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Attention of all Members is particularly drawn to the special notice with regard to Yahrzeits. It is hoped that as many Members as possible will attend Service in the Synagogue on Shabbat when the Memorial Prayer will be recited.

for your diary . . .

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| 6th March | W.I.Z.O. Film Show
7.30p.m. |
| 8th March | W.I.Z.O. Evening
Meeting 7.30 p.m. |
| 12th March | Reading of Megilla
6.30 p.m. |
| 13th March | Purim Service 10.0
a.m. |
| 14th March | Womens Guild Evening
Meeting 7.30p.m. |
| 20th March | A.G.M. of Bristol
Hebrew Congregation
3.0.p.m. |
| 22nd March | W.I.Z.O. Eveing
Meeting 7.30 p.m. |
| 27th March | Bristol Jewish
Welfare Society
General Meeting
3.30 p.m. |
| 28th March | Womens Guild Evening
Meeting 7.30 p.m. |

YAHREZITS.

Saturday	5th March	Messrs. E. & B. Malin Mr. D. Goldman	ADAR 6
Tuesday	8th March	Mr. B. Kaye Mr. H. Seymour	ADAR 9
Wednesday	9th March	Mr. D. Goldman	ADAR 10
Friday	11th March	Mrs. S. Bradley and Mrs. B. Coburg	ADAR 12
Tuesday	15th March	Mr. S. Rosenberg Messrs. Lazarus Bros. Mr. S. Bradley	ADAR 16
Wednesday	16th March	Mr. A. Glick Mrs. Goldberg	ADAR 17
Thursday	17th March	Mr. M. Roth	ADAR 18
Saturday	19th March	Mr. S. Maxwell	ADAR 20
Sunday	20th March	Messrs. Sacof Bros.	ADAR 21
Thursday	24th March	Mrs. Wapnah	ADAR 25
Friday	25th March	Messrs. J. & C. Berk	ADAR 26
Wednesday	30th March	Mr. J. Edelman	NISAN 2

KADDISH WILL BE SAID THE PREVIOUS EVENING

The Memorial Prayer (El Mole Rachamim) will be recited by the Minister during the Reading of the Law on the Sabbath prior to the Yahrzeit in the presence of the bereaved.

A HAPPY ROYAL EVENT.

This Community joins with all Jewish Communities throughout the British Isles and the Commonwealth in sending Royal Greetings to H.M. THE QUEEN on the birth of a baby Prince. To mark this joyous occasion the following Special Prayer was recited by the Minister in the Synagogue on Shabbat morning the 27th March: -

All loving and merciful Father. We come unto Thee this day to render humble thanks for the great goodness and loving kindness Thou hast shown unto us. For Thou hast been a ready and compassionate help unto our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth.

A son was born unto her, the delight of his parents and a joy to all the Members of the Royal House. We beseech Thee, O Lord in Thy great mercy watch over the Mother and her son. Support and sustain them so that they may be speedily granted strength and vigour. Preserve the tender infant in all his ways, grant him knowledge, understanding and insight and teach him counsel, sound wisdom and Godly fear

Master of the Universe! through whom Kings reign and whose strength and glory are from Thee. Even as Thou hast been in the past with our beloved Queen so uphold and shield her in all the coming years. Prolong her days together with her illustrious Consort, Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Send Thy gracious help unto her counsellors and the leaders and representatives of the nation. Prosper their ways and establish Thou the work of their hands.

Grant us the blessing of peace. Advance the welfare and prosperity of this beloved land of justice and righteousness. Speed the day when the earth will be filled with the knowledge of God and with love and brotherhood, when iniquity shall be silenced and all wickedness shall vanish like smoke, when all the inhabitants of the world shall be united in harmony to serve Thee with one consent and in truth.

AMEN.

COMMUNAL NOTICES.

Members are reminded that the Festival of Purim commences on the evening of Saturday 12th March. Maariv Service in the Synagogue will be at 6.30 p.m. followed by the Reading of the Megilla.

A Purim Service will also be held on Sunday morning 13th March at 10.0 a.m. It is hoped that both these services will be well attended by members and children alike.

The Annual General Meeting of Members of the Bristol Hebrew Congregation will be held on Sunday 20th March at 3.0 p.m. in the Communal Hall to elect the Hon. Officers and Synagogue Council for the forthcoming year and to receive the Accounts and Treasurer's Report. All members are particularly urged to attend.

Under the auspices of Hillel House and by agreement with the Synagogue Council the Bristol Jewish Students Society have inaugurated a Kosher Luncheon Service. Meals are served daily (Mondays - Fridays) between 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. Any Member of the Community wishing to avail themselves of this service should contact Mrs. B. Yoffey, 1 Tyndall Avenue, Bristol 2. Telephone No. 26374 for further details.

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP.

The Annual Dance held at the Grand Hotel on Saturday, 20th February was again a great success both socially and financially. Although it is not possible to give an accurate financial statement at this stage the amount realised will be between £150 and £160, a very gratifying result. Thanks are due to our Chairman Mrs. Ni Silverman for her untiring efforts and to the small band of members who helped her make this dance so successful. Special thanks are also due to Mr. & Mrs. Steinberg for organising and running the Tombola in such a wonderfully efficient and financially beneficial manner. Truly a case of "painless extraction"!

Meetings in March will be as follows:-

- March 8th Evening Meeting 7.30 p.m. at 1 Tyndall Avenue,
Mrs. B. Yoffey as Hostess.
March 22nd Evening Meeting 7.30 p.m. at 1 Ravenswood Road,
Mrs. B. Rosenberg as Hostess.

Reminder The Film Show "Tevie the Milkman" 7.30 p.m. Sunday March 6th in the Synagogue Hall. Tickets 5/- each (2/6 Students & Children) obtainable from Mrs. R. Gould, Court Farm House, Yatton, or at the door.

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD.

The Guild had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Rubens of Cardiff talk on Aspects of her Holiday in Russia. This was much appreciated by the Members present.

On February 15th we had a Cake Decoration Demonstration at Radiation House by the Gas Company's Service Demonstrator. Although only a small gathering Members found it interesting and instructive.

The Charity Tea held in the School Hall on February, 10th with Mrs. N. Silverman and Mrs. Yoffey as Joint Hostesses realised the sum of £7. 9. Od. towards the Guild's Charity Fund.

Thanks are due to the Hostesses for arranging this affair, and to those who supported them.

Meetings during the month will be held on March 14th and March 28th. Details of these are not yet available, but we hope to provide something of interest for the Guild.

There was a disappointing attendance at the "Refugee Films" shown recently in the School Hall in connection with World Refugee Year. The Collection taken has been sent to C.O.R.R.A. (Jewish Refugee Association).

B. Cohen,
Hon. Secretary.

BRISTOL TALMUD TORAH.

There will be a children's Fancy Dress Purim Party in the School Hall on Sunday 13th March at 3.0.p.m.

Parents are cordially invited to accompany their children.

Prizes will be awarded for Fancy Dress.

Preliminary announcement - Annual General Meeting Sunday 24th April at 3. 0.p.m.

Degel-YerusKalayin (Chanukah 5760) Competition.

Seniors (aged 11 or over) 1. Michael Howard (105 points)
2. Mandy Tuchband (100), 3 Alex Schlesinger (95)

Juniors (under 11) 1. David Curwen (95) 2 & 3 Larry Glick
and Leon Smith (both 90)

Good results, i.e. over 75 points, were achieved also by:-
Marlyn Cohen, Lynne Geller, Allan Hyman, Elliot Jackson, Stuart Nirenberg, Gillian Silverman, and Susan Sinclair

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IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS.

By Shimon ben Zev Moshe

The tailor put down his needle. It was nearly time. Tonight was Friday and tomorrow he had Yahrzeit for his father. As had happened every year since the old man died, he had asked his boss for an hour off (he would make it up another evening) and now it was time to go to Shool. He hoped there would be a Minyan. During the six months that had elapsed since Yom Kippur, when he had last attended he had heard vague rumours about difficulties with services, Ministers, minyans. but he had shrugged his shoulders "I've got my own troubles" Always at the back of his mind was the comforting thought, the Shool is always there. "They can get on without me".

In the gathering dusk he walked up Park Row and there he saw the familiar building. Hefrowned. It was all in darkness. The iron gates were shut tight. He hurried up the steps and shook the gates, but they were padlocked fast. Then he noticed a large board like a plank and across it in large red letters the word "CLOSED" Thoughts of the traditional joke about the Liberal Shool, -"closed for the Jewish Holidays" went through his mind. Perhaps he was too early. Where was the caretaker? He knew there used to be at least six regulars on Friday night. They would be along soon, and the Parnass and the Minister. Nine people. One more casual and he'd have a minyan. He waited half-an-hour. The cars went by. A Cat miaowed. The lights in the shops went out one by one. But no-one came.

A short walk brought him to the house of the Parnass. He rang the bell. The Parnass in his carpet slippers and dressing gown, recognised him and bade him come in. Rapidly the tailor recounted his experience at the Shool, the words tumbling out so fast that he became confused and had to collect his thoughts. He mopped his brow and then suddenly he noticed there was no look of surprise on the face of the Parnass, only an expression of sadness, the look of a worn out and beaten man. "My Dear fellow" said the Parnass "we closed the Shool three months ago" The tailor's eyes nearly popped out of his head "But you can't do that. You've no right. What about the General Body?" "We called a meeting" said the Parnass "but only the Council members came" we decided to close the doors and see what reaction would be. It's now three months and your's is the first complaint" "But what does the Minister say?" The sadness on the face of Parnass, became so intense that the tailor thought he was going to cry. "Minister, what Minister?" he asked. "The Minister left four months ago. He said he could'nt conduct services in an empty shool. He could'nt wait week after week for a minyan. His spirit was broken" The tailor looked dumbfounded "But, but you used to have several people who could daven" "They've all gone" said the Parnass "Very few of them had their roots in this town and one by one they departed with their families" "But I must say Kaddish for my father. I must, I must, I must.

IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS continued.

The tailor thumped the tables again and again. His voice grew louder and louder. The Parness seemed to disappear and now another voice was ringing in his ears. "Wake up, wake up" the tailor rubbed his eyes. His wife was standing over him. She laughed "I told you not to eat that third piece of gefilte fish. You must have had an awful dream".

The tailor stared out in front of him. Yes that was it - it was a dream - or was it?.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Heartiest congratulations to Mr. Sam Epstein on his 80th birthday and at the same time for completing 67 years in his present business.

SIX DOWN AND SIX TO GO.

With half our visit over, we thought we'd give you some impressions of our life in Iowa City. This time it's from the feminine/feline angle so naturally I start with the shopping facilities. These are undoubtedly a boon. Supermarkets and Drug Stores are open at least until 9.00 p.m. and on Sundays. There is "Late Night" shopping on one week-day and all stores do a roaring trade. Unfortunately the service is awfully poor since labour is largely composed of student wives or grandmas whose lease desire it is to know their stock. People "charge" things as a matter of course and one can cause quite a stir by producing cash on the spot! We love having goods beautifully gift wrapped and adorned with masses of ribbon - a free service to be had on request. There is never the slightest trouble exchanging or returning merchandise and queues of customers are fully expected after Xmas returning unwanted gifts! On Xmas Eve toys and festive clothes were slashed to half price and assistants had to work hard fixing up Sales to be started the very next day. . . . No one seems to carry shopping baskets and I always feel very American trudging from the car with my big bag of groceries - just like they do on the films.

I don't recall visiting a house to date that was'nt built on an open-plan, designed to foster "togetherness" and affording no privacy - except in the what-not! Yells from kids, thuds from the typewriter, all can be heard everywhere, unless the basement is large enough to incorporate a playroom as well as utility room. Mothers spend hours laundering every day in the bowels of their homes especially in the summer when one always seems to be changing out of damp sticky clothes. In spite of considerable automation in the home, I'm convinced housewives spend much time cleaning. I have never done so much housework before.

Domestic help is madly expensive and elusive. T.V. is often banished to the basement recreation area!

We're happy to note T.V. is not greatly discussed when one visits friends. Instead there is a dreadful and definite split up of men and girls. (This word includes any female from 9 - 90!) One on one occasion the topic of conversation quite seriously discussed by mothers was the level of social adjustment of their five year olds. The favourite hide out is in the kitchen where one is expected to poke around the fridge for ice and explore the cupboards for fresh glasses. Refreshments are served approximately ten minutes before departure, one almost stumbles along the driveway wiping ones lips! We'll never forget the first bridge party we had with friends. I served coffee "English-style" about half way through the play and to my embarrassment immediately afterwards our guests beat a hurried retreat, taking this as a signal that the party was over. Women make very little fuss entertaining and it is quite an occasion if a cake is home made. Large families and plenty of outside activities leave no such thing as spare time.

Like most English conceptions about things American, precious few seem correct. However, one is true, that is, wives are often obliged to act chauffeur to their family. This they do unwillingly, but in a small city where busses cease to run after 6.30 p.m. it's the only possible mode of transport. One child I know is learning to play two musical instruments, and is also attempting to master ballet and Hebrew. She has to be driven in the car by "Mommy" to each of these classes. Nearly all children "play something" since music is a compulsory subject and all the school orchestras are very good as a result. Much school time is spent on social and civic activities, a fact often unfavourably viewed by parents. But children are amazingly poised and can address a group in public with ease and assurance of an orator by the age of sixteen. Of necessity car pools are often organised for transporting children to school, so it's easy to see why families try to afford running two cars, the second being for wives and the teenagers - "teeners" as they are called here. Americans are great at making up words. There is a positively juvenile attitude to name and we still laugh to ourselves when we pass a restaurant proudly labelled "Yum-Yum" and a supermarket called "Piggly-Wiggly".

Renee & Phil Seager