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## for your diary . . .

- Jan 2nd Women's Guild Meeting  
7.30 p.m.
- Jan 10th W.I.Z.O Evening Meeting  
7.30 p.m.
- Jan 11th Cultural Evening  
7.30 p.m.
- Jan 18th Cultural Evening  
7.30 p.m.
- Jan 24th W.I.Z.O Coffee Morning  
Meeting 10.30 a.m.
- Jan. 25th Cultural Evening  
7.30 p.m.
- Jan. 29th J.P.A. Reception  
7.15 p.m.
- Jan. 30th Women's Guild Meeting  
7.30 p.m.
- Feb 1st Cultural Evening  
7.30 p.m.

### YAHREZITS

Friday	13th January	Mr. A. S. Elliman	Teveth 25
Saturday	14th January	Messrs J. & C. Berk	Teveth 26
Wednesday	18th January	Mr. S. Bloom	Shevat 1
Thursday	19th January	Mr. A. Goldberg	Shevat 2
Saturday	21st January	Mr. C. Epstein	Shevat 4
"	"	Mr. A. Glick	" "
"	"	Dr. G. Culank	" "
Tuesday	31st January	Mr. P. Tanchan	Shevat 14
Thursday	2nd February	Mr. H. Cohen	Shevat 16
Monday	6th February	Mr. B. W. Denbo	Shevat 20
Wednesday	8th February	Dr. H. I. Howard	Shevat 22

KADDISH WILL BE SAID THE PREVIOUS EVENING

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The Memorial Prayer (El Mole Rachamin) 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.

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### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Abel Mass is indisposed. We trust that he will soon be restored to full health. The same good wishes go out to all other members of the Community and their relatives who are recovering from illness and convalescing after operations.

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Gillian Silverman would like to thank Rev. Ehrman for his patient tuition and all relatives and friends for their good wishes and beautiful gifts received on the occasion of her Consecration Service, and to thank them for being present at the celebration party, so making it a very memorable occasion.

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### BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

Mrs. Roydon introduced the Speaker, Mrs. Sinclair, at the meeting on Dec. 5th. Mrs. Sinclair gave the Guild members an exceedingly interesting talk on her connection with the work of a Marriage Guidance Councillor.

Many questions were asked, and were answered by Mrs. Sinclair with satisfaction. Miss Rose Coburg gave a Vote of Thanks to the Speaker.

The Afternoon Tea-Dance on Dec. 11th arranged by the hostesses, Mrs. Seymour, Mrs. S. Silverman and Mrs. Elliman resulted in the sum of £20 being realised towards the Guild's Fund. We are very grateful to the Hostesses for their efforts which proved so successful.

Comments on the Meetings of the 2nd January, and Jan 30th. will be made in the next issue of the Recorder.

The meeting on the 30th January is to be arranged.

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### BRISTOL TALMUD TORAH

Sunday Dec. 18th. 1960 saw a little piece of History in the making, for on that day two of our girls took part in the first Consecration Service to be held in Bristol. Gillian Silverman and Pamela Glick were the girls and a large proportion of the Congregation were present when a Special Service arranged by Rabbi Dr. Ehrman was held in the beautifully decorated Synagogue Hall. The girls said their portion of the Service confidently and well, and Mr. & Mrs. Silverman and Mr. & Mrs. Glick were joint Hosts and Hostesses to the community at a Chanukah party held afterwards. At the Chanukah Service young Stewart Nirenberg kindled the Chanukah lights and pleased all of us with a tuneful rendering of the Blessings.

Mr. S. Jacobs, on behalf of the Congregation, presented each girl with a book.

### Prize Competition 5721 (1960/61)

Subject: Religion.

- A. (aged 12 or over) - 1. Pamela Glick (72 points), 2. Naomi Yoffey (71), 3. Stuart Nirenberg (69).
- B. (aged 9 - 11) - 1. Larry Glick (66), 2. Marilyn Cohen (63)  
3. David Curwen (45)
- C. (aged under 9) - 1. Michael Sinclair (39), 2. Jackie Elliman (30)  
3. Fiona Howard (28)

Further examinations in General Jewish Knowledge and in History will be held during the next Term, and in Hebrew during the Summer Term. The combined results of all subjects (Hebrew counting double) will decide the competition and the Prize Giving will take place at the end of the

## COMMUNAL NOTICES.

### Cultural Evenings.

The following is the programme for the forthcoming Wednesday evenings at the Synagogue:

- Wednesday, 11th January: 7.30 - 8.15 p.m. Hebrew courses for beginners and advanced students.  
8.30 p.m. Talk by the Rabbi on religion: sabbath observance, kashruth and other ritual laws - with discussion.
- Wednesday 18th January: 7.30 - 8.15 p.m. Hebrew courses.  
8.30 p.m. Discussion on "Who is a Jew", jointly with the University Jewish Society.
- Wednesday, 18th January: 7.30 - 8.15 p.m. Hebrew courses.  
8.30 p.m. Talk on the basic religious and ethical principles of Judaism - with discussion.
- Wednesday, 1st February: 7.30 - 8.15 p.m. Hebrew courses.  
8.30 p.m. Talk on Jewish Festivals, their laws and customs - with discussion.
- Wednesday, 8th February: 7.30 - 8.15 p.m. Hebrew courses.  
8.30 p.m. Talk by Dr. Esther Unger on her Impressions of Israel.

Will all those interested kindly note times and subjects, as no notifications will be sent out for each evening separately.

Please note also that every Saturday at 5.30 p.m. a Talmud Shiur is held at the Rabbi's house and that every Saturday evening, from 8 p.m., the Rabbi and Mrs. Ehrman are 'at home' to all members of the community.

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### BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP.

The Bristol W.I.Z.O. Group held a very successful Wine and Cheese party on November 6th. Mrs. Silverman, the chairman, expresses her thanks to all the hostesses, who made it possible to raise a substantial sum for the funds.

Mrs. B. Yoffey and Mrs. N. Silverman gave a Chanukah Luncheon at Bright's Hotel which was very well attended. A total of £5.5.0 was raised.

### Future Meetings.

An evening meeting will be held on 10th January, 1961 at 7.30 p.m. at 25, Haviland House, St. Jude's, Bristol 2. when Mrs. H. Silverman

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will be Hostess. This will take the form of a debate. "That children of a large Jewish Community have advantages over children in a small community." between the Ladies Guild and the W.I.Z.O. Group. We hope that as many members of the Ladies Guild as possible, will join us on this occasion.

24th January, 1961. Coffee morning meeting at 10.30 a.m. at Bright's Hotel, when Mrs. B. Rosenberg will be the hostess.

Mrs. R. Curwen (Hon.Sec.)

The Editors,  
Bristol Hebrew Recorder,

Dear Sirs,

At a recent W.I.Z.O. Meeting three of our members were asked to imagine that they were guest speakers at a W.I.Z.O. Society which through lethargy and lack of support, was being disbanded. It was the task of these speakers to address the meeting for 10 minutes in an effort to prevent this happening.

All the speakers were most eloquent and convincing, but the address given by Mrs. Kate Lever impressed us most, and as I considered it was somewhat of a case of "preaching to the converted", it was worthy of wider publicity - that of the Recorder.

I would be most grateful if you could find space in your valued publication.

Yours sincerely,

NANCY SILVERMAN

(Chairman - Bristol W.I.Z.O. Group)

Address by Mrs. Kate Lever to the Bristol W.I.Z.O. Group

I am not so much surprised, as very disturbed indeed, to hear that there are members who really intend to dissolve their W.I.Z.O. organisation. To me, this seems almost unbelievable. I consider it not only necessary, but the duty of every single Jewish person, to play a part in helping to support the State of Israel. That there can be people today who show little or no interest for Israel is almost unforgivable; and this should particularly concern the mothers. They cannot be so selfish and irresponsible as to



ignore the fact, that the life and wellbeing of their children may very well be affected one day. With this you will see what I am getting at, in a moment. But let me first ask those ladies a simple question. Are they not thankful and proud that we Jewish people have our own State? There is no doubt, of course that they are. Therefore, every one of us should give the fullest support and help to the leaders who run the State.

If only the State of Israel had existed some 20 years earlier, and here I beg to be permitted to bring in a rather personal note. Admittedly over 20 years have passed but the horrors and terrors experienced by so many under Hitler's Germany can never be forgotten and further details need not be mentioned. But how many lives could have been saved and how many people could have been granted help in one form or another, including my own dear family, if only there had been a Jewish State in existence then? Of course, there was Palestine; but all the same, it was extremely difficult to enter the country. This point is vital to me and should be kept in mind constantly; for, if G'd forbid, a recurrence of those happenings in Germany should take place again, the future would not look quite so black.

I myself came penniless to this country as a refugee and know only too well what it means to be dependant on charity. Even if it was only for a short time in my case, as I was able to support myself in finding a domestic post, I feel I am in a position to state: "It is so much easier to give than to accept". I have therefore made it my task, to give the fullest support to the Refugee Problem, in particular to those in Israel, where the doors are open to all those unfortunate people who arrive from behind the Iron Curtain, from the D. camps and from all those many under-developed countries. Only recently we had proof of how much suffering and poverty there still is, when a film was shown at our own Synagogue Hall. The horrible pictures of those poor creatures still fresh in our minds, should make it so much easier to get on with the job and do all we can to help to solve this problem.

We hear far too often from people who, when approached to give for Israel, have the excuse that they are giving direct; meaning that they are sending an occasional parcel. Of course, it is very nice to remember their relatives and friends in this way, and I would not discourage them from doing so. But all the same, it is not here that the need is greatest or help most urgently required. This is where W.I.Z.O. comes in. With their available funds they will contribute to those who are in urgent need; for example families who arrived in the country and must be housed, fed and looked after, their children educated and hundreds of other things concerning the human aspect. Furthermore there is the enormous problem of defence to be dealt with.

Israel cannot shoulder all the responsibility. It is the duty of all of us to help. So with all my sincerity I ask the ladies to reconsider their decision, and to conclude may I say, "Carry on with the good work for W.I.Z.O."