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THIS WILL BE A REALLY INTERESTING EVENING

An evening meeting open to all members of the Congregation will be held in the Synagogue Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Sunday, 9th November, when Professor and Mrs. J.M. Yoffey will give a talk on their recent trip to America.

## for your diary . . .

9th November, 1958  
Prof. & Mrs. J.M. Yoffey  
Talk on Trip to America.  
Synagogue Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Visit of Rabbi L.N. Baum, B.A.  
to conduct Services on  
14th and 15th November.

British Legion - Polack  
Branch. Annual Jewish  
Exservicemen Parade -  
London - 16th November.

Ladies Guild.  
17th November, 1958.

Special Meeting of  
B'Nai B'rith @ 4 p.m.  
Synagogue Hall on  
23rd November, 1958

Grand Gala Evening.  
December 7th, 1958.

REV. ARTHUR BARNETT, B.A.  
7th and 8th November.

We wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. M. Redstone.

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Golda and Harold Seymour thank all their friends in the Community for the many gifts, flowers and cards received on the occasion of the birth of their younger daughter, Lee Michele.

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Mrs. Saeof has kindly arranged to hold a "Bring and Buy" in aid of W.I.Z.O. funds at her home "The Reddings", Mariners Drive, Stoke Bishop, Bristol.9.

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Sincere condolences to Mrs. S. Ring and Family.

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YAHRTZEITS.

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| Thursday | November | 6th.  | Lasarus Bros.        | 23 | Chervan |
| Sunday   | "        | 9th.  | Mr. J. Malik.        | 26 | Chervan |
| Thursday | "        | 13th. | Mr. A. Goldberg.     | 1  | Kislev  |
| "        | "        | 13th. | Mr. E. Silverman.    | 1  | Kislev  |
| "        | "        | 20th. | Mr. J. Ginsberg.     | 8  | Kislev  |
| Sunday   | "        | 23rd. | Myers Brothers.      | 11 | Kislev  |
| "        | "        | 23rd. | Mr. J. Ginsberg.     | 11 | Kislev  |
| Monday   | "        | 24th  | Mr. B. W. Demba.     | 12 | Kislev. |
| Saturday | "        | 29th  | Mr. A. Cohen.        | 17 | Kislev. |
| "        | "        | 29th. | Mrs. M. E. Silverman | 17 | Kislev. |

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The Council extend a welcome to the following new members of the Community:-

Mr. & Mrs. Hyman.

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B'NAI B'RITH

Notice to Members of B'nai B'rith.

A special meeting of all members called for Sunday 23rd November at 4.0 p.m. in the Synagogue Hall.

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The Hon. Officers and Council are pleased to announce that they have invited Rabbi L.N. Baum, B.A. of Pollotshields, Glasgow, an applicant for the vacant Office of Minister to the Congregation, to conduct Services on Erev Shabbat and Shabbat Morning, 14th and 15th November next. Further details will be announced shortly.

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The Rev. Arthur Barnett, B.A. former Minister of this Congregation and new Emeritus Minister to the West London Synagogue has very kindly consented to Officiate on Friday Erev Shabbat and on Shabbat Morning, the 7th and 8th November on the occasion of the Bar-Mitzvah of Michael, son of Mr. & Mrs M. Garcia. The Hon. Officers are most anxious that as many members of the Congregation as possible will attend the services in deference to the Rev. Barnett and to join with Mr. & Mrs. Garcia in their Simcha.

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Michael Garcia will celebrate his Bar-Mitzvah on Shabbos 8th November, 1958.

Mr. & Mrs. Garcia extend a hearty welcome to all the Congregants to join them in a glass of wine in the Shool Hall after the Service.

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Mr.S. Jacobs wishes it to be known that on no account are Mendicants to be given his private address.

Such visits cause embarrassment to Mr. Jacobs and proprietors of the building who have lodged a complaint.

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(HULA - HULA!!)

Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Dembo wish to thank all the Ladies who helped to make their evening at the Shool Hall so successful.

Headed by the indefatigable Mrs. Nat. Sacof, Mrs. Roydon, Mrs. Dysch, Mrs. Gee, Mrs. Nirenberg, Miss Cambell, Mrs. Baer, the sisters Blom, Mrs. Gerald Gee and Mrs. Sam Silverman.

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LADIES GUILD.

The visit of the Newport Ladies Guild on October 20th was a social success; our visitors have since written to us expressing their appreciation of our efforts towards their enjoyment. Mrs. Dysch was in charge of the Tea arrangements and was helped by members of the Guild.

The Special Supper Evening on the 26th resulted in a substantial sum towards the Charitable Fund.

Thanks are due to the generosity of Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Dembo for defraying the costs of the catering for the evening; also to the band of workers who helped to make this Function a social and financial success.

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The Meeting on November 3rd will consist of an original idea in the nature of "Talent Spotting". The following meeting to be arranged will take place on November 17th.

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Congratulations to Mrs. Lottner on the birth of a Daughter.

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BRISTOL TALMUD TORAH.

As from Sunday November 9th, would Parents please note that Classes will commence at 10.00 a.m. and terminate at 12.15 p.m. In order that classes may commence promptly children should be present 10 minutes beforehand, at 9.50 a.m.

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It is essential that children should attend regularly. Frequent absences on the part of even a few children make systematic teaching impossible. The Talmud Torah Committee have, after due consideration, come to the conclusion that children who stay away frequently and without just cause cannot be allowed to continue attending classes. The final result of irregular attendance is that diligent children are penalised for the shortcomings of the less diligent.

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The enrolment of new pupils will take place only once per year. Application must be made in writing to the Secretary, Mr. H. Seymour, 59, The Dell, Westbury on Trym, for consideration by the Committee.

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The question has been raised of providing small bottles of Milk during the Breaktime. Since not all children take milk we are endeavoring to ascertain by means of a note, which the children will be asked to take home, how many of them will require milk. There will be a charge of 3d per bottle.

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Chanukah Party and Prizegiving will be held on the second Sunday of Chanukah. More details later.

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A TRIP TO LONDON AND BACK FOR ONLY 25/-.

By S.Silverman (Hon.Sec) Polack Branch.

Dear Congregant,

The Polack Branch of the British Legion will again be attending the Annual Jewish Exservicemens Parade in London on Sunday November 16th.

Before I go any further let me mention that there is one outstanding change in the arrangements this year. It is that we shall return from London at 9.45 p.m. arriving Bristol 12.15 a.m. instead of 3 a.m. as we have done in the past.

The time table for the day is as follows:-

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| Meet Temple Meads   | 8.40 a.m.          |
| Train leaves        | 9.00 a.m.          |
| Return train leaves |                    |
| London              | 9.45 p.m.          |
| Arrives Bristol.    | 12.15 a.m. Monday. |

The cost to members is 22/6 and non-members 25/-

For those of you who have never made this trip to London with the Branch, I can assure you of a fine days outing. We shall have a special coach reserved for us in each direction and there will be a card school to suit all tastes. Bridge, Pontoon, Rummy and the inevitable Poker.

The Parade itself and the march past the Cenotaph are very impressive sights. There will be about 10,000 Jewish Exservicemen and women taking part from all over the British Isles. Heading the march will be the best Military Bands in the country and each contingent will carry a sign with their town name on it.

The refreshments on the return journey is a major part of the days outing. Salt beef sandwiches disappear as if a magician has waved a wand and beer and lemonade bottles clank merrily together.

If you wish to join the party on the 16th of November, Please let me know as soon as possible, so that I can make the necessary arrangements.

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BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP.

A coffee morning was held in Bright's Hotel, Elmdale Road for the first time on Tuesday, 14th October with Mrs. Silverman in the Chair. The joint Hostesses were Mrs. Saeef and Mrs. Gould. A News Review was given by Mrs. Howard and is reprinted in full elsewhere in this issue.

A very successful Jumble Sale was organised by the Group and this was held on 22nd October, when the total sum of £ 17. 0. 0d. was raised. Thanks are due to all the willing and energetic helpers and particularly to Mr. E. Lever for providing transport, carrying out effective police duties and first class seamanship. Mrs. Silverman, however, would like it to be made widely known that had more volunteers come forward to help, the sum raised would have been very much better and she expressed the hope that such further help would be forthcoming at the Spring Jumble Sale.

R. Gould.  
Hon. Secretary.

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NEWS REVIEW TO THE BRISTOL WIZO GROUP  
by Mrs. T.C. Howard on 14th October, 1958.

This year the State of Israel has been celebrating her tenth anniversary and in the last News Review, presented before the summer recess, a full report of the festivities was given.

Now that all the tumult and the shouting have died and the joyful merrymaking has given way to the prosaic, down to earth business of living - and making a living, it is a good time to pause for a moment to look back over these ten difficult years.

In 1948 a state was created which had had no experience of self government and it is a tribute to the inherent democratic principles of the Jewish people that right from the start the government of the country was established on a parliamentary basis. Since then, despite military emergencies and despite the influx of immigrants from widely differing backgrounds, the majority of whom had no political experience whatsoever, elections have always preceded democratically and without

ever a danger of a dictator arising. Sir Winston Churchill is reported to have said on one occasion that whenever these Jews get together, there are two Prime Ministers and one leader of the Opposition. I am pleased to say that in this respect at least Israel has proved this very great man wrong.

In these ten years almost a million immigrants entered the country and although a few coming from countries like England, U.S.A. etc. were on the whole well educated and able immediately to work in agriculture or industry or in the academic field, yet the vast majority were grossly illiterate, unused to what we regard as the very minimal requirements in cleanliness and sanitation and still back in tribal times so far as agriculture was concerned. Think then, what consternation these arrivals must have caused, descending on Israel in droves as they did, very often without fair warning, owing to the fact that the country in which they had been living suddenly decided to make life difficult for them. Nevertheless, from the Prime Minister down through all status of Society, the population did not regard this mass immigration as a burden but rather as a challenge.

In the initial stages the primary consideration was housing which was obviously hopelessly inadequate: tented encampments sprang up overnight like mushrooms, to be followed shortly afterwards by aluminium huts. In these dwellings, many of the immigrants became despondent and, soon, possessed of refugee camp mentality, their psychological condition deteriorating rapidly and the areas of these ma'abarot being turned into slums. However, the powers that be tackled the problem with all the energy at their command and now, not only are all the immigrants housed but the general aim of the Government is to prepare houses first so that new arrivals may be placed at once in homes of their own. All of us, at one time or another, have seen films showing the arrival of immigrants from, say, Morocco, how they slept under the bed instead of on it and such like absurdities. But it is with these and similar absurdities that Israel has had to contend and over which they have triumphed so completely.

Another fact of the problem was language. The vast majority of the newcomers knew Hebrew only as the language of prayer, being unable to converse either with Israelis or with immigrants from other countries.

The children were dealt with easily, the younger ones were packed off to school at the earliest opportunity and in a matter of weeks they could understand what was going on and in a matter of months they spoke like Sabras.

The young adults were drafted for their two years'

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compulsory military service, youths and maidens alike and in that period they too learned the language.

The hard core of the problem lay with the Adults. Not only was it difficult to teach them the language, but they had to be taught a totally new way of life, including customs of sexual equality and the like to which they were inherently opposed. Nevertheless, by dint of much travail, by the use of monumental tact and by not being discouraged at setbacks, even this seemingly insuperable problem is being overcome and becoming easier to overcome with each succeeding wave of new immigrants.

But, of course, the immigrants are not the only persons to reap the benefits of a compulsory and free education. All children go to school between the ages of five and fourteen. After this provision is made for those who wish to continue studying - at the University, at Technical and Agricultural Colleges and at schools for working people. This liberal policy for education has brought handsome rewards in the high standard of technical and technological progress, in scientific advancement and the high standard of scholarship, evidence of which we find here in Bristol in the quality of students who come to work and study here for varying periods.

Today, the basis of survival of a country is education - not education for its own sake, but the application of education for practical purposes. Education of Engineers to build new roads, to search for life giving water; to drill for costly oil, Education of scientists to increase crop yields, to continue atomic research, to eradicate disease, to start new industrial processes. Education of the Army, Navy and Air Forces to keep the waters and borders of the country inviolate. And education of teachers who will pass on the torch of knowledge to those who come after. All this has Israel achieved in her first decade. All this and more also.

Despite Israelis having constantly to look over their shoulders for infiltrating marauders, production has soared, exports increased and food became more plentiful.

In transport Israel's shipping tonnage has increased tremendously and there is no need for me to underline the wonderful achievements of the El Al Airlines.

Although still dependant upon funds from abroad, many Israelis are confident that in the not too distant future they will be completely self supporting.

All this might well be regarded as a backcloth against which the events of this last summer have been played.

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Throughout these ten years Israel has been the baby deer stalked unmercifully by rampaging tigers, and so when the tigers for once turned on each other, Israel crouched silently and watchfully behind her stalwart defences. The ten years of effort and integration had produced a loyal and united nation prepared for all eventualities.

In this particular instance the UNO policy of Nasser appeasement had glibly received its inevitable retribution by his interference in the internal affairs of Lebanon, Iraq and Persian Gulf states, although the Iraqi revolutionaries at the present hotly deny that they are indebted to Nasser for the success of their coup d' etat.

Nevertheless, U.S. troops rapidly followed by UNO observers stepped in the Lebanon and British troops were flown across Israeli territory to bolster the Hussein regime in Jordan. Then once again Russia intervened by sending a threatening note to Israel and the passage of planes was stopped forthwith.

A short while after this Mrs. Meir, the Foreign Minister, visited the Foreign Office here, after visiting the French and Italian Governments also, and is reported as saying "it has never been so easy as now to get understanding for Israel's case". She explained that it was now recognised that Israel was the only stabilising force in the Middle East and was starving both militarily and spiritually.

Some practical recognition of this comes with the very welcome news of only last week that Britain has sold two submarines to Israel which you need have no fear, Israel will know how to use to the best advantage.

So much for Israel's position vis a vis the Great Powers and the Arab States, but, a small country herself, determinedly she is building friendships, political and financial, with other countries of similar standing.

Internally, the main pre-occupation is to make Israel economically independent, to which end new industries and new techniques are constantly being employed.

I feel, however, that this general review of the situation is sufficient and I will ask you to bear with me until the next review which I hope to devote to giving a more detailed picture of internal and our political affairs.