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## BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION THE SYNAGOGUE, PARK ROW, BRISTOL.

Synagogue Services: Friday Evenings  
7.30 p.m.  
Saturday mornings 10.0 a.m.

Minister: Rev. M. Moddel  
66 Harcourt Road,  
Bristol 6.  
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Hon. Sec: J. Burke,  
4 Downs Cote View,  
Westbury-on-Trym,  
Bristol.  
Tel: 62-8219

Talmud Torah Classes - Sunday  
mornings 10.0 a.m. - 12.45 p.m.

Hon. Sec. H. Seymour, 59 The Dell  
Westbury-on-Trym,  
Bristol. Tel: 62-7375

Bristol Jewish Womens Guild  
Hon. Sec: Mrs. M. Roberts,  
4 Forest Edge, Hacham.

Bristol W.I.Z.O. Group  
Hon. Sec. Mrs. B. Burke,  
4 Downs Cote View,  
Westbury-on-Trym.

Both Ladies Organisations hold  
regular meetings and functions  
throughout the year.

## for your diary...

- Mar. 1st. Women's Guild Musical  
Evening 7.30 p.m.
- Mar. 9th W.I.Z.O. Evening  
Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- Mar. 16th Womens Guild Evening  
Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- Mar. 17th/18th Festival of Purim
- Mar. 22nd Talmud Torah Purim Play  
4.0 p.m.
- Mar. 28th Bristol J.P.A. Reception  
and Dinner 7.0. p.m.

### YAHREZITS

Sunday 21st March	Mr. A. Glick	II. ADAR 17
Thursday 25th March	Mr. S. Dysch	II. ADAR 21
Monday, 29th March	Mrs. Wapnah	II. ADAR 25
Thursday 1st April	Mrs. D. Cohen	II. ADAR 28
Saturday 10th April	Mr. S. Bloom	NISAN 8

### 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.

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Our sincere condolences go out to Mr. A. E. Morris on the sad loss of his mother who passed away in Birmingham. We wish Mr. Morris and all the members of his family "Long Life" and hope that they will long be spared from further trouble and sorrow.

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Our heartfelt sympathies also go out to Mrs. M. Gee whose mother, Mrs. E. Shachtman, passed away in Cardiff on the 15th February. We wish her and all the members of her family "Long Life" and trust that they too will be spared for many a year from further trouble and sorrow.

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14 North View,  
Westbury Park,  
Bristol 6.

Mrs. Assael, Mrs. Gee, Mrs. Bloom, daughters of the late Mrs. Esther Shachtman, wish to convey their most grateful thanks to the Minister and members of the congregation who attended services during Shiva. Many thanks to the ladies for their visits and letters of condolence.

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### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Betty Yoffey and send her best wishes for a speedy and full recovery.

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## COMMUNAL NOTICES

Members are reminded that the Festival of Purim will be celebrated on Thursday, 18th March. Evening Service will be held on Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m. followed by the Reading of the Meggilah.

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Please note that Mr. L. Gould will be on holiday during the month of March. Will all Secretaries and Contributors kindly send copy to:-

Mr. H. Seymour,  
59 The Dell,  
Westbury-on-Trym,

to reach him not later than 25th March, 1965.

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### Reverend M. Moddel

Congregants are reminded that the Minister does not have a car. It would be appreciated if those requiring his services would arrange to call for him and take him home before and after he has performed the required duty.

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### Sabbath Morning Service

Congregants are further reminded that Sabbath morning Service commences with the Reading of Law and starts punctually at 10 a.m. Members who arrive late defeat one of the objects of this time arrangement, namely the early conclusion of the Service. This is one of the measures which unfortunately have had to be introduced in order to increase the numbers attending. Attendance is still poor and it is regretted that many pupils of the Talmud Torah Torah who could attend do not do so.

SYDNEY CURWEN.

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### Message for Purim 1965/5725

Though primarily secular in character, the dominant note of Purim is one of faith, cheer, gratitude and dependence upon G'd in every crisis. Its importance and popularity are explained by the fact that Purim embodies the history of the changes of Israel throughout the ages. It aims at teaching the Jew not to place too great a reliance on the good will of rulers, nor to despair when persecution rages. Its story shows how the prompt action and the courage of an individual can avert national calamity, and how those occupying even regal rank can still be observant Jews.

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We have in Queen Esther, the Hebrew name for "She who hides", the hidden light that shone upon Israel in the hour of their greatest darkness and in Mordecai, the believing Jew who in his steadfastness was not afraid to take the initiative to save his people from destruction. Their outstanding personality will always be remembered.

Purim may be regarded as a Minor Festival on the grounds that it is not mentioned in the Pentateuch; but judged by the principles it teaches and confidence it gives in times of stress and despair, it ranks in the very forefront of Israel's national festivals. As it is expressed in the words of the Book of Ester

"The Jews ordained and took upon themselves and upon their children that they would keep two days of Purim every year throughout every generation".

With Chag Sameyach,

Rev. Moddel.

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A highly successful Whist Drive was organised by Polack Branch (British Legion) and AJEX at the Communal Hall on Sunday, 7th February. Prizewinners included Mrs. A. Steinberg and Mr. N. Cohen, and the prizes - wrist watches and table wines - were donated by Mr. W. Schlesinger and Mr. S. Owen. The funds of the branch, which are largely used for relief of hardship amongst Jewish ex-servicemen and women, will benefit from this function.

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#### BRISTOL TALMUD TORAH

"Esther" - a Purim Play by B. & J. Yoffey, produced by Sonia Elliman, will be presented by pupils of the Talmud Torah at the Synagogue Hall on Sunday, 21st March, at 4.0 p.m. All children are cordially invited - adults will be welcome too. There will be no charge for admission.

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Bristol J. P. A. Committee  
look forward to the pleasure of your company  
at a  
Reception and Dinner  
Sunday, 28th March, 1965  
24th Adar II 5725  
in the Synagogue Communal Hall, Park Row  
Guest of Honour

Dr. Reginald Morris  
Medical Officer of Health, Bilat and District, Israel.

Reception 7.00 p.m.  
Dinner 7.30 p.m.

Ticket 10/6d.

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BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

The members of the Ladies Guild wish to extend their warmest good wishes to Professor and Mrs. Toffey and family on the occasion of their daughter Judith's forthcoming marriage, and regret the omission in last month's Recorder: Mazeltov.

As unfortunately the social evening announced in the Recorder for 1st February could not take place owing to the Hostess being called out of town, a meeting of the Ladies Guild took place at the Synagogue House.

Future Meetings

Monday, 1st March Musical evening at the home  
of Mrs. Sacof. Dr. Gold - Piano.

Tuesday, 16th March 7.30 p.m. at the Synagogue Hall  
Miss Hurstbourne Speaker from  
Woburn House, London  
- Jewish Child's Day

Please note the date -

Tuesday, 16th March

Millie Roberts,  
(Hon. Sec.)



4 Rockleaze,  
Sneyd Park,  
Bristol 9.

February, 1965.

It is very disappointing to the Chairman, Officers and Committee of The Bristol Jewish Womens Guild to hear that after making every effort to produce an interesting programme for the members, that more effort is not made by them to support the regular meetings and functions. A lot of thought and work is prepared by them, and it is not possible to fulfil these duties unless supported well by all members of the Guild and the Community. As it is already well know, but I repeat for the newcomers to Bristol, The Bristol Jewish Women's Guild undertakes anything asked of them. I do not like to mention names, but I feel there is one of whom little is known of the work done by Mrs. Bertha Silverman. She, in her quiet manner, has never once said it is too much trouble to attend to the Holy Vestments, but quietly goes with needle and thread and takes advice about cleaning, to see everything is in order, then there are others who attend and decorate the Shool for Shevovs, also the Succah arrangements have to be made, functions for Charity and catering by its members, in fact nothing is too big or too small for them to undertake. Apart from the Social side the Guild have had some good speakers on very varied subjects.

I know, too, how very discouraging it must be for the Minister and Council of the Synagogue to see so many empty seats in the Ladies Gallery, and even on the occasion of the Sabbath coinciding with the funeral of the late Sir Winston Churchill, very few members made the effort, if we must call it an effort, to attend service and show some respect to one of the World's Renowned People. I do know that business people find it difficult to do all they would like to do for the Community, and I am not going to close this letter on a Despondent air as I am sure every member will endeavour to support all that the Guild is trying to do. They are now arranging a new programme for the future and if you have ideas send them along. Do you want once or twice a month Monday evening group meetings, either in the Hall or People's home. Nothing is too much for us to undertake. There are a few where the years are creeping up on them, but the mind is still active if not so much the body, and to the many capable and active younger women, I say come forward, do your best and the older ones will be, to use the modern phrase, "WITH IT".

Gezina R. Sacoof, .  
President,  
Bristol Jewish Womens Guild.

### BRISTOL WIZO GROUP

An evening meeting was held on Tuesday, 26th January, at 59 The Dell: Mrs. G. Seymour was the hostess. Mr. Victor Tunkel gave a most delightful and interesting talk on the possible development of Jewish music in Israel, taking into account the countries of origin of the new immigrants and their music.

A very successful Luncheon Meeting was held at the Senate House on Wednesday, 10th February. Mrs. N. Silverman and Mrs. B. Yoffey were the hostesses.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9th March at 2 John Cozens House, Bristol 2, with Mrs. B. Silverman as hostess.

Bette Burke,  
(Hon. Sec.).

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As the Recorder is a forum for the free expression of opinion, we print the following contribution from Mrs. B. Sacof.

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It is well that the Bristol Jewish Congregation should add its tribute to Winston Churchill. We have much to thank him for. He was the only member of his party to recognise the menacing danger of Hitler. (He was rejected by his Party - not "the people").

It is, however, going a bit too far to compare him with Moses, and to say he was inspired by the Almighty. By that measure we would have to question if he was inspired by God in his many disastrous errors - Tonyandy - Russia 1919; Sydney Street; 1926 etc. etc.

Neither is it true to say that Winston Churchill "forsook his aristocratic environment". In LIFE, he was an Imperialist, fond of Kings (Italy, Greece, Yugoslavia), yet sneering at the efforts of that near-Saint Gandhi, who was striving to free his hungry millions. In death, Mr. Churchill chose to be buried with his aristocratic ancestors.

By a tragic accident of History, Winston Churchill was enabled IN WAR to rise magnificently to his heights, and we are grateful.

Nevertheless, truth and cool judgement must be maintained.

Berta Sacof.