter structure has already been erected on the site of the old Synagogue in Durban Street.

On Wednesday the foundation stone of the new Synagogue was laid by the Rev. A. P. Bender in the presence of a very large gathering.

Mr. Solly Lange (President), Mr. I. J. Senitsky (Vice-President), Mr. H. Simon (Secretary), and Mr. J. Rabinowitz (Treasurer) are to be congratulated upon their efforts to raise the money required and it is highly gratifying to know that a considerable sum was donated by non-Jewish friends.

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