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As we go to press we learn that there are still a number of tickets available for the W.I.Z.O. Dance which will be held on Saturday, 4th April at 7.45 - 11.45 at the BRISTOWE, College Green.

Tickets are £1. 1. 0d. (12/6d. to Students) and include an excellent supper.

Why not have an enjoyable evening and support a very deserving Charity which is desperately in need of Funds.

for your diary . . .

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP.

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| 4th April | Annual Charity Ball. |
| 8th April | Jumble Sale. |
| 14th April | Evening Meeting |
| 27th April | Special Pesach Luncheon Meeting |

WOMEN'S GUILD.

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YAHREZEITS.

Friday	April	10th	J. Edelman	2 Nisan
Thursday	April	16th	S. Bloom	8 Nisan
Tuesday	April	28th	M. Belcher	20 Nisan
Monday	May	4th	Sacof Bros.	26 Nisan
Tuesday	May	5th	I. Raphael	27 Nisan
Wednesday	May	6th	Lazarus Bros.	28 Nisan.

Kadish will be said the previous evening.

TIME-TABLE FOR PASSOVER, 5719.

Wednesday, April 22nd	Mincha 7. 0 p.m. to be followed by Ma'ariv
Thursday, April 23rd (1st day of Yomtov)	Morning Service 9.00 a.m. Mincha 7.00 p.m. to be followed by Ma'ariv
Friday, April 24th (2nd day of Yomtov)	Morning Service 9.00 a.m. Mincha 7.30 p.m. to be followed by Ma'ariv
The Reading of the Law will commence at 10.15 a.m. on both days.	
Saturday April 25th (Shabbos Chol Ha'moed)	Morning Service 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday April 28th	Mincha 7.00 p.m. to be followed by Ma'ariv
Wednesday, April 29th (Seventh day of Yomtov)	Morning Service 9.00a.m. Mincha Service 7.00 p.m. to be followed by Ma'ariv
Thursday, April 30th (eighth day of Yomtov)	Morning Service 9.00am. Yizkor will be recited at approximately 11.00 a.m.

ACCOMMODATION with full board, urgently required by young Jewish man. Enquiries to Mr.S.Jacobs, 28 Queens Court, Bristol 8.

THE TECHNION OF ISRAEL.

The British Technion Committee are appealing for funds in order to enlarge and maintain the Technion in Israel. This important establishment at which scientific subjects of all kinds are taught will play an increasingly important part in building up the State of Israel.

At a time when there are many calls upon the generosity of members of our Community a project such as the Haifa Technion cannot be ignored. Dr.R.Lynn of Bath has again this year agreed to Sponsor the Appeal and it is hoped that all Members will contribute to this vital cause as generously as they can.

From Mrs.G.R.Sacof.

March 23/59

Dear Editors,

The cry for more activities in the Community still seems to exist but it seems a little frustrating to the groups already formed that more co-operation is not being made. We all know that a community must have it's Womens' organisations, but a stronger unity in activities is vital for any Society to exist and be of help to the Congregation.

The Bristol Jewish Womens Guild do all they can to meet the requirements they are called upon to do, and if their work is to continue they must have full support from every woman in the Community and all join in to help make it's activities a success not leave too much to the few always willing members.

Suggestions are always welcomed and followed up, so it is to be hoped that future meetings and activities will be fully supported to give encouragement to one and all.

"Four"
Rockleaze,
Sneyd Park,
BRISTOL 9.

G.R.SACOF
(President Bristol Jewish Womens Guild.)

BRISTOL TALMUD TORAH

A combined Parents Meeting and Purim Pary was held on Sunday 22nd March, 1959. Prof. J.M. Yoffey in the Chair addressed the Meeting and said that the Bristol Talmud Torah has functioned for about six years under difficult conditions. In the early stages there was a grave shortage of trained teachers and insufficient teaching time, although we have been fortunate in having good voluntary teachers during this period.

Subsequently our good fortune held and we had the services of excellent temporary teachers, but soon our biggest problem will come when these teachers have to leave us.

We have not achieved as much as we had hoped to do, but we have in fact given a great deal to our children who would otherwise have had no Jewish Education at all. As they grew up the Benei Akivah helped to stimulate continued interest in Jewish affairs. The Bristol Branch of B'nei Akivah has in fact already a very outstanding record of activity.

As usual in these matters home influence is of vital importance not only from the point of view of Orthodoxy, but also in taking an intelligent interest in Jewish Education. It is probably as important to run Adult Hebrew classes as it is to have a Talmud Torah for the children.

We are in Bristol below the average weekly hours accepted as the minimum for tuition, i.e., five hours, but we hope to increase to this and maybe even better it.

The Treasurers report, a copy of which appears, followed the Chairmans report; it's adoption was moved by Mr. S. Jacobs seconded by Mr. Glick and carried unanimously. The Hon. Treasurer proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Tilly Howard, who, he told us, shoulders most of the burden of Treasurership.

Prof. Yoffey then told the meeting that owing to pressure of work and the fact that he now had to spend a lot of time out of the country and could not regularly attend meetings that he would like to resign as Chairman, and that in any case he thought that someone else should have the opportunity of holding Office, as he had been in office for so many years. He pledged his continued support of the Talmud Torah.

The following Officers and Committee were elected unanimously:

Chairman	Dr. H. Howard.
Treasurer	Dr. S. Curwen
Secretary	Mr. H. Seymour

Committee

Mr. S. Jacobs (ex officio)	Mrs. N. Silverman
Prof. J.M. Yoffey	Mr. Alan Cohen
Mrs. B. Yoffey	Mr. M. Jackson.
Mrs. B. Glick	

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It would at this point be fitting to pay tribute to the efforts made on our behalf by Prof. Yoffey. It is not too much to say that he has given unstinted endeavour in making a Talmud Torah for our children. In the early days he taught and since then has been Chairman of the Committee watching over our classes in a most fatherly manner. We are fortunate in that he can continue to help as a Committee member and his knowledge of Teaching and of Hebrew will be a continued valued asset in the work of our Talmud Torah.

H. Seymour.
Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD.

Our Evening Meeting to be held on 6th April will include an Entertainment by Sonia Elliman and Mrs. Julius Berk. We hope our Members will make a good attendance on this occasion, the sole April Meeting.

Future meetings will be evenings only, and the next issue of the Recorder will give the dates for May.

The London Headquarters of the Union of Jewish Women has invited the Guild to view places of Jewish interest, tentative dates being May 20th or 25th. Mrs. Saeef (4, Pockleaze, Stoke Bishop) would be obliged if Members wishing to join this suggested trip would contact her before the end of April so that arrangements may be made.

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

The first of the Luncheon meetings was held at Court Farm House, Yatton on 3rd March, with Mrs. Gould as Hostess. Mrs. Lever read an interesting and informative paper entitled "Rebecca Skold". On March 17th we held an evening meeting at 5, The Dell when our Chairman Mrs. Silverman was our Hostess and Mrs. Berk gave us an excellent paper entitled "Henrietta Skold".

Our next evening meeting will be at 62, Great Brockridge, Westbury on Trym, Bristol on April 14th when Mrs. A. Cohen will be hostess. Mrs. Yoffey is giving a luncheon on Monday April 27th at 1 Tyndall Avenue, Bristol. This will be a special Pessach meeting.

The W.I.Z.O. Jumble Sale will take place on Wednesday April 8th. Please bring all your Jumble before April 7th to the Synagogue House, and come and help us on the day at St. John's Hall, Whiteladies Road, from 1.30 p.m. to 3.0. p.m.

We include two essays from children in the Intermediate Class of the Talmud Torah. These contributions, which have needed very little editing were part of normal homework for the class.

THE BIBLICAL BACKGROUND TO PASSOVER by BEN PETYAN.

After Joseph brought the children of Israel into the land of Goshen they multiplied rapidly and lived happily until a Pharaoh afraid that the Jews were plotting to seize his throne decreed that all new born Jewish boys should be killed. He cast all Hebrews into bondage, but there was a Hebrew woman who bore a son and fearing for his life put him in a basket and placed it in the Nile, hoping someone would save him. And the Pharaoh's daughter found him and raised him as her son and called him Moses. He grew up brave and strong. One day he saw an Egyptian smiting a Hebrew, he went to the Hebrew's aid and slew the Egyptian, hiding his body in the sand. Fearing for Pharaoh's anger and his own safety, he fled into the desert and rested in Midian, where he married.

The Angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in the form of a burning bush. And God told Moses that he heard the cries of the Children of Israel and he told Moses to lead them out of Egypt, but Moses told the Lord that he could not do it. He asked what signs would be shown them that he came from the Lord.

Later Moses went to Egypt with his brother Aaron, but Pharaoh would not let the Jews go out of Egypt. So God struck the Egyptians with ten plagues. We get the name Passover because the Angel of death passed over the houses of all the Hebrew families, with blood on the door-posts; but those without blood on their doorposts, their firstborn died.

After Pharaoh's son died he chased the Jews out of Egypt.

PASSOVER.

by Alan Hyman

Passover is held in thanksgiving for the deliverance of the Jews from Egypt.

The matzo (unleavened bread) as they had no time to bake bread. The day before, all the first born have to fast in thanks to G-d for having spared the Jewish first born when the Egyptian first born was slain.

In Israel Pesach is held for seven days, everywhere else outside of Israel it is held for eight days.

All Chometz is removed and the other dishes kept especially for Pesach are brought out.

The table is set for the Seder and the following things are placed on it.

1. Three matzos, two for the double portion and the third as the bread of affliction or sometimes, Cohen, Levi and Yisrael as the division of the people.
2. The egg - the eating of the egg symbolizes tears for the destruction of the Temple.
3. Bitter herbe - Horseradish is for the hard labour and bitterness in Egypt.
4. Haroseth is made of Apple, nuts, cinnamon and wine which stands for cement used in Egypt.
5. The roasted shank bone was the Paschal lamb.
6. A dish of salt water.
7. Parsley for dipping in salt water.
8. The cup of wine for Elijah.

During the Seder four cups of wine must be drunk by everyone. The four cups of wine stand for the four promises made to the children of Israel. Elijah's cup was for the promise to bring the Jews to the Promised Land.

The Seders are held to tell the children the traditions of Israel.

The four questions are asked by the youngest member of the family, so that they can be told the story of how the Jews were freed from slavery and brought to the Promised Land.