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Jews all over the world are now celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Israeli Independence. Bristol will be no exception. A Dinner will take place on Sunday, 15th June at the Grand Spa Hotel, at which there will be a well known guest of Honour - Musical Entertainment will follow, after the Dinner. This will not be a fund raising effort, merely a gathering of Bristol Jewry to celebrate a wonderful decade in our History. More details of this will be published at a later date.

MAY 18th - Ladies Guild Present -

"A Gala Supper Evening"

Draw for the Prizes

Have You Bought Your Raffle Tickets
Yet?

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS FUNCTION.

for your diary...

B'nai Akivah.

Bazaar and Funfare.

Sunday May 4th at 4 p.m.
at the Synagogue Hall.

Wizo Inter-function.
Tuesday May 6th at 3 p.m.
at the Synagogue House.

Ladies Guild Gala Supper
Evening.

May 18th.

Israeli Independence Day
Celebration.
Sunday, June 15th
at the Grand Spa Hotel.

Car Rally organised by
B'nai B'rith on July 6th.

Sincere Condolences to the brothers Lazarus on the loss of their sister Miss D. Lazarus.

Mrs. B. Coburg wishes to express her gratitude for the many enquiries and callers during her illness in Hospital and is now in Bournemouth convalescing.

We extend wishes of a very speedy recovery to Mr. Monty Belcher who is in St. Mary's Hospital suffering from a Heart Attack.

YAHRTZEITS.

Monday May 5th	Mrs. Oulank	15	IYAR
Tuesday May 13th	Prof. J.M. Yoffey.	23	IYAR
Wednesday May 14th	Messrs. Lazarus Bros.	24	IYAR
Thursday May 15th	Messrs. Moisbeiser Bros.	25	IYAR
Sunday May 18th	Mr. I. Froeland.	28	IYAR

SIVAN.

Wednesday May 21st	Mr. S. Maxwell.	2	SIVAN
Wednesday May 28th	Mr. L. Bloem.	9	SIVAN
Tuesday June 3rd	Mrs. S. Bloem.	15	SIVAN
Tuesday June 3rd	Mr. A.J. Malin.	15	SIVAN
Friday June 6th	Mrs. Shackman.	18	SIVAN
Saturday June 7th	Mrs. Tonkey.	19	SIVAN
Tuesday June 10th	Mr. S. Jacobs.	22	SIVAN
Thursday June 12th	Mr. H. Roth.	24	SIVAN
	Mr. I. Froeland.		

KADDISH TO BE SAID THE PREVIOUS EVENING.

CORRESPONDENCE, ARTICLES ETC.

The Editorial Committee note with regret the absence of correspondence and articles for publication.

We seek to make this publication live and interesting. It can only be done with your help.

Please let us hear more from you.

The Executive of B'Nai B'rith have cancelled their proposed evening announced in the last issue 1st June, in deference to the Israeli Independence Day Celebration organised by Wizo and ask all B'Nai B'rith brothers to give this their full support.

CHILDREN.

Ask Daddy to keep the afternoon of Sunday 6th July free to take you on the Car Rally. He will need you to help him in working out the clues (to say nothing of the fun and games which are being arranged)

Mr. A.E. Morris, Hon Treasurer wishes to apologise for omitting the following two names from the list of subscriptions recently circulated.

Dr. S. Curran £ 22.10. 0d.
Mrs. Sheridan. £ 2.12. 0d.

COME AND ENJOY YOURSELF ONCE AGAIN!

The B'nei Akiva invites you to a Bazaar and Funfare.

Sunday, 4th May at 4 p.m. at the Synagogue Hall.

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD.

A Guild Meeting will be held on May 5th, matters of business to be discussed: and informal Members Debate will follow. A Meeting for May 19th will be arranged. Please keep in mind the Grand Social Evening on May 18th, when the Raffle Tickets Scheme organised by the Guild will be drawn. This affair takes the place of the hitherto annual bazaar held in former years as a means of creating funds to help meet, in some measure, the calls of financial aid to various charities. We hope the generous response given to our efforts in previous years will be of a similar nature in our present effort. Booklets of Raffle Tickets can be obtained from the Secretary or Mrs. Saeof price 2/6 each containing 5 tickets. Please return all counterfoils previous to May 18th, to 3 Duchess Road, Clifton, Bristol, 8. or to Mrs. Saeof, The Roddings, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, 9.

BRISTOL WIZO GROUP.

A most successful Jumble Sale took place on Wednesday, April 23rd at St. John's Hall, Clifton. The sum of £ 30. 4. Od. was raised. The Chairman, Mrs. Yoffoy, would like to thank all those people whose help went to ensure the success of this fund raising effort, particularly, non-members, who as nobly rallied to our help, to say nothing of the three gentlemen - Mr. Lever, Dr. Curzon and Mr. Lessor whose stalwart presence was so reassuring to the helpers.

Members of the Group are now looking forward to their day in London, which should prove as interesting and enjoyable as it is varied - thanks to Mrs. Howard who kindly made all the arrangements.

The Chairman and the Committee regret that the Inter-Function with Cardiff Wizo Society arranged on April 15th was unavoidably postponed. This will now take place on Tuesday, May 6th at 3 p.m. at the Synagogue House. There will be an interesting debate and Tea will be served. All members and friends will be cordially welcomed.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - THE BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION.

At the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 27th April, 1958, the following people were elected to serve as officers.

President.	S. Jacobs Esq.
Vice President.	A. Cohen Esq.
Hon. Treasurer.	M. Morris Esq.
Hon. Secretary.	M. N. Moss Esq.

COUNCIL.

Ex Officio.	C. J. Tanchan Esq.	
Messrs. A. Moss (Life Member)	J. Steinberg (Life Member)	
G. Epstein.	S. Dysch.	Prof. J. M. Yoffey.
Dr. S. Curwen.	H. Ansel.	L. Gould.
A. Gee.	M. Rodatone.	

Representative to the Board of Deputies.

Professor J. M. Yoffey.

Hon. Auditors.

Messrs. I. Raphael and E. Lever.

Out of a total membership of 119, 36 members attended.

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WIZO NEWS REVIEW, 19th March, 1958

By Mrs. T.C. Howard.

On the 15th of Shevat, the day of the New Year for the Trees, thousands of children, continuing what is by now a time honoured custom, turned out in teeming rain, and, disregarding the inclemency of the elements, planted some thousands of young trees to help in the afforestation of Israel. This task was carried out with ceremony and with joy but with no undue excitement withal, it appears to be in the nature of nothing much more than a routine job to be done.

No military disturbances interfered with the planting of the children's forest on a hill overlooking the bay at Eilat; no Arab infiltrators sniped at the Thousands of children planting trees at Beersheba, and no time bombs or grenades rudely interrupted those taking part in the annual pilgrimage to Abraham's Grave on the outskirts of that city or at the many other places throughout the country where these festivities were taking place.

On that same day was celebrated the ninth Anniversary of the first meeting of the Knesset held - Jerusalem - 1949.

All this took place in an atmosphere of peace, & calm and our modern Pharaoh, probably much to his chagrin, could detect no sign at all that his much publicised, much vaunted creation of the United Arab Republic had started terror in the hearts and minds of the Israeli people or their leaders.

Nor had it, in fact, for, although fully realising all the implications of Arab enmity, backed by Russian benevolence, today, nearly eighteen months after the Suez War, Israel remains quietly confident. Confident that despite all her bluster Egypt will not lightly provoke Israel to arms, confident that should the event transpire, Israel would despatch the United Arab Republic's forces as expeditiously and effectively as they had Egypt's alone and confident that the morale of the nation would once again prove itself at the testing time.

Nevertheless, considerable attention has been given both officially in the Press, not only to this Egypt Syria merger but also to the Federation of Jordan and Iraq.

At the moment Israel is in the position of a football being kicked by the United and Federation teams, each trying to outdo each other in scoring goals in trouble fomenting, both sides actively endeavouring to arouse Arabs inside and outside Israel into hostile activity.

Furthermore, an interesting legal situation has arisen inasmuch as at the termination of hostilities in 1948, Israel signed separate armistice agreements with various Arab countries and it now remains to be seen whether these countries still consider the agreements to be in force. Not that it matters much, anyway, as their legal commitments as has been observed heretofore, never deter them from any illegal action they may care to take.

Talking of both these alliances Mr. Ben Gurion has said that if the Arab States were free, peace-loving democratic states, Israel would be happy to welcome their union and co-operate with them in every way, but in view of the fact the Arab unions are headed by military dictatorships, it is only natural that Israel regards these developments with some anxiety. Nevertheless, as always, Israel is prepared to negotiate an aggression or even permanent peace pacts, with all these countries on the basis of territorial status quo.

It is interesting to observe that if Col. Nasser has learned nothing else from Russia, he has at least learned how to conduct a plebiscite - it is reported that 99.99% of Egyptians and Syrians voted - support and approval of the merger.

With all these events taking place on her borders, Israel herself is in the throes of exciting preparations for the celebrations of her Tenth Anniversary.

Already visitors have started pouring into the country to take part in the celebrations and it is said that all the luxury hotels are booked to capacity to the end of June.

Many of the visitors will have been there before, but this year their astonished eyes will behold countless new industries which have arisen with mushroom growth and new cities which have been built in the modern style but with restraint and beauty, successfully sidestepping the pitfalls of modern grotesqueries.

The Hulah marshes have been drained, the newly fertile land being put down to crops such as rice, mint, bulbs, maize, groundnuts, cotton, potatoes, sugarbeet and so on; the surplus water being piped away to areas where the land is parched and crying out for refreshment turning the arid desert once again into a land flowing with milk and honey.

Israeli ships ply the world trade routes and Israeli airlines set the pace in speed and comfort on the world's air routes.

King Solomon's mines once again pour forth their riches - and in contrast, a completely modern industry - the manufacture of cycles, motor cycles, refrigeration machinery, etc., is being set up only 15 miles from Jerusalem.

At Dimona in the Negev, only 20 miles from Beersheba a new industrial town is springing up and here, among this, is being built a textile factory at which the yarn will go in at one end and come out at the other end as completely manufactured articles.

The Israeli meat packing firm which operates in Ethiopia is to buy a refrigerated ship which will bring fresh frozen meat to Israel to augment the grossly insufficient supplies of meat.

In the past ten years, fruit orchards have doubled and more recently, both agricultural and industrial production have risen enormously and unemployment has remained stable despite the tremendous stresses set up by mass immigration.

In all these improvements, a great part has been played by the backroom boys - and girls - the scientists - whose work and discoveries send thrills of pride through even the most hard bitten cynics.

In Israel most of the available funds and brainpower are directed to practical problems of industrial, agricultural and mineral production, by far the most important event last year being the opening of the Arid Zone Research Institute at Beersheba charged with the important job of making the most profitable use of the area's natural resources, at the same time ever seeking methods of turning the desert into productive land.

Israel has been the only Middle Eastern Country to take part in the International Geophysical Year - Israeli Scientists are in the forefront in the quest for exploitation of solar energy, and despite being such a tiny nation, Israel goes ahead with Atomic Research. A most successful International Conference of Nuclear Scientists was held at Rehovoth and was attended by some two hundred top scientists, including several Nobel Prizewinners.

These are big projects which invariably reach the headlines, but behind the scenes the ordinary, everyday, unpublished, unsensational jobs go on. The Aero Nautical Engineering Department build gigantic new wind tunnels, a process for the production of cellulose from what was formerly waste matter is perfected; a new foot and mouth disease vaccine has been developed and one hundred thousand children have been vaccinated by Israeli produced poliomyelitis vaccine; this tiny state being one of the only four countries in the world who produce the vaccine.

On the political scene Mr. Ben Gurion is again at the helm of the Ship of State making new agreements with countries like, Holland, Switzerland, Burma, Japan, Ethiopia, Ceylon, Phillipines etc.

In all his efforts Mr. Ben Gurion is ably and nobly supported by Mrs. Golda Meir who is at the moment on a goodwill mission to Liberia, Ghana and Nigeria.

I am sure that we are all particularly delighted to learn that Mrs. Meir has been made an honorary paramount chieftain by the women of Liberia.
