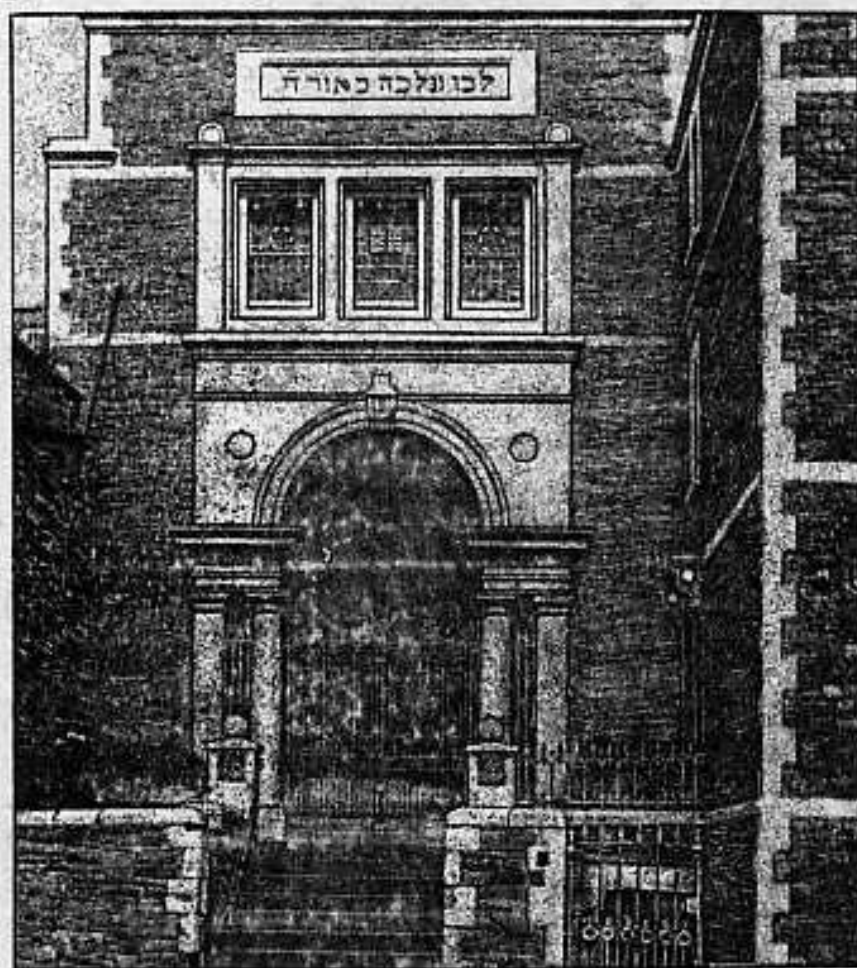


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EDITORIAL

The Recorder has in the past, given us a message, for every Festival we observe, right throughout our Calendar. The message has always been one of joy: and cheer that that particular Festival had for us.

But what does Tisha B'Av convey to us. It commemorates 3 great tragedies; (1) The Conquest of Palestine, and the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, by Nebuchadnezzar of Babylonia in the year 586 B.C.E (2) It also marks the second conquest of Palestine, by the Romans, under Vespasian in the 70 C.E. (3) Tradition has it that the Expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492: also occurred on 9th. Av.

This year, TISHA B'AV, is Monday Night Aug. 5th: and Tuesday.

Some Jews are perplexed whether to observe this day of mourning: in view of recent events: that have restored the Jewish people, to its homeland. With Israel restored, and the Jewish State now admitted to the United Nations, should we indulge in memories, of the conquest of Palestine and the Destruction of both our Temples, which took place nearly 2000 years ago.. On the face of it, it looks like a strong argument for discontinuing this sad day, in our calendar. Yet the more thoughtful Jew will continue to observe it, and the sad memories it conjures up for us.

We, the Jewish people, do not merely READ our history, but we RE-ENACT it and LIVE it THROUGH. Historically, TISHA B'AV, stood for a national anniversary: but to the individual, it was an annual reminder, that every person's life has a core of sorrow: which must be transmuted in some way or other, into courage and hope. Happiness and sadness, are all equally part of G.d's design. The Jewish people remembered the tragic as well as the happy occasions, but he did not permit the tragedies, to weigh him down or break his spirit. The Lamentations that are recited on TISHA B'AV, conclude with the beautiful poems of YEHUDA HALEVI: the famous poet of the Middle Ages, who sings of his love and longing for Zion.

The Shabbos before TISHA B'AV, is called SHABBOS CHAZON 'THE SABBATH OF VISION: when Isaiah prophesies of Israel's impending destruction. The Shabbos after TISHA B'AV is called 'SHABBAS NACHAMU': 'The Sabbath of comfort. Despair, never overtook Israel. Serious contemplation about his tragedies: acted as a 'Corrective', and endeavouring to win back the grace of the Almighty upon the Jew. No matter how bleak the present was, yet the Jew looked back upon past glories and hoped for

future triumphs. He recited the Psalmist's words, 'Even though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for Thou art with me: Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Let us deepen our Jewish consciousness: participate heartily and sincerely in all that concerns our people: let our sentiments be translated in deeds, and creative effort for the return of Israel's glory." He who mourns truthfully for Jerusalem, will witness the joy of her reconstruction."

TAKE NOTE

1. TISHA B'Av(9th.Av) Monday Night & Tuesday. (Aug.5th and 6th)

Book of Echah(Lamentations) will be read on Monday Night.

FAST OF AV begins Monday Night at 8-45p.m. Service will commence

in Shool at 8-30 p.m. Will our members make a special effort:
to be present 'at this Service. The occasion is a very sad one

in Jewish history, and it is the duty of every Jew: to identify
himself solidly, with Israel's tragic past.

(We must always be mindful of the tragedies our people endured: so
that we may better enjoy our freedom and the restoration of Israel
to the Land of Israe)

2. Usual Friday Evening and Shabbos Services:

A special request is made to our members, to attend FRIDAY NIGHT
SERVICES at 7-30 p.m., and SHABBAS MORNING SERVICES at 9-30:

There has been NO Minyan on Friday Nights, for some weeks, and
even on Shabbos morning, the Minyan has 'been hanging on a thread'.

Will those who intend to come, make a special effort, to come at the
arranged time.

Lateness, prevents the Services
from being carried out properly: it also fails to 'generate' any
interest in the Shabbos ritual. YOU, can help us: to conduct our
Services with propriety and the necessary dignity. CAN WE COUNT
ON YOU?

3. CHEVRAH KADISHA NOTICE:

The Annual Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, Sept. 22nd at
Ridgeway Cemetery, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Out of town visitors: From 3 to 3-30 p.m.

Our members

From 3-30 to 5 p.m.

(This notice is put in this Recorder: so that our members can
arrange their holidays, accordingly.)

YAHIRZEITS

Month of Av(July-August)

Hermann Campbell(Av.2nd)	Monday Night July 29th(No Service,owing to absence from town)
Mr.S.Jacobs (Av 5th)	Thursday Night. Aug. 1st at 7-30 p.m
Mr. S.Dysch (Av 9th)	Monday August 5th at 7-30 p.m.
Mr. S.Rosenberg (Av.17th)	Tuesday August 13th at 7-30 p.m.
Mr. I. & P.Winberg(Av.21st.	<u>Sat. Night</u> Aug.17th at 9-10 p.m
Mr.Hermann Campbell(Av.22nd)	Sunday Night Aug.18th at 7-30 p.m.
Mr.L.Bloom (Av. 29th)	Sunday Aug.25th at 7-30 p.m.

Month of Ellul (August-September)

Mrs.Meisbeiser (Ellul 7th)	Candle to be lit Mon: Sept.2nd.
Mrs.Goldberg (Ellul 9th)	Candle to be lit Wed: Sept 4th.
Mrs. A.Cohen (Ellul 10th) (Fishponds)	Candle to be lit Thurs: Sept.5th
Mr.Steinberg (Ellul 11th)	Friday Night : Sept 6th at 7-30p.m.
Mr.Malin (Ellul 15th)	Tuesday Night: Sept 10th at 7-30 p.m.
Mrs.Redstone (Ellul 24th)	Candle to be lit: Thurs: Sept 19th

There will be no issue of the "Recorder" for the month of August,
due to the summer vacation of the Editor.

Look out for the ROSH HASHONO NUMBER of the 'RECORDER'

Dates for the High Festivals(5718)

Erev Rosh Hashono: Wednesday Sept.25th

Rosh Hashono: Thursday & Friday Sept.26th and 27th.

YOM KIPPUR: Friday Evening: October 4th. and

Shabbos Oct.5th.

Full details as to times of Services: Allocation of Seats,will be
announced in the Rosh Hashono number.

A PLEASANT HOLIDAY:to all our coreligionists. May we all be

re-invigorated,with a desire to intensify our loyalties:to our Community
and to our Faith.in the year that lies before us.



We have just completed a very successful session, which culminated in the BAZAAR recently held.

The attendance for this Function, crowded the Hall: the tables were tastefully decorated: the Stalls were crammed with plenty of saleable goods; the 'saleswomen' with their charm and persuasive powers, put over some really fine bargains: the men and women dipped well into their pockets, and the result, although not quite up to last year's total, did not fall very far short of it.

In other pages, you will observe a comprehensive report of the some of the very pleasant evenings we had: the cultural programme, had 'enough bite in it' to suit the varied tastes and interests of our Guild members. Our round of activities during the year, was well thought out: and energetically carried out, under the tremendous enthusiasm of that great Social Worker and Organiser: Mrs. Sacof. She has nurtured the growth of the Guild: under difficult beginnings: but has, Thank G. d, been spared to us, to see it blossom: into a field of most useful and active endeavour. In relinquishing the leadership, Mrs. Sacof, has only stepped down from the social aspects of the Guild activities, but her Welfare Work amongst the Community, will continue to benefit by her wise and experienced services. Her rounds of visitation to hospitals: to people, in all the circumstances: that life brings in its trail: will continue unabatedly: 'In fact these duties, are 'HER LIFE AND THE LENGTH OF HER DAYS'. She would not be happy without the so many friendships, that she has built up; during all these years. Her sage counsel: her motherly advice: her keen understanding of human problems: has endeared her; to the entire Community, and it is the earnest desire of all with whom she shared 'her labours of love'; that the Almighty should graciously bless her: with good health and continued strength: to continue labouring 'in the vineyard of the L. rd': for those of our coreligionists: who need solace and comfort: advice and a sympathetic heart. We remember with pride; her strong attachment to the School, and its religious needs: at Succos: Shevuous: and on other occasions, especially with the children and may she reap in her lifetime: continued joys, from these activities.

AN APPRECIATION

(From Mr. & Mrs. Sam Caplan: WHITLEY BAY.)

We have heard that it is the intention of the Bristol Hebrew Congregation to pay tribute to, and in a practical manner, record their appreciation of Mrs. Sacof. We are deeply sorry that such an event should take place, when we are unable to be present. We feel somewhat cheated: yet we suppose that we are to blame, in some measure: for not seeing to it: that such an act of homage, did not take place, during our long and happy stay in Bristol.

All the superlatives, would be inadequate: to extol to the full: all her virtues. It was our proud privilege, to be associated with her in Communal work, and to recognise in her, the qualities of leadership for which she was so renowned. No movement for the betterment of the spiritual: social; and cultural life of the people of Bristol, found a more zealous champion, than Cissie Sacof.

Altruism was her guiding star. Her only reward was to know, that her efforts resulted in some benefit being bestowed upon some human being. Much of the benevolent work which she carried out unceasingly, was done in secret. Its merit was that the recipient was not embarrassed: its demerit, that Mrs. Sacof's endeavours, were hardly known, except to those few, who were her closest collaborators, within the Community.

As a peace-maker, Mrs. Sacof had no equal. To eulogise upon Mrs. Sacof's humanitarianism, could continue indefinitely, but only at the expense of her embarrassment. That we have no wish to do. We will merely content ourselves by saying, that as an exemplar of Jewishness: as a Way of Life: no Jew, or Jewess: however much a traditionalist, need be ashamed to emulate her: and we conclude, with what to us is abundantly appropriate of Mrs. Sacof, the phrase in Proverbs, which says,

"MANY DAUGHTERS HAVE DONE WORTHILY, BUT THOU EXCELLEST THEM ALL"

Coming back to the Guild, with its manifold activities, spread throughout 'a long and glorious innings!' with our affection untarnished: and our love so vibrant, we felt that some token of recognition should be given to our beloved Chairman, and accordingly, on the day of our Bazaar, Mrs.

Dysch, in a very moving few words, expressed to Mrs. Sacof, the hope and prayer that she would be spared to us: in health: joy and happiness: to continue to guide us in our deliberations: and to enjoy to the full,

the relaxation she so richly deserves. The gift had the 'element of surprise' and the recipient: had the added pleasure: of looking upon happy faces: all rising to do her homage. 'Intelligence to woman's heart: More than to man, did God impart'

GUILD ACTIVITIES:(Continued)

The Election of officers,for the ensuing year took place,and are:-

Hon.PRESIDENT: Mrs.G.R.Sacof: CHAIRMAN: Mrs.W.Wolfson

Vice-CHAIRMAN Mrs. Roydon: TREASURER: Mrs.A.Gee

SECRETARY: Mrs.H.Cohen.

The Guild have undertaken to help,the effort that the Polack Branch of the British Legion,hope to put on at the Communal Hall on SUNDAY SEPT. 1st. The B'nai B'rith,now famed for their 'Art' in Catering: hope to prepare:cook: and serve the Meal necessary for this function. So make an entry in your Diary for SEPT.1st.

WATCH OUT FOR THE OPENING FUNCTION OF THE GUILD ON

September 9th: at the Communal Hall:

It will be a 'Social Get-together': to welcome back,old faces and to greet new members.

If you are not yet a member:DO join our 'Happy circle' and give our new Officers encouragement,to continue with their interesting programme.

If you have any suggestions,of improving still further with our activities,let your Chairman hear about it.Your suggestions will definitely be discussed by our Committee

Can you bring,ONE NEW MEMBER along?

Sept.9th: we will have the Films of the weddings of SamSilverman and Dr.Berni Ginsberg, to show you,and to bring back happy recollections: of Simchas well enjoyed: by those who were present on these occasions.

our CONGRATULATIONS to Gerald Gee(the son of our beloved Treasurer) and J.P.A.Treasurer(Alf Gee),on his recent engagement. May the engaged couple,soon rejoice together,in the celebration of their marriage, & may the respective parents,and grandmother,derive much happiness in their respective families.

Look out for the Joint effort of W.I.Z.O, and ZIONIST SOCIETY,for their Annual Ball in February 1958. It will be bigger and better than all the previous affairs. Roll on February 1958

CAN JEWRY SURVIVE?

(We are indebted for this article to Mr. A.L. Minkes of the Birmingham 'Recorder Group', and who is a member of the General Purposes Committee of 'The Birmingham Recorder'.

'Can Jewry' survive in the Diaspora'

For the purpose of this enquiry: it is not proposed to undertake the difficult task of defining a Jew: but it will certainly be necessary to give some sort of definition to the word, 'Jewry'. Let us therefore say that 'Jewry' is a coherent group: recognisably and consciously different from the people amongst whom it lives, and deliberately maintaining its identity.

In considering the survival of Jewry, so defined, it would clearly not be enough, that complete assimilation, should be prevented, by the prejudices of the outside world, since to constitute a 'Jewry' by our definition, the group must have its own will to exist. Whether such continued existence is itself desirable, is not within our terms of reference, but unless we do consider the survival of Jewry, to be worth while, it will not have been able to survive.

There are many who think that Jewish survival, is wholly dependent upon the State of Israel: which they consider to be the only place, that provides an environment, in which a Jew can feel secure. It is however quite manifest, that the survival of the Israeli Community, is itself dependent upon very doubtful military and economic security: which has to rely on the goodwill of great powers: whose only consideration is political expediency: and who are certainly not themselves fully convinced, that the continued existence of the State of Israel, is essential to the welfare of mankind.

We must therefore consider three possible alternatives, for the fate of Israel, all of which are beyond our direct control.

The first and most desirable possibility, is that Israel should become politically secure: and economically stable, so that it could be free to develop its spiritual and intellectual potentialities, and become the cultural centre of leader of World Jewry.

The second alternative is the continuation of the 'Status quo': in which Israel maintains itself, in a hostile world, by armed defence. This puts a perpetual strain on its economy, and leaves it financially and no less emotionally, dependent on Diaspora Jewry, which may not always be able to stand the strain, on its loyalties: its purse, or its personnel.

The third alternative, which must be faced as a possibility, however much we may dread its occurrence, is the military destruction of the State. It will be seen therefore, that if Jewry is to be certain of survival, it must rely on factors, outside Israel, for its continued existence.

Fortunately, there is little evidence today of the 'Stravromania' which during the 19th. century, drove so many continental Jews, into the Churches. The greatest danger we appear to be facing at the moment, is the high rate of Inter-marriage, by which so many of our youth, are lost to the Community.

In England this is partly due, to the fear which Jewish boys have, that if they take a Jewish girl out twice, it is already a foregone conclusion, that he will be trapped into marriage; and partly to parents who bring up their daughters; to consider only the wealthiest of bachelors eligible and so force Jewish boys to look elsewhere.

The root cause, however is, that many of our young men and women, are not sufficiently convinced, of the importance of Judaism: to find anything wrong in marrying out of the faith, and thus cutting themselves off from the Community.

In some measure, this is a reflection of a general decline in religious observance or thought throughout the world, but it also largely, a particularly Jewish problem. When, for political reasons, our Rabbis decided, that Judaism should cease to be a missionary or proselytising religion, they also gradually brought to a close, their efforts, to formulate the fundamental principles and ethics of the Jewish faith: so that the very necessary missionary work---within the body of Jewry, also ceased.

The problem of Jewry during the last few decades, has been, that an emancipated and educated laity, has been subject to honest doubts, about the essential values and basic truths of Judaism. Faced with questionings of this group, our clergy has sought refuge in two ways. Many of the Orthodox, tried to condemn doubt itself as a vice: while the more liberal, tried to make Judaism more attractive, by reducing the demands it makes on its adherents.

Both these attitudes are wrong, and must fail in strengthening Jewry. Our Youth do not seek an easy path, since they appreciate, that a 'religion which demands nothing from them, can give them nothing in return. There is not an unwillingness to make sacrifices, but only a need to know the purpose and moral necessity, of the burden which traditional Judaism, lays upon them. To condemn for lack of faith, those who are assailed by doubts and problems, is the worst possible course to adopt. After all, the questioners are only fulfilling the command of the Torah' SH-AL O-VICHA V-YA-GED-CHA: "Ask thy father and he will tell thee: thine elders and they shall explain.

The problems must be solved and the doubts dissipated, by the leadership of our Clergy, and this must again become the real function of our Rabbis and Ministers, as it was centuries ago. This is surely the real meaning of the Talmudic dictum, 'DA MA SH-TOSHV': 'Know what to answer'

As Science widens its scope to reveal its own limitations, and its inability to postulate, those spiritual values, of which humanity so manifestly stands in need, there are signs throughout the world of a return to Judaism.

Zionism has been very helpful, in holding together, the physical body of Jewry, during the period of religious decline. Now this returning interest in Religion, provides us with a golden opportunity, to re-inspire our youth, with values and glories of Judaism. But our leaders must grasp the occasion, and satisfy the need for guidance of the rising generation. Our need is an erudite Rabbinate, who will really be a 'Guide to the Perplexed'. We need a Rabbinate which is accessible and open to question which remembers, that in the Haggadah, it is the Wise Son, who asks the difficult questions, which need long, detailed and rational answers.

CAN JEWRY SURVIVE:

Judaism must again become a living and adaptable way of life, as it used to be, with the Torah authoritatively interpreted, and applied to the needs of today and tomorrow.

If our leaders really believe that Jewry ought to survive, then they must make the effort now, to ensure that it does so: they must not sit back and wait for Divine Intervention: to protect us from the forces of destruction. To do that, would not be an act of faith, but would be a flight from responsibility, far worse than Jonah's. Let the leaders of Jewish thought (clerical and lay) awake to the challenge and opportunity of our times, and then there can surely be no doubt that, ultimately, Judaism will revive, and the survival of Jewry will be assured.

(THE EDITOR, would gladly welcome any observations by our members, on this topic, and would be published in the columns of 'The Recorder' either under their own name, or some Nom-de plume)

NOSTALGIA

(By Robert Tales)

The following are some 'Recollections' which many of ^{us} can remember, and it seems worth recording, something of the past, before they are completely lost to us.

The bulk of the Jewish Community in this country, descend from the courageous men and women, who set out from Eastern Europe, in the early part of this century. They came under the spur of persecution, with at best, unhopeful prospects for their future: they came with the lure of freedom and opportunity.

Their 'Pecklech' they put together: their ignorance of language and custom, of foreign lands, they set behind them: to settle in, what some of them must have feared, were 'TREIFENE MEDINAS'. In the main, they were naturally Orthodox Jews; i.e., orthodoxy was no problem to them.

My mother came from the village of M..... in what is today, Poland, but was then part of Russian Empire of the Tsars. Of course, she would not care to call M..... a village, a 'mere dorf'. It was, a sizeable place, and a very Jewish centre. M..... is 'GE-VEN A SHTOTT MIT YIDDEN'. My grandfather was born in 1856: we know this to be correct, because we know that he was born in the year, which saw the end of the Crimea War. He was truly a 'very from Yid': he remained an officer of the Shool for 40 years. (I fancy that Committee elections, must have been a simple matter in those days)

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"In der Haimis"

My mother's age comes out different, when we calculate it by the date of her marriage: by the birth of her first and last children: the date of the Russo-Japanese War: indeed by anything, except the year of her birth.

My grandparents had a fairly large house in M..... Grandfather 'iz nisht gevezen a groisser broit-geber' (was not a great bread-winner) he studied religious books: he gave some lessons: he brought home visitors from Shool on Friday evening (not one visitor if he could help it, but two. Grandmother always planned for 2 extra. She and her daughter earned for the household, by dressmaking: and then they grew vegetables and even kept a cow: they did not appear to be in any want.

The old Jewish life, had really something colourful about it. One thing is certain: they had respect for the parents and the integrity of the family.

Life revolved 'around the Shool' and the home. Men and women married young: my grandfather was 17 and eat 'KEST' in his in-laws home, until his first children were born. Then his father-in-law suggested to him, that a home of his own, might be a good idea, and in that home, his wife presided.

She was the 'Klaine Bobba', in contradistinction to my paternal grandmother, who was known as the 'Gralsse Bobba'. I have said, that these people were naturally orthodox: many of them strictly so. My grandfather objected to being photographed, on the grounds, that this contravened, the prohibition, relating to graven images. The end of the week, was dominated by the extensive preparations for the Shabbos, with the traditional 'CHO-LENT', cooked in great Russian-style ovens.

In my grandmother's house: in her great tiled oven, were cooked the meals of friends, as well as her own. The poor always departed 'the richer'. One woman regularly brought her empty pot, and to this Grandmother added meat and other good things. It was my mother's task to take the cooked food to the poor woman, so that she might be spared the hurt, of appearing to have come to take charity. This was surely a very sensitive thought. The Community, was humorous and witty. My mother always speaks fondly of her mother's jokes, 'MEIN MAMME'S VITZ-LECH: as she called them.

My father came from S....., which is near M..... but appears to have been considerably larger. It is really difficult to assess the size of these places. I should guess that the number of the population might be anywhere between a thousand and a quarter of a million. Born in a small township, he married a girl from a neighbouring village, and was not long afterwards, transplanted as a conscript to Vladivostock. There he spent 3 years without leave, and came home, a hardy young man.

A few years later he came to this land, and thus was woven, one part of the strands, which go to make up Anglo-Jewry.

(Those were the days: and those were the times: that saw a healthy throbbing and dynamic Judaism: which went through you, as the cycle of our Festivals came round.)

Another 'Haimishe story', by the same writer, will appear in the next 'Recorder': so keep this information before you, and wait for it. You'll enjoy reading his story.

COMMUNAL COLUMN

Mr. & Mrs. I. Raphael are happy to announce that their daughter Joceline and her husband, Dr. Harold Schnieden, have arrived on a visit from Nigeria, for a few weeks vacation.

We trust that they will have a most enjoyable holiday in the company of their parents and numerous friends, in Bristol and elsewhere.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Our sincerest congratulations and best wishes of HAT LACHA, go out to Colin Berk in passing his LL.B. (3rd. Class honours). Colin is already articled to a local firm of Solicitors, and we predict a brilliant career, in the legal profession, for one of our own 'boys'

Other Students who have passed are:-

Stacey Daniels (Hull)	M.B., CH.B.
Cedric Fuchs (London)	B.A. (German) 2nd. year.
Clive Goodman (Newport)	Final in Dentistry (Part 2)
Eli Nissim (Israel)	2nd. Class Honours: (1st. Division) in Engineering.
Monty Joseph	Ph.D. (in chemistry)
Arthur Rose	M.B. CH.B.,

May you all excel in the profession you have chosen: and add lustre to the name of Jew, wherever you will find yourself in practice.

Shall be glad to mention any successes by other Jewish Students of the Bristol University.

Our children are going to a B'nai Akivah Camp at Newbury (Bucks) We hope that they will all have a 'rollicking time'; and enjoy Camp life immensely. Look out Bristol. B'nai Akivah boys & girls will come back with some nice bright and cheery Hebrew Songs. To some of our children, it will be their first experience in a really Orthodox Summer Camp, and we hope: that this 'holiday' will intensify their loyalties to our Faith.

We trust that Mrs. Gee is now on the good road to recovery, after her recent bout of discomfort, with a poisoned hand. Get well quickly, as many Guild cheques, for Charitable causes need signing.



everything for children



Will all our children, who have been officially advised by the Head Office, (LONDON) that they were accepted, for the Summer Camp, assemble outside Temple Meads Station, on Thursday next Aug. 1st. at 10-45 a.m.

The Minister will accompany the children to Newbury, and escort them to the Camp.

Children are advised to bring with them 'any cold drink' they like and a drinking cup, as there is 'No drinking water' on the train.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS:

Space will be available in the Rosh Hashono Recorder, for NEW Year Greetings, and will be inserted FREE OF CHARGE. Members are advised to send in their Greetings, as early as possible, to the Editor (Rev. Wolfson: 9, Park Row) Last date for Greetings is SEPT. 10th.

As there is No Recorder for the month of August, we desire to extend to Mr. & Mrs. White, our wishes of Mazaltov, on the occasion of the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, at the Bevis Marks Synagogue (London) on Aug. 25th. We trust that the Chosson and Kalle, will have a very happy and successful future, and that the respective parents will derive great joy and happiness in their children.

Talmud Torah;

The Annual Summer vacation of the Talmud Torah has, by the time you receive this Recorder, started. Children will be advised when the New Term will commence.

You Are Invited--

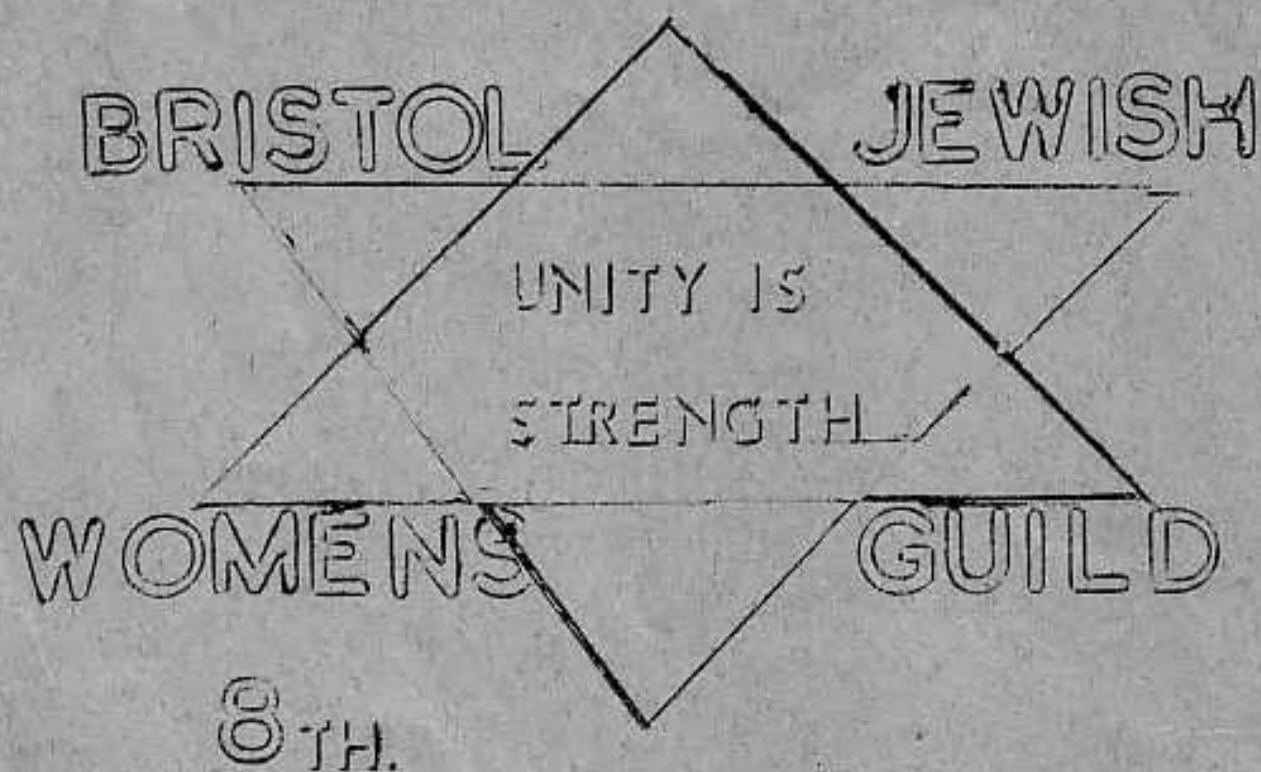
LOOK OUT FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SHOWING AT THE LITTLE THEATRE OF

"THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK". This play is highly commended and has been playing to capacity houses in New York, and in London. Both the Public and the Press have hailed, this play, as both 'enthraling and exalting'. In New York, the famous Jewish actor, Joseph Schildkraut, played the leading role, Otto Frank (Anne Frank's father, and he considered this role, as 'the most important professional experience of his career'

It all began with a sincere and unassuming book, 'The Diary of a young Girl', in which a little Jewish, Anne Frank: who was not quite 16 years of age, at the completion of her Diary: chronicled her life, and the life of her family, during the terrifying years 1942-44. The incidents of these 2 years, were ordinary and commonplace, except that they occurred in a cramped and shabby house in Amsterdam, where the Frank family were hidden from the Nazis, by Gentile friends. Anne recorded the incidents of this exile: in which she expressed her feelings about people. But when the Nazis overran Holland.....but wait until you see the play.

Joseph Schildkraut, who plays the leading role, has done it 8 times a week, for over 500 performances. He has steadily refused a vacation: he has turned down numerous advantageous Television offers, so that he could continue in this role, to which he is so dedicated. He says, 'I believe that people have come to see this 'Diary', because the play is completely truthful: there is nothing fake or invented in it: nothing is done for sensationalism, or theatrical effect. It is a human document, of courage and love, told in human terms. The play 'Diary of Anne Frank' has been performed in Japan: Holland: and Tel Aviv. It has also been presented in some 32 cities in Germany, where it was received by stunned and completely silent audiences.

Make this 'human' play a MUST. You will regret it, if you miss it.



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ANNUAL REPORT

GRAND OPENING NIGHT

MONDAY SEPT 9 1957 7-30

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Session
1956-57

In reviewing our past year's activities, it is indeed my very great pleasure to record a very happy and pleasant series of activities and functions, with our Guild members. I say happy and pleasant, advisedly, because I have had such a loyal band of workers around me, at all times.

This year under review, we have had to cope with the arrival of Jewish Refugees from Egypt and Hungary. Socially, we arranged a very pleasant function, which was greatly appreciated by our 'guests'. Guild members helped in various ways, to ameliorate the unhappy lot, of our coreligionists.

Culturally, we have had a diversified programme, which on many occasions, livened up our usual activities. We have heard, from various members, their observations in local affairs, and also listened to some thrilling experiences, from those who visited the State of Israel.

We co-operated with the B'nai B'rith Lodge, in their cultural evening with Professor MacInness (of the Bristol University)

Socially, we had an Interfunction with Newport Jewish Women's Guild: we entertained them, and they in return, returned our hospitality in such a charming manner.

I am also glad to say, that the W.I.Z.O Group, formed from members of the Guild, is prospering satisfactorily: it has in no way hampered the work of the Guild: as was at first thought, it might happen.

Our Minister and his wife, have by their keen interest, strengthened our activities. It is to the credit of our Guild members, and to the support given to us by many members of the Community, that it has been possible to establish facilities within the Community: to have Kosher Catering, not only in our own Communal Hall, but also at the Grand Spa Hotel, should the occasion arise. We have purchased for the benefit of the Community, a complete set of First Class Quality Cutlery, and Cooking Equipment, suitable to serve a Meat Menu:

Our Task is not yet completed: Firstly, we have not fully discharged our liability: we still owe quite a portion for the Cutlery, and Secondly we still need our own Crockery. I do hope that the Guild will rally round in the coming year: by arranging functions and activities: to 'Help us to finish the job! I know that I can count on my women: to see this project through.

It is with a keen sense of regret, that I must lay down the burden of leadership. I have guided the destinies of the Guild through many vicissitudes, and through many years of active endeavour, but I feel, that the Guild has now reached a stage, when a younger person should be at the helm. I shall be most happy to give whatever services I may still have left, to my immediate successor, and I trust that the Guild will continue with still greater vigour for the future. UNITED WE STAND:

I cannot conclude this report, without a joyful note. We have had many Simchas amongst our members: the happy wedding anniversary of our oldest couple: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goldman, and their gift to the Shool of 2 Sefer Torah Covers: in commemoration of this happy event: the weddings of the sons of Mr. & Mrs. H. Silverman: Mr. & Mrs. Ginsberg: Dr. & Mrs. Lynns daughter and the Barmitzvah celebrations in the families of Mr. & Mrs. Meyer: Mr. & Mrs. Alan Cohen and Mr. & Mrs. Norvick. May there always be Simchas in our Community, and may our Guild continue in its usefulness and great achievement: for the happiness and goodwill of our Community.

One final word. I desire to stress that although I shall be relinquishing the leadership: this does not mean that I will disassociate myself from the Guild completely.

I hope to continue the Welfare side of our activities, as resolutely as before; the Visitation in times of sickness and need: and any other welfare work that will be desirable. It is the Social side, only, that I hope to get some relaxation, but any advice I can offer, I will readily do so.

In conclusion, I feel I must thank my co-officers, Mrs. Gee, my devoted Treasurer, for all these years that we have been in office together. She has been to me a constant companion, and a most loyal worker for our Guild, for many many years. I value greatly her

tireless co-operation at all times. Last but by no means least, I appreciate very much the work our Secretary, Mrs. Wolfson has done in the past. She too has been most co-operative in any project and activity of our Guild. For the many kindnesses and courtesies I have received from the membership, over many many years, will always give me most pleasant recollections of a happy band of women eager and anxious to do their share: in giving of their time: energies and support: to the various causes dear to our hearts. May our forthcoming holiday vacation, re-invigorate all of us: to continue in our great and noble work: and with the determination: in our next session: to intensify our individual efforts, to perhaps more greater achievement, than in the past.

(CHAIRMAN's report:Continued)

I cannot close this report, without expressing my deep appreciation to all those women, who worked so hard: and so loyally, in the organising and general running of the Bazaar. The weeks of planning, culminated in the
/fine response by the Community financially; and many of our recognised worthy cause, will benefit again this year.

To everyone of you: I Heartily thank you once again. May your enthusiasm never wane: and your interest never diminish. May we go 'even to greater heights next year'.

We regretfully said good bye in the past year to Mesdames Assael: Rayman: Mendoza: and Isaacson, who left Bristol, but they still remember their loyalties to the Guild. Again we wish them happiness and joy for their future.

We are thankful too, to the new organisation: the local Lodge of B'nai B'rith, who have considerably helped along, one of our projects, during the year, under review.

It leaves me only now, to thank the Hon. Officers of the Congregation for their never failing co-operation, in making available to us: at all times, the use of the Communal Hall: its kitchen: and the utility services, always at our disposal: The guild and the Shool, have worked in the closest harmony. May this partnership continue to be with us, for the future.

G.R. Sacof (chairman)

A brief resume of our Bazaar:

Our Guest of honour was Mrs. Elsie Janner (wife of Barnett Janner M.P. who, in declaring the Bazaar open, J.P. spoke on her visit to Israel, and how the welfare organisations there: depend so much, on the results of Guild functions, held by Communities in Anglo-Jewry. In her delightful manner, she appealed to the large gathering: to support generously, the various stalls; that had such a lavish display of choice goods.

Mrs. Wolfson gave an appropriate prayer for the occasion. and Mr. Jacobs associated himself, with sentiments of welcome, to our Guest of honour. The esteem and regard that Anglo-Jewry have for Mr. & Mrs. Janner; and for the enthusiasm they throw in, for all laudable Communal projects, was too well known to need repetition. Mrs. Dysch made a presentation to the Chairman (Mrs. Sacof) for her life long association with the Guild, whilst Mrs. Gee also associated herself, with welcoming our visitor.

Sam Silverman's co-operation with the Minister, arranged the Side-shows which were manned by the children of the Talmud Torah. THEY DID VERY WELL. Mr. Seymour loaned his projector, for the Film Show, whilst Mr. Springer was, not only the 'projectionist' but also defrayed the cost of the films. The Bazaar is complete, without the numerous gifts: Premium Bonds: Raftles: Stallholders: their Assistants: Tea Hostesses, and their Assistants: and all the devoted workers: who put in so much effort & time, to make this Bazaar, the success it was. Over 85 pounds was realised for Charity. A most commendable result.

Mrs. Gee (Treasurer) in account with with BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD:

BALANCE SHEET 1956-57

INCOME:

Carried Forward:	201-12	-10
Subscriptions	13- 0	- 0
Sundry Donations	3-13	- 8
Evening Teas	7-18	- 8
Guild's Social Evening	18-11	- 2
Mesdames H. Cohen & B. Coburg's Function	19-14	- 6
Total	264-10	-10

EXPENDITURE

Printing & Postages	16 - 9 - 2
Purchase of 12 Card Tables	28 - 7 - 0
Upholstery of Forms:	17 -15- 0
Payment to former Caretaker.....	2 - 0- 0
Inscription for Holy Vestments.....	1 -12- 2
Hire of Tables and Chairs.....	1 - 6- 6
Petty Expenses	1 - 7- 3
Maternity Hospital & Raffle.....	1 - 0- 0
Laundry.....	16- 4
Piano Tuning.....	12- 6

DONATIONS:

Home for Aged Jews	25 - 0- 0
Child's Day.....	20 - 0- 0
Blind Society.....	10 -10- 0
Youth Aliyah.....	10 -10- 0
Magen David Adam Tuberculosis Fund (London).....	10 -10- 0
Home for Aged Jews (London).....	5 - 5- 0
Bristol Hospital Fund	2 - 2- 3
Strathdean Old Peoples Welfare.....	1 - 1- 0
National Council of Women.....	2 - 2- 0
Union of Jewish Women	1 - 1- 0
Local Hungarian Fund of Lord Mayor.....	1 - 1- 0
Hungarian Children's Fund.....	3 - 3- 0
Special Board of Guardians, Old People's Welfare Appeal.....	3 - 3- 0
Zion Orphanage.....	2- 2- 0
Ezra Youth Organisation	1- 1- 0
Purchase of Kosher Equipment	56- 6- 6

Balance:

229 - 6- 5
35 - 4- 5
264 - 10-10

KOSHER EQUIPMENT FUND:

Donations: 58 -5- 6

Payments:

Payment on Cutlery Account: 50-0-0

CUTLERY ACCOUNT: 137 -15-0

Balance due on Cutlery 87-15-0

(Audited and found correct. M.N. Mass. July 12th 1957)