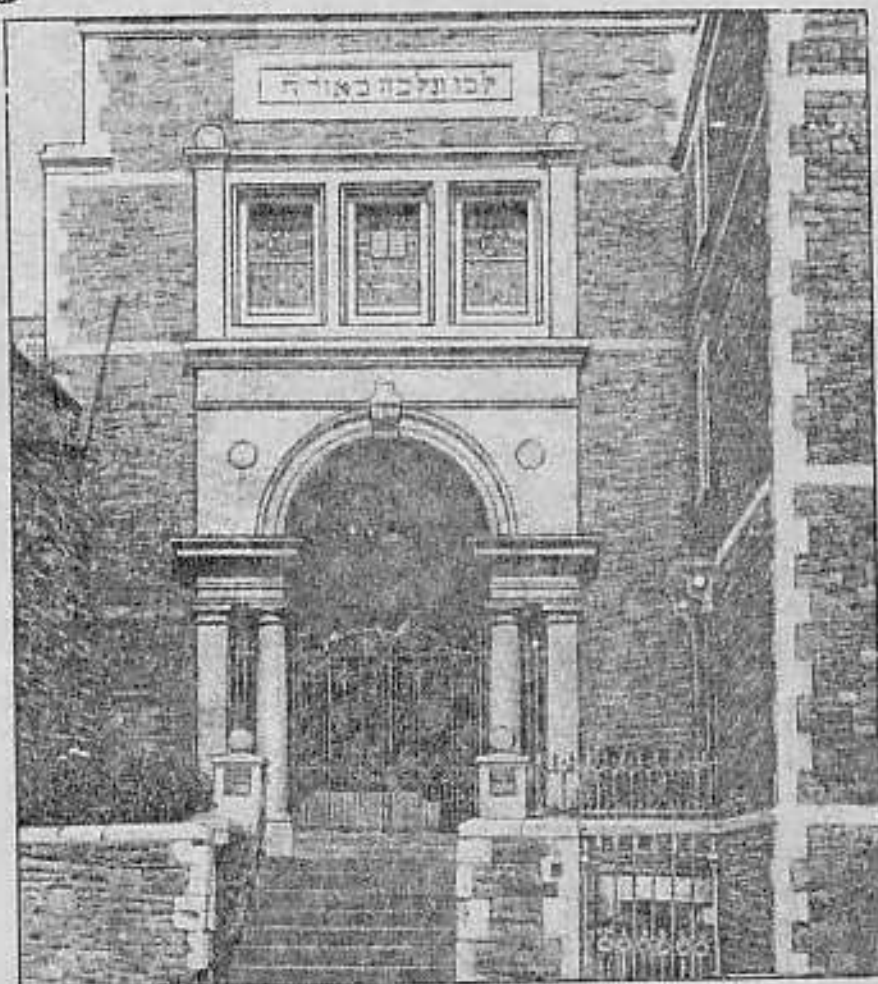


# Bristol Hebrew Congregation

Rev. W. Wolfson  
(Minister)



SYNAGOGUE:  
Park Row,  
BRISTOL 1.

# BETWEEN OURSELVES

Now that the series of High Holydays and Festivals have passed, we have to reflect, more closely what they have meant to us. Let us hope that they will have the effect of making us mentally alert, to our duties: obligations and responsibilities: our duties towards our spiritual values and assets: our duties towards the various organisations, to which we have had attachments in the past. Perhaps a more frequent attendance to our Synagogue Services: than in the past: perhaps a keener sense of enthusiasm towards our obligations & commitments: perhaps a more determined approach to be of some service in the Community. There is much work that is to be done: let each one endeavour to do his or her reasonable share. Moses, our great Teacher, could not bear the responsibility of looking after his people alone: he needed help from many directions. So let us all pull together: with the aim and purpose of consolidating, that which needs our personal effort most, then we will be a happy and virile Community: with our roots firmly established on traditional lines: & our offshoots, working harmoniously together: for the benefit of us all.

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Commencing from this Friday Evening, and until further notice,

SERVICES ON FRIDAY NIGHT WILL COMMENCE AT 6-30 P.M.

SERVICES ON SHABBAS MORNINGS do commence at 9-30 a.m. prompt, so if you intend coming, why come in late? Let us start promptly, and the Service will be over earlier, as a result of YOUR co-operation. Come with your families to SERVICES. Always let us think of this slogan, 'THE FAMILY WHO PRAYS TOGETHER: STAYS TOGETHER:

A cordial welcome always awaits you: Join us afterwards for Kiddush. A more intensified effort in the coming year: spiritually: culturally and socially.

# THE MINISTER

## TO YOU

*A Personal Message  
from*

This is my second message to our Community. I consider this message to be of vital importance, to all, who make up the life of our Community, and I trust that through the medium of the 'Recorder' my message will travel deeper and further, than perhaps a message from the pulpit: to the 'very few' we see in Shool. Since my arrival, I have been very perturbed to find: that we lack adequate facilities within the Community, to arrange a Function that can be termed KOSHER'.

In the past, I understand certain facilities were available, to have a Kosher function at the Shool Hall. But with the lapse of proper supervision during the past few years, and the fact, that the Shool Hall and kitchen, lack so many necessary amenities, the whole structure of KASHRUT in the Community, has fallen into a very bad state of affairs.

While in the majority of our homes, Kashrut does exist: it falls to pieces, when any organisation desires to arrange a function, under congenial conditions, and aiming 'to get the people out' to a social function: to further our charitable instincts.

It is this 'blot on our escutcheon': that I desire to eradicate, and I am convinced in my mind, that the Bristol Community: who has had an unbroken record of two centuries: of adherence to a traditional 'Jewish way of life', will not fail in their duty or responsibility now.

I am most anxious to establish Kashrut: in its fullest sense: in our Community, so that we can plan and arrange any function: whether a Meat or Milk Meal, can be had, and that the 'conscience of no one, would be sacrificed.' I stressed this problem, at a recent meeting of the Women's Guild: they were unanimous that 'it is about time, something to promote and to maintain Kashrut, must be done. A sub-committee was formed, consisting of Mrs. Dysch as Chairman: myself: wife and Mrs. Saco: and that after the Yomim Tovim, it would be 'ACTION STATIONS.'

A Kashrut Equipment Fund is to be launched, and it is hoped that everyone in the Community, will rally round, and support this effort. Donations, which will be acknowledged in due course, will be welcomed by Mrs. Dysch: Mrs. Saco: and Mrs. Wolfson. It would facilitate matters very much, if our members, would treat this matter as Urgent, so that when our Tercentenary celebration, planned for Mid December, takes place: it should be a 100% Kosher Function. There are many calls on the 'Communal purse', but this call, strikes at something which is on our doorstep, and must NOT be overlooked, because we have commitments to make, for Jewry, outside the Bristol area. I feel confident that my appeal, will receive the support it deserves from everyone.

# תלמוד תורה

Although the children have been seeing their teachers throughout the Festival of Succos, the NEW TERM of the Talmud Torah, started off on Sunday last, with a good muster of children (K.N.)

The Classes will meet on Sundays at 10-30 and continue until 12-30: Also the History and Neginot Class will meet together, from 5 to 6-30 p.m., on Thursdays.

The thanks of the Talmud Torah Committee go out to Dr. E. Mendoza, and to Mr. A. Cohen, for their past valuable services to the Talmud Torah, & particularly coming forward, so readily, to help along the children, by these extra studies.

They did a fine job, so spontaneously, and YASHER KO-ACH to them for their helpful suggestions.

It is hoped that parents will see that their children attend with keen regularity on these two Mid Week sessions. Also, there is an Oneg Shabbat for the children on Shabbas Morning, after the usual Shool Service and Kiddush: which lasts approximately an hour. At this Oneg, a talk on the Week's Sedrah takes place: B'nei Akiva's Ideology: Zemirot: and Synagogue tunes, are the 'order of the day'

Our teachers (Mrs Baer and Miss Blohm) put in a great deal of effort with the children, and our thanks for their services, continues, with unabated endeavour.

Naturally, when one thinks of the Talmud Torah, Prof. Yoffey's diligent and persistent efforts: to bring up the children; to their present standard of keenness and intelligence, must always remain to the fore: in the eyes of the Community. His pre-occupation with the publication of two of his books, precludes him from taking that active participation: that has become so synonymous of Prof. Yoffey. HATZLACHA MERUBA, in his effort to enrich science with his penetrating researches: that have gained widespread approbation: at home and abroad.

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The Talmud Torah Committee are indebted to Messrs. Epstein Brothers, for their gift of a Mahogany Framed Glass fronted Tablet, recording the names of Prizewinners, from our Talmud Torah. They finished off so admirably, what Mr. Rayman prepared, prior to his leaving Bristol, & our Community will have the opportunity of seeing this Tablet, put up in the Committee Room. Thanks to you both: S. & S. Epstein, once again  
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# ANNOUNCING

J.P.A. DINNER AT THE GRAND HOTEL. Oct. 14th 1956.

Don't forget this outstanding social event: The Guests of Honour will be, Stephen McAdden M.P., and Alec Coleman, principal speakers. Prof. J.M. Yoffey in the Chair. Reception at 7 p.m. Dinner at 7-30 p.m. Tickets are 10/6 & are available from J.P.A. Committee.

Make this function a 'MUST' and show your solidarity with the STATE OF ISRAEL, in their dire hour of need. We need the presence of all those who can come. You will be assured of a most enjoyable evening. Why not make up your party, and reserve your table NOW?

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REMEMBRANCE PARADE London. SUNDAY NOV. 18th. 1956

The Polack Branch of the British Legion, will again be attending the annual attendance Parade of Jewish Ex-Servicemen & Women, which will be held at the Horse Guards Parade in London, on SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18th

The cost (inclusive: fare: Refreshments and Concert) to members of the Legion, or A.J.E.X, will be 15/-. To non-members, it will 30/-

This year, the Parade will be televised: therefore we would like as many as possible to come. The men to come up for the parade, whilst the family, can see their fathers and mothers proudly marching, shoulder to shoulder, with Jews and Jewesses, from all parts of England, and who shared such a common fellowship, during those dreary War years... WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO COME, BUT CAN'T: WE ARE INTERESTED IN PEOPLE WHO CAN COME, BUT WON'T.

The parade will be inspected by Earl Mountbatten of Burma.

At the Rally at the Empress Hall, famous entertainers: such as Winifred Attwell: Alma Cogan: Anne Shelton: Alfred Marks and Catherine Boyle, are some of the artistes, on the entertainment bill. Contingent, to meet at Temple Meads at 8-40: Train departs at 9 a.m: arriving at 12.

### Remembrance Parade(Contd)

Why not contact Mr.S.Silverman,7,Kenilworth Rd,Bristol 2:while you are reading 'The Recorder',and tell him to reserve the tickets you and your friends will need.

Remember: it redounds to the credit of all Ex-Service Men &

Women: if this year's parade will be as fully representative

as possible. You will enjoy the spirit of camaraderie: you

will meet with friends,with whom you shared battle honours.

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### JEWISH NATIONAL FUND.

Our local J.N.F. Organisers wish to announce that they have sent a further sum of 55 pounds 6/-, to Head Office, from Box Collections, making a total of 136 pounds 16/-: since they took over in January 1955. They would like to thank all those, whose hard work and earnest endeavours, have made this total possible. Our aim is to place a Blue Box, in every Jewish Home, in Bristol and district. If you have not got a box, please contact Mrs. Roydon or Miss E. Blohm. They will see that a box gets to your home. Perhaps you would like to commemorate a happy family occasion: then the J.N.F. Commissioner can perhaps advise you, how to finalise your thoughts etc.

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### W.I.ZO.

Our opening function, for our new session, was the showing of two very interesting Israeli Films, 'The Lachish Story' and the 'Edge of Death', at the Communal Hall. These were followed by an interesting Talk, given by Mr. Tooch of P.A.T.W.A. office, in London, who spoke on his recent visit to Lachish, some 5 weeks ago, and gave us a very vivid picture of conditions in our State. Mrs. Yoffey was in the Chair. Our Minister, gave the formal vote of thanks.

Prof. Yoffey and Mr. Jacobs also spoke. Look out, for our future programme. A most interesting series of activities have been planned.

A COFFEE MORNING will take place on Tuesday next, Oct. 9th, at 10-30 a.m. at Bright's Cafe when Mrs. Betty Cohen will be the hostess. All members and friends cordially invited.

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We wish Mr. A. Mass, long life. The passing of Dr. J. Tarsh (his brother-in-law) at Liverpool, created a profound shock to the Liverpool Community, where the deceased was held in the highest esteem. He rendered that Community, many useful services, as was evidenced by the large concourse of people, at his 'Layoyeh' who came to pay their respects.

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### WOMEN'S GUILD:



The annual Meeting of the Guild was held recently in the School Hall, with Mrs. N. Sacof (President) in the Chair.

The Hon. Treasurer (Mrs. Gee) and good representative gathering of members were present. The chairman gave a most cordial welcome to Mrs. W. Wolfson (the wife of our esteemed Minister, who, in the short space of

a few weeks, had endeared herself to the Community. The Hon. Sec: (Mrs. D. Assael) was, owing to business reasons, necessitating her removal to London, with that of her husband, was unable to be present. Her letter of resignation was read, and the Chairman

expressed the deep felt regret of everyone, at the circumstances which will cause Mrs. Assael's removal to London. She wished to place on record, the appreciation of the Guild members towards Mrs. Assael, for her devoted years of valuable services, and looked forward to the time, when we could perhaps have Mrs. Assael, in our ranks.

The Hon. Treasurer submitted her financial report, which, showed that the high standard of the Guild's achievements, in the field of philanthropy and cultural evenings, and a creditable Balance Sheet was presented. The Balance Sheet was adopted, amidst great enthusiasm. A resume of the year's activities was given in the Recorder.

Certain donations were made to recognised Charitable Institutions, including the sum of 25 pounds to the Home for Aged Jews (Penarth). Altogether, over 100 pounds was allocated to Charity. The election of officers then ensued. Mrs. Sacof unanimously re-elected as Chairman; Mrs. Gee (Hon. Treasurer) and Mrs. Wolfson as Secretary. After the tea interval, Rev. W. Wolfson addressed the Guild on 'Some Urgent Communal problems' and his talk, made a profound impression. He will have more to say, we presume, in 'The Recorder' and the Guild promised their loyal support to his project. Mrs. Dysch was elected Chairman of Canteen & equipment; Mrs. Culank and Mrs. Silverman for 'Children's Activities'. Immediate plans were put into action for the Children's Succos Party, on Hol Ha-moed Succos.

# IN & AROUND THE COMMUNITY

## Women's Guild:

At our second Meeting of our new session, our members heard a very interesting talk, given by City Councillor Mrs. Cave, who recently returned with an official body from Saratov (Russia). Her talk on some of the domestic issues that face the Russian people: their mode of living, and their welfare programme, was quite illuminating, and delightful to hear.

Mrs. Saccof extended a most cordial welcome to her neighbour Mrs. Cave, and stated that the Guild appreciated very much indeed, a talk by a City Councillor, whose time was so fully occupied in many directions, and coming out in such inclement weather, to address a body of Jewish Women.

Mrs. Wolfson proposed and Miss Blohm seconded, the formal vote of thanks, to the speaker. Both stressed the delightful evening they enjoyed, and the very interesting series of questions which followed, gave many more of our members, an opportunity of hearing some more details of Soviet life generally.

A truly enjoyable evening.

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## W.I.Z.O. (Late flash)

The Annual General Meeting of W.I.Z.O will take place in the Shool Hall, on Tuesday Oct. 23rd, at 7-30 p.m. We expect a 'full house', so ladies, enter this date in your diaries NOW. (Should there be any domestic chores unfinished on Oct. 23rd..... 'what are husbands for?') You can always say, the A.G.M. is more important.

Of course, you all know that the Annual Ball is to take place at the Grand Hotel on Feb. 17th 1957. (We are giving you such advance notice, so that you can complete your arrangements, with Dior: Schiarapirelli: Molinoux etc: etc)

W.I.Z.O Meetings are fortnightly on Tuesdays. The times are staggered: Mornings: Afternoons and Evenings, so that in every 6 weeks, it should be possible for everyone to be present at least at one Meeting. Of course, 3 Meetings are better than one. So watch for our announcements! ! !

Did you know that Mrs. Howard has been chosen as our new Cultural Chairman, in succession to Mrs. Rayman, who left Bristol for Coventry. We wish her 'good hunting' in her Cultural planning, and DO COME ALONG, to her first and subsequent efforts. Your attendance will encourage her to plan the feature you like best.

Keep the W.I.Z.O. Flag flying high in Bristol:



## IN AND AROUND THE COMMUNITY(Continued)

Although the summer is behind us,until next year,no mention has been made,concerning the wonderful time our children had, at the farm of Mr. & Mrs. Newstead. The Talmud Torah: its staff :its Committee and our children are deeply appreciative to our Jewish farmers: Mr.& Mrs. Newstead,for placing the farm and the stacks of hay,at the disposal of the children,and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent by the children. Thanks once again,Mr.& Mrs. Newstead.

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## ZIONIST SOCIETY:

The opening Meeting of the Society will be addressed by LUCIEN HARRIS B.A.(Oxon),who is due in this country from Israel on a special Lecture Tour. Mr.Harris has had a long record of Zionist activity,in this country,before going to Israel. He played a prominent part in the establishment of HITACHDUT OLEI BRITANNIA.

WHY NOT KEEP ALONG TO THIS MEETING AND HEAR WHAT IT IS ABOUT?

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## WELCOME TO:-

Mr.& Mrs. Direktor of Birmingham,who are going to join our Community.

We wish Mr.Direktor a very successful future with Weston-super-Mare Borough Council,and we look forward to seeing him: his wife and child,at our forthcoming activities.

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Also,we welcome to Bristol,any new Jewish students. If this 'Recorder' can catch the eye of anyone who knows of new arrivals to the City: either students,or others taking up jobs here,will they kindly pass on the name and address of the Editor (Rev.W.Wolfson,9 Park Row: Bristol 1: Tel No.23538)who would be pleased to extend the hand of friendship to them.

A first Meeting of Jewish Students,will take place at my home on Sunday Oct.7th,at 7-30 p.m. It is an informal chat,between Minister & Students: to explore the possibilities of extending the Jewish Students Fellowship in the city,and perhaps see an active virile student body interested in Jewish matters.

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Another important feature of our Communal life,which gets no publicity,but which does a most commendable job:any time:any place,is the voluntary services put in by the MISASKIM & MISASKOT of our CHEVRAH KADISHA. Their president(Mr.Fox):the Secretary Mr.Goldberg,and all that gallant band of men & women, who never shirk their obligations:who throw off their business worries,at a moment's notice'to answer the call of 'HALVOYAS HAMESS',deserve honourable mention. Their work,is greatly appreciated,but they need more volunteers. It is not fair,that the same people should always be on call: the burden and Mitzvah,must be shared by more men & women in the Community. Contact the President how YOU can help.

# NAMES IN THE NEWS,

## MARRIAGE:

The marriage has taken place at the Travencor Synagogue in Cochin(Far East) of Dr. Wallace Fox, son of our Mr. & Mrs. S. Fox. We wish the parents and family a very sincere Mazeltov. We trust that they will derive great joy and 'Nachas' from the young couple, and 'hear B'suros Tovos' (Good tidings from the son and daughter-in-law) (Formerly Miss Akker of London)

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## ENGAGEMENTS:

Mazeltov to Miss Carol Ann White (Only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur White, on her engagement to Mr. Gerald Elboz (only son of Mrs. & the late Mr. Alfred Elboz of London.

Mazeltov to Miss Myra Harriet Lynn, elder daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Lynn, of Tasman House, Landsdown, Bath to Mr. Norman Roundstein, son of Mr. & Mrs. Roundstein (of London)

We wish both young couples every happiness and success for their future, and the respective parents infinite joy.

May these engagements be the prelude to their forthcoming marriages.

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## SPEEDY RECOVERY:

To Mrs. Silverman (Senior) Her illness has kept her in hospital for quite a time. We hope and trust, that she will soon be home to her husband and family, and be granted a new lease of life. Mrs. Silverman wishes to express her grateful thanks to Mrs. Sacof: the Minister and his wife: and all other friends who have inquired about her health: and visited her in hospital. She has asked 'the Recorder' to convey on her behalf: the best wishes for a Happy New Year: to all the Congregation.

We also wish Mr. Ring, a speedy recovery, and a restoration to full physical vigour. A 'Refuah Shlomo' to all our sick.

## CONDOLENCE:

We extend our sincerest sympathies to Mrs. Cohen, on her recent sad loss by the passing of her dear mother (G.R.H.S) We wish her, and the members of her family circle, long life, and paths of happiness. We understand that the deceased, was well known in South Wales for her genial disposition, and her interest in many charitable causes.

## CONGRATULATIONS:

The Chossan Torah (our Minister . . . and our President Mr. Jacobs (who was the Chossan Bereishis, wish to thank all those who arranged the Kiddush: decorated the tables: those who were responsible for the delicious savories: the hostesses who served the tables, with Coffee and Cakes, and all, who helped to make the Simchas Torah celebration a most enjoyable affair.

Professor Yoffey, on behalf of the Community, proposed the health of the 2 CHASANIM. The Chossan Bereishis stressed the need of better Shool attendances in the coming year, while the Minister touched on some of our local problems. He appealed to parents Not to send their children to Schools on Sabbaths and Festivals. Some of Anglo-Jewry's 'famous men', either in Law: Medicine: Dentistry: and other professions, achieved their greatness, without going to schools on Sabbaths or Yomtov. If parents will demand their Religious rights, no Education Authority can compel their children to attend on the days, when their children should be attending Synagogue Services.

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Thanks and appreciation, cannot be overemphasised: to all our women-folk: children, and conveners, for the decoration of the Succah: for the hostesses, attending to the requirements of Kiddush during Yomtov: for the convener, and helpers at the Succos Tea party for the children. All these occasions, were the highlights of Yomtov, & added greatly to the 'enjoyment of the many'.

The 'Baal Shachris' and our Minister, rendered the High Festival ritual, in full traditional manner: the Sermons were most inspirational. Our 'Baal Tekiah' (Monty Belcher) acquitted himself admirably, and it is the fervent wish of the Editor of the Recorder, that 'all our prayers will receive Divine approbation' and that the Community, should prosper, spiritually; culturally and socially, in the year just begun.

May all our auxiliaries intensify their enthusiasm, for the work they have chosen to undertake, and may all their efforts, be amply appreciated.

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## THANKS:

Mr. & Mrs. S. Fox wish to thank all their friends, who have conveyed their sentiments of Mazeltov to them, on the occasion of their son's marriage (Dr. Wallace Fox to Gay Akker of London). The writer has seen a description of the wedding, as performed by the Bene Yisrael Community of Cochín. They have a very quaint marriage ritual: and the marriage was solemnised in a Synagogue, over 500 years old.

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Our Honorary Officers (Mr. Jacobs: Mr. A. E. Morris: J. Tanchan) discharged their various duties, to the satisfaction, we hope, of everyone. The allocation of Mitzvahs: and Aliyahs: the careful planning of the Seating arrangements, for our members: their wives, and for the 'visitors' is quite a prodigious feat of organisation, and their efforts deserve honourable mention.

YASHER KO-ACH, Officers.





SHALOM Children. Well how did you enjoy yourselves on Yomtov. What about our Succos tea. Did you try to walk off with the Pumpkin? or did you like decorate the Succah. I suppose that is all 'part history' now. Anyhow, I think we all had a lovely SIMCHAS TORAH: we must have run 'our dancing legs off their feet' but who cares: a jolly Simchas Torah: was enjoyed by quite a few of us.

Now, children. Only 3 children went in for the competitions in the last issue of the 'Recorder'. Naomi Yoffey had an all correct solution in the Jumbled Words Competition: while Deborah Yoffey and Howard Cohen had one error each in the Crossword puzzle. The correct solution for the Crossword was:-

ACROSS: Yom: Purim: Abel: RO. G.B: Sefer: An: Chair: Las: He  
Sab: Ta: Man: Ben.

DOWN: Yigdal: Ma: PesachULE: Ire: Moror: B.A.I.E: Asa: An  
Now wasn't it easy?

Well this time, I can let you into a secret. I know of a lady, called

Auntie HADASSAH (you know hadassah means Esther, so the first part of her name, you already know. She has told me that she would like to hear from the children who are in Bristol. Will you please send your NAME: ADDRESS: Age: to 'Auntie Hadassah' c/o the Editor of the 'Recorder' Synagogue House: 9, Park Row, BRISTOL 1. Your letters will be sent to 'Auntie Hadassah' and you will receive a reply from her, and also a Certificate, enrolling you into her MACHNEH YISROEL. She has a special Book, to put down all your Birthdays. She has many pleasant surprises in store for you, so get cracking. Write: or Print your letter, and give your NAME: ADDRESS & AGE. Let her know about your school: or your Class in Cheder: or anything special you like about Shabbos or Yomtov. You will get a reply, I can promise you that. Wait until you get her Certificate of membership: you'll be thrilled to bits. Don't forget to put a 2½d. stamp on all letters, or hand them to your teachers, when you come to Talmud Torah.

SHALOM until next time.



# BNEI AKIVA

Since Rev. Wolfson's arrival to Bristol, we have formed ourselves into a B'nei Akivah Group. This is a Zionist Youth Group, run on Orthodox principles. There are branches in every country: the largest 'CHEVRAYAH' is in Israel. In order to launch our group, officially we held on Chol Ha-moed Succos an ASIFAH, which was extremely well attended. We received our invitations in the form of a Succah, and our table reservations were made out on a Card, resembling an Esrog. Of course we had games: there was lots of fun: to see whether the Esrog Team or Lulav would be the winners, and the judges, Rev. Wolfson: Professor Yoffey and Mr. Jacobs decided that it was a close finish, 'neck to neck.' We sang Israeli songs until we were nearly hoarse. Our Oneg Shabbat is on Shabbas after we have joined in the Services, and we had our Kiddush. Our program usually contains a talk on the Sedrah, given by our Minister, Rev. Wolfson: Shabbas Zemiroth: and Rikuddim (Dances) We gave a 'sample of our Rikuddim on Simchas Torah Night, but just as we were getting into our stride, we had to suspend activities, as time was getting on.

Our officials are as follows:-

PRESIDENT: Rev. W. Wolfson: Chairman (Yoshev Rosh: Philip

SECRETARY (Mazkira) Judith Yoffey: Moisbiser:

TREASURERS: (Gizbarim: Valerie Silverman & Martin Norvick.

and a VA-AD (Committee of a MINYAN (10), namely:-

Stephen Meyer: Deborah Yoffey: Mandy Touchband: Valerie & Carol Baer: Sandra Myers: Howard Cohen: Gillian Silverman:

Hilary Steinberg, & Pamela Glick.

We look forward to having a 'strong and active group' with our

badges and B'nei Akivah uniforms, livening up, our Jewish atmosphere here. Come and join us Shabbas morning. Remember our weekly sessions are there for your benefit. Once you come: you'll always want to come.

From: The Officers and Committee.

## CORRECTION:

Mrs. Royden's effort, for the Council of Social Service, will be at her home, 'Orchard House' Mariner's Drive, Bristol 9, at 3 p.m. on Oct. 31st. It will be a charity Tea, and a series of films will be shown. Come and join the crowd: help along this function amidst congenial company.

Mr. S. Bloom and Councillor Helen Bloom have left for New York: to set the Tombstone for the late Dora Bloom. The Lord Mayor of Bristol has requested Mrs. Bloom to take greetings to the Mayor of New York. She will also visit County Colleges and Hospitals, while in the States. We hope that 'our ambassadors of goodwill' will enjoy their stay in America, and, and we look forward to their safe return.

The Editor requests the co-operation of secretaries of our various organisations, to send in reports of impending activities, for inclusion in the next number of the 'Recorder' by OCT. 28th. Articles on any Jewish topic, and interesting to our readers, will be welcomed. Now Ladies and Gents: Let's hear from you.....

# special article

## ASHKENAZIM AND SEPHARDIM IN THEIR AFFINITY FOR

### ERETZ YISRAEL (By Shabbtai don Yihye)

Nowadays we commonly accept two major groups, within world Jewry, based on geographic background: ASHKENAZIM & SEPHARDIM. Both Communities share of course, Jewish Law: history and values, and the differences between them are superficial, stemming from variation in environment.

In their devotion to Eretz Yisrael, and in the observance of the Mitzva of settling in the land both Ashkenazim & Sephardim have been outstanding, writing colourful pages in the annals of our people.

From the 13th. century, when Nachmanides migrated to Eretz Yisrael and until the 18th. century, the Yishuv was composed of Eastern Sephardi Communities: from Turkey: the Balkans: North Africa: Persia: Italy and France. The flow never ceased of people, who could not bear to live in the atmosphere of the Golah: even in peaceful times, and yearned for the Holy Land. They included Kabbalists: men who engaged in the occult: men who sought signs in the coming of the Messiah, and upright Jews, whose whole being, yearned for the redemption of Israel.

Yehuda Halevi's words re-schoed, 'My heart is in the East, and I am in utmost West.' In the times of stress, when Spanish Jewry fell from the peaks of its Golden Age: into the abyss of the Inquisition the 'auto-da-fe', and others were banished in disgrace, the stream of migration grew. In the Safad of the 16th. century, there gathered together the brilliant band of legalists and students: of Sephardi descent: Halachists and Liturgical Poets: were sent forth from Safad, to become the property of the entire Jewish people: The Shulchan Arukh: Lecha Dodi (Hymn of welcome to the Sabbath) and many others of mystic wisdom: in which burned the flames of Faith (Emunah) in the Divine Redeemer of Israel. The Eastern Jews settled in the 4 Holy Cities: Jerusalem: Hebron: Safad: and Tiberias.

They established Synagogues: Bate Midrashim and Yeshivot: they sent emissaries to the ends of the world: gathering funds for the Rabbi Me'ir Bal Ha-ness Charity Fund: for Torah and charitable institutions. As long as Sephardi Jewry held the national hegemony: they also predominated in the Yishuv of Eretz Yisrael: both in numbers and in influence. But when the centers of Judaism moved further north: to the Ashkenazi communities: the immigration of Jews to Israel from Russia (the early Bi'lu'im): from Poland and Lithuania: more Ashkenazim were in Eretz Yisrael. In the 18th. century came the disciples of the Gaon of Vilna: the Chassidim: (their Rabbis and followers) which gave birth to the Chovevei Zion movement. In 1868, a group of trail-blazers founded Petach Tikvah: then came the pioneers of the 2nd. & 3rd. Aliyot: then came masses from Poland: Lithuania: Germany: Hungary, & other centres of Ashkenazi Jewry. The modern Zionist Movement was predominantly Ashkenazi. Within this Jewry too, grew the Religious Zionist movement of the Agudas Yisrael and the Mizrachi: they became the largest factor in the Yishuv and in the National movement.

(This article will be concluded in the next 'Recorder', so save back this number)