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THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE  
EXTEND THEIR SINCERE GREETINGS TO  
OUR NEW MINISTER, RABBI DR. EHRMAN  
AND LOOK FORWARD TO HIS SUPPORT AND  
INTEREST IN OUR FUTURE EFFORTS.

## for your diary . . .

- Nov. 3 W.I.Z.O.  
7.30 Evening Meeting
- Nov. 9 Womens Guild  
Address by  
Rabbi Dr. Ehrman
- Nov 15 AJEX Parade  
to Cenotaph,  
London.
- Nov.22 Grand Supper  
Function in  
Synagogue Hall
- Details to be announced  
later.

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YAHREZEITS.

Wednesday	Nov. 11	Mrs. R. Ring	Chesvan	10
Monday	Nov. 16	Mr. B. Silverman	Chesvan	15
"	"	Mr. B. Kaye	"	
Friday	Nov. 20	Mr. S. Jacobs	Chesvan	19
"	"	Mrs. M. Garcia	"	
Tuesday	Nov. 24	Messrs. Lazarus Bros.	Chesvan	23
Friday	Nov. 27	Mr. J. Malik	Chesvan	26
Wednesday	Dec. 2	Mr. H. Silverman	Kislev	1
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KADDISH WILL BE SAID THE PREVIOUS EVENING

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Heartiest congratulations to Mr. Frank Goldman, The Grand Old Man of Bristol Jewry who attained his 90th birthday on 2nd October. To mark the occasion he very generously donated the sum of £50. 0. 0d. to the funds of the Congregation.

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The grateful thanks of the Congregation are due to Mr. & Mrs. S. Bloom for their handsome donation of £50. 0. 0d. towards the cost of the Synagogue redecorations.

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The Congregation also owe a debt of gratitude to the Ladies Guild for their further donation of £100. 0. 0. which largely made possible the redecoration of the interior of the Succah and Communal Hall.

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD.

We are grateful to Mrs. J. Berk and Sonia Elliman for their enjoyable reading of Jewish Short Stories on September 28th. On 26th October we had an instructive Talk and Film on "Clean Food etc" given by an Inspector from the Council's Health Department which was of interest to the Members.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Gould and her helpers for so ably decorating the Succah and arranging the Refreshments. It presented a very pleasing appearance with its newly decorated background.

At the following Meeting on 9th November our newly appointed Minister, Rabbi Dr. Ehrman is to give us an Address; we hope, as a matter of courtesy to him to have a record attendance of Members on this occasion.

B. COHEN  
Hon. Secretary.

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP.

The second Jumble Sale of the season realised £17. 0. 0d. for the Group's funds. Our grateful thanks go to all those ladies and gentlemen who gave such valuable assistance. We would, however, welcome many more volunteers for future sales as we are certain that the sum collected could have been considerably increased had more helpers been available.

A successful Coffee Morning was held at the Elmdale Hotel on 6th October, when Mrs. A. Gee was our hostess.

Mrs. Yoffey and Mrs. Silverman were the joint Hostesses at a luncheon meeting during the Festival of SUCCOTH and as an innovation this was held in the SUCCAH. About thirty members and their friends sat down to lunch on what was a memorable and happy occasion. After lunch, Mrs. Steinberg who, with her husband, recently came to this Country gave us a talk on Life in Israel which was greatly appreciated by all those present.

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd November at 7. 30 p.m. at 62 Great Brockridge, Westbury-on-Trym, when our Hostess will be Mrs. Betty Cohen.

R. GOULD,  
Hon. Secretary.

BRITISH LEGION

Polack Branch, Bristol.

Annual Parade - Arrangements for 15th November, 1959.

For many years now the Polack Branch of the British Legion has supported the Parade in London of Jewish Ex-servicement.

We have always travelled as a party to London, marched under our own Standard and attended the concert at Earls Court.

Unfortunately the numbers have been dropping year by year. Every year that there is a drop in attendance it means an additional loss to the branch. Last year in fact the branch lost £16. 0. 0. the reason for this is that we have to guarantee the railway a minimum of 25 people to get a reduced fare of £1 per head.

This year therefore the branch has decided not to organise the usual trip.

This does not mean the branch does not want it's members to go to London, but that any member or non-member who is willing to go must pay his full fare of about £2. 2. 0. Tickets can be obtained for the concert at 8/6d. each. This year it is being held at the Kilburn Cinema.

Providing there are eight people willing to travel to London it is possible to obtain a reduced fare of about 31/-

Provision has also been tentatively made for 10 members to be on parade, so any member who is interest in attending this year's AJEX Parade, if they will contact me, and let me know if they wish to attend the rally, I will make the necessary arrangements.

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### THE SEAGERS IN IOWA CITY.

IOWA City from the air looks pleasant indeed. It is laid in well wooded country, with a river winding through it, while through the trees one sees a mixture of old limestone, new red-brick, and wooden buildings. When one gets down to earth, it is gratifying to find that the City does not belie it's pleasant appearance from the air. We arrived on a hot sticky day, and a few hours later, a thundestorm broke out, with pouring rain, vivid lightning and rolling thunder. This was not the last storm which we experienced during our first few weeks. In spite of this, we were most impressed. Everything is clean, the streets are wide, and down one side of each is a sight which will, I gather soon be familiar to Bristolians. I refer to parking meters, which devour nickels and dimes at varying rates, depending on how near the centre of town one wishes and is able to park.

We spent the first couple of days in a hotel. we inspected the accommodation which had been arranged by the University, and suffice to say we passed it by. Then we had the job of finding space in this overcrowded city. We were informed that we were here at a very good time of the year, because things would be pretty bad in the Fall when the students return. Well, I am really sorry for the ten thousand students who will be coming, because it is our impression that there is no room in Iowa City. Some of them will live in hostels, but a very large proportion of them are married, and have children. Wives are referred to as taking the Ph.T. (Putting Hubby Through) which means that they are the bred winners - it is an investment basis because three or four years of this is supposed to result in a husband who spends the rest of his life working till 10 or 11 at night providing the wherewithall for the appropriate number of cars, speed boats and cottages. Fridges, washing machines, dish washers etc., are just commonplace everyone has one, except the well-to-do, who have several.

Furnished accommodation is the same all the world over, and we were not too keen on what we saw, eventually we took an unfurnished apartment. This is the lower part of what is called a duplex (i.e. two flats) and is very pleasant. Lined with wood, floored with lino tiles, it requires the minimum of cleaning, while it luckily has the fridge, cooker and washing machine which are so necessary. We therefore rushed out and bought a bed, put Sharon to sleep in a trunk and there we were, moved. Since then we have got our bits and pieces together with the help of various friends. Now we can offer a meal, and allow for sitting in comfort, so if anyone is passing this way, do drop in and see us.

Shopping is just too easy in this, and all American towns, as far as we can gather. The Supermarkets sell almost everything, the drug stores do sell everything, and they stay open till all hours of the day and night, including Sunday. On Monday evening all the shops stay open till nine at night so that one can get clothes, books, etc. The Library is also open till late on several nights a week. The only problem about Supermarkets is deciding which of the many things to buy and tearing oneself away from the rest.

One doesn't even need any money, because there is a pad of cheques ready for anyone to write. In the banks money is no problem either, because they advertise, both outside the bank, on the radio, their willingness to lend you as much money as you want. "Let us buy you that motor boat you have been admiring. Come in and arrange it - it is so simple" I saw it with my own eyes, outside a bank, in black and white, or rather in glorious technicolour.

The other day we bought a car. We were told it was a small one; it is six cylinder, eighty horsepower, does 20 miles per gallon, seats six, and has an enormous space for luggage. You should see the big ones. However, we are getting accustomed to the size of the cars, and when one sees an English car such as an Anglia, Minx or Victor, it looks so squashed up and narrow that one looks on the other side to see the signs of the accident it must have had to shear off a third of its width. The drivers are very law abiding here. There is a speed limit of 20 m.p.h. in the business centre, and 25 m.p.h. near schools - you can see that the business man must be saved for more washing machines - and people really stick to it.

We had to take a written driving test after swotting up a four page list of rules. The exam was of the True/False type, like the things one sees in Readers Digest to determine the type of husband one should marry. Luckily we both married the right type or at least they gave us the driving licence. One of the first places we drove to was the Mississippi which is about 60 miles from here. Real American style, we covered the return journey in an afternoon. Having seen the river, we really know we are in America; it just seems one of the real landmarks. And it is one worth seeing. It is wide, rolling between well wooded banks, and on it are the motor boats of the water-skiers, and the heavy barges of the steel mills. We crossed it to Illinois, bought some fish from it's waters, and then drove down to the next bridge to return to our home state of Iowa.

Our home state is a semi-dry state, alcohol-wise, as they say. This means that to buy spirits one has to get a licence which costs a dollar a year. With this one can buy the stuff in the State Liquor Store. On the wall is a long list of whiskies, gins, vodka, brandy etc., including two kinds of Kosher wine. One fills in a form quoting the number of the brand, hands it to a clerk for "processing" pays him the money, he stamps and records the transaction, and then one gets the booze from another clerk. This technique is known as strangling the alcoholic with his own red tape.

The weather, a typical English subject for comment, certainly cannot be passed by. It has been hot-very hot. For instance we went into town last week, where there is a sign which gives the temperature at the moment. At 8.30 p.m. - it is dark here at this time - it was 92° and it had been 97°. It is so humid at times, that anything slightly below the air temperature gets a layer of water condensing on it. This includes floors, and we were horror stricken to find our floors covered with a layer of water. This was particularly annoying as it was this day that we had hired an electric polisher to add some lustre to the flat. Have you ever tried polishing a layer of water; it is one of the things that can't be done, even in America!.