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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. Modell.

66 Harcourt Road,

Bristol 6.

Tel.: 40615

Hon. Sec. Dr. S. Curwen,  
77 Parry's Lane,  
Bristol 9.  
Tel: 68-3033

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

Hon. Sec. A. Elliman,  
12 Paulton Drive,  
Bristol 6.  
Tel: 41022

### Bristol Jewish Women's Guild

Hon. Sec. Mrs. C. Culank,  
143 Nags Head Hill,  
St. George, Bristol 5.

### Bristol W.I.Z.O. Group

Hon. Sec. Mrs. B. Burke,  
4 Downs Cote View,  
Westbury-on-Trym,  
Bristol.

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

## for your diary . . .

Sept. 11th Annual Memorial  
Service at Ridgeway  
Cemetery 3.0 p.m.

Sept. 15th/ Rosh Hashana. (See  
16th separate Time-Table  
for Services during  
the High Festivals)

Sept. 21st W.I.Z.O. Group  
Luncheon Meeting  
1.0 p.m.

Sept. 24th Yom Kippur

Sept. 26th Women's Guild Eveni  
Meeting 7.30 p.m.

Sept. 29th/ Festival of Succoth  
Oct. 7th

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YAHREZEITS.

Friday	23rd September	Mrs. C. Culank	Tishri 9
Saturday	24th September	Messrs. Garcia Brothers	Tishri 10
Friday	7th October	Mr. D. Cohen	Tishri 23
Saturday	8th October	Mrs. Symons	Tishri 24
Monday	10th October	Mr. S. Bloom	Tishri 26

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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COMMUNAL NOTICES

The Editorial Committee wish all members of the Community a Happy and Prosperous New Year and well over the Fast.

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FINAL ACCOUNT - CHRIST CHURCH, SNEYD PARK

<u>Expenditure</u>				<u>Receipts</u>			
Purchase Price	8260	0	0	Sale of Church items	211	0	0
Stamp Duty	83	0	0	M. Redstone Fund	41	11	6
				Donations	234	15	6
Cost	8343	0	0	Lottery Profits	75	0	0
Demolition	721	0	0				
Bank Interest	1569	18	9		562	7	0
Architects Fees	367	10	0	Selling Price	16000	0	0
Estate Agents Fees	302	10	0				
Legal Fees	105	0	0				
(Purchase & Sale)							
	11408	18	9				
Net Profit	5153	8	3				
	£16562	7	0		£16562	7	0

This fine result has naturally helped the Synagogue finances considerably - see below. Our special thanks are due to Mr. Leonard Gould for all his professional advice and assistance free of charge and to our Architects and Legal Advisers both of whom charged only a fraction of their normal fees. A refund on part of the Estate Agent fees may also be expected at a later date.

B.H.C. GENERAL FINANCIAL POSITION

Of the £16,000 received £8954 was applied to clear the loan account with the Bank for Christ Church purchase. The balance of £7046 was transferred to the General Bank a/c. At the time (28th June 1966) the General a/c was overdrawn £3407 (which included the final deficit on the Kosher Meat Supply a/c of £1229). This gave a credit balance of £3619 on the General a/c. From this balance the following outstanding a/cs have been paid.

Kosher Meat Supply loan	500	0	0
Estate Agents Fees	302	0	0
Architects Fees	367	10	0
Legal Fees	105	0	0
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	£1274	10	0
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This reduced the balance to £2345.

During the period of overdraft the legacies from the late Mr. M. Belcher and Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Morris were used to reduce Bank Interest. It was agreed that these sums (approx. £600) should be invested and this has now been done reducing the Bank Balance to approx. £1745, most of which is at present on deposit.

The following items are, however, still owing by the Congregation. As these are, however, free of interest it is not proposed to repay at present.

Chevra Kadisha	£1500
Mortgage Harcourt Rd. (Minister's Residence)	£3000

Should these items be called in at any time the present credit balance will, of course, disappear! I trust this now clarifies the true financial position of the Congregation. It is expected the Annual General Meeting will be held later in the year at which I shall be pleased to deal with any queries.

A. E. Morris  
Hon. Treasurer

(May we, on behalf of the whole Community, express our deepest gratitude to Mr. A. E. Morris, our too modest Hon. Treasurer, to whom must go the lion's share of the credit for this most welcome improvement in the Congregation's desperate financial position.

- Ed.)

SYNAGOGUE SEATING

The Hon. Treasurer will be in attendance at the Synagogue on Sunday Morning September 11th at 11 a.m. should any member have any query regarding seating.

MESSAGE FOR NEW YEAR 1966/5727

We are approaching those unique days of our Jewish Calendar where many of our brethren will find the way to the Synagogue and listen to the mellow, melting chant of our liturgy, or be aroused by the sound of the Shofar.

On these High Festivals our mind will review the events of the past year, our own actions, our association with relatives and friends and our link with "Klal Yisrael" in Israel and in the 122 countries in which Jews are dispersed.

Furthermore this "Yom Hazikaron" is a "Day of Remembrance" where we feel our strong roots in the Chain of Tradition linking 200 generations back to the days of our Patriarchs.

There is nothing in the annals of all nations that can compare with the wonder of survival of the Jewish people and the re-establishment of the State of Israel out of the ashes of terrible destruction. Ours is a purpose in the world, our Bible a Testament and a source of strength and comfort to a thousand million for "Thy House shall be called a House of Prayer for all Nations."

It is our prayer that we may all be inscribed in the Book of Life, for a life that will see the fulfilment of our hearts desires "Chayim Sheyimal'u Mish'alot Libenu Letova".

To the Hon. Officers and members of the Bristol Community go our best wishes for a New Year of Health, Happiness and Success.

Leshana Tovah Tikatevu  
Rev. & Mrs. Moddel & Susan

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

A hearty Mazeltor to Leon and Susan Silverstone on the birth recently of their baby daughter, a first grandchild to Mr. & Mrs. T. Petyan.

Mr. & Mrs. Petyan also wish to announce the wedding in London of their younger daughter Judith to Sylvain Rheingold. May we wish them Mazeltor and extend to the happy couple our sincere best wishes for their future happiness.

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We were very sorry to hear of Mr. Sam Nirenberg's illness and wish him a speedy recovery and return to good health.  
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Mr. Harry Silverman wishes to thank all his friends and relatives for their kind wishes while he was in Hospital. He is pleased to say that he is now home again and making a good recovery.

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A hearty Mazeltor also to Mr. & Mrs. Ben Levine on the birth of a baby son.

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Mr. & Mrs. A. Glick are happy to announce that their son Larry gained eight 'O' levels in the recent G.C.E. Examinations.

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#### BRISTOL CHEVRA KADISHA

The Annual Memorial Service will be conducted by the Rev. M. Moddel at Ridgeway Cemetery on Sunday, 11th September, commencing at 3.0 p.m. In accordance with customary procedure, visitors from out-of-Town will be dealt with first and every effort will be made to deal with Bristol members in strict rotation as they arrive. The Hon. Officers of the Chevra, however, would appeal to all those present to be helpful and understanding towards the Minister and those assisting him in carrying out an extremely difficult task.

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Several months ago an urgent appeal was published for volunteers to join the depleted ranks of the Chevra and help in the vital work the dedicated few were engaged upon. To date the response has been disappointing to say the least. May we again urge members to search their hearts and offer their services. Please contact Mr. S. Dysch or Mr. S. Silverman who will be only too happy to provide any information required.

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#### BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

The opening meeting of the new season will take place on Monday evening, September 26th at 4 Rockleaze, Sneyd Park. Mrs. Sacof will be the hostess, and the Guest Speaker will be Miss Probert, the Home Teacher for the Blind.

We look forward to seeing all our members there, and also welcoming new members.

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD CONT'D.

Forthcoming Events

Sunday, October 9th.

Simchat Torah Gala Evening.  
Details to be announced later.

Monday, October 24th.

Afternoon meeting and 'Bring & Buy'  
at 18 Belgrave Road. Mrs. Dysch  
will be hostess.

C. Culank  
Hon. Sec.

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BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

The next meeting of the Group will be a Luncheon to be held on Wednesday, September 21st at 1.0 p.m., the Hostesses being Mrs. G. Seymour and Mrs. M. Goldman. The venue will be announced later.

Autumn Jumble Sale

Please do not forget the autumn jumble sale which is to be held on October 19th. Now that the summer is drawing to a close, perhaps the ladies could inspect their wardrobes to see whether they have any dresses for our "Nearly New Sale."

B. Burke  
Hon. Sec.

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JEWISH BLIND SOCIETY

Mr. Newman Cohen wishes to thank all those kind people who have donated books of Green Shield Stamps to provide a Mini-bus and although the response to his appeal has been very gratifying he is still hopeful of obtaining more.

It is also intended to promote the activity of the Jewish Blind Society in Bristol, and to this effect a meeting will be organised in the near future at which a film will be shown of the work of the Society.

JEWISH BLIND SOCIETY CONT'D.

An address will be given by the Chairman of the J.B.S. - Mr. Cyril J. Ross O.B.E.

In the meantime, anyone interested in the Society's work or who wishes to make a donation, may contact Mr. Newman Cohen at 12 Harbury Rd., Henleaze, Bristol, Tel. 623151 who will be the Voluntary Collector for Bristol.

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BRISTOL TALMUD TORAH

Classes will be resumed on Sunday, September 11th at the Synagogue, Park Row, at 10 a.m. Parents of new pupils are asked to bring their children along at this time also.

The officers and committee of the Talmud Torah extend sincere New Year Greetings to the Community.

A. Elliman  
Hon. Sec.

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ONCE MORE INTO THE BREACH

After many months of despondency, the encouraging remarks of Julius Burke and modest s.b.Z.M. inspire me to take up the pen again in pursuit of a live and happy community. The spirit expressed by these gentlemen is not only highly commendable, but gives the clue to what I detect to be a renaissance. I could give examples of the factors which have contributed to the Community "dark ages" and nauseum, but this is negative psychology and equally repugnant as hypocrisy, deceit and blind loyalty. What we require is positive thinking coupled with unselfish and spontaneous action. In order to survive we must make the best possible use of our present day human materials right here in Bristol, within the compass of our Jewish heritage. We must act and think as a group for the general benefit of each one of us. There is no room for cliques, family or vested interests, and neither must there be breakaways. People should not be elected to the Council merely as figure-heads and indeed, it would be a very healthy symptom if each Councillor at the end of his term of office asked himself, (a) "how much have I vetoed?" and (b) "what positive progress have I achieved?".

Let us make the children our rallying point as our future is based on them. Let them become saturated in modern Hebrew, keeping a balanced attitude to Israel as well as their country of birth. In the same vein, let there be an approach to religion. Instead of, or in addition to, the Sunday morning service, it would encourage the children to have a Sabbath service in the Sephardi pronunciation together with numerous mitzvot. "Downing", as we know it, is out. Modern youth cannot be convinced that automatic reading of meaningless words is good for the soul. A satisfying feature this summer was that some of our children attended Jewish summer schools and Habonim camps. This is an excellent complement to their Hebrew Education. May I suggest that next year we commission a Hebrew Youth Group to organise a camp for the whole of our youngsters. From personal experience, I advise you to let them "rough it". Not only will they enjoy it, but you will be surprised how well they can manage without us.

In the four years I have lived in Bristol, I am amazed how many of my ideas have sooner or later reached fruition. Although misunderstood in the past and insulted by experts, I am like most of my race resilient enough to have the courage of my convictions and have another go.

Ha -zak Ve-emetz

Monty Newman

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A PLANT

by

Stephen Newman

It's standing there on a desk  
Mournful, pathetic, lonely.  
It's had its life  
A life of freedom reflecting its surroundings  
Its leaves are torn,  
A poor shrivelled corpse.

It was a plant.  
A plant like any other  
Rivalling in sweetness and freshness  
It reached its peak  
Then it started climbing down  
And then it fell.

It's dead, a useless body of matter.  
In millions of years it would have turned to coal  
Except man will have destroyed it.  
It will not even have the right.