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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 Perry'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,
113 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 . . .

October 4th. W.I.Z.O. Group
Evening Meeting 7.30 p.m.

October 9th. Women's Guild
Gala Buffet Supper and Dance
7.30 p.m.

October 19th. W.I.Z.O. Group
Autumn Jumble Sale.

October 23rd. Address by Cyril
Ross and Film Show on the
Jewish Blind Society 7.30 p.m.

October 24th. Women's Guild
Afternoon Meeting and Bring
and Buy.

November 13th. W.I.Z.O. Group
Grand Tea 3.30 p.m.

YAHREZEITS

Monday	24th October	Mrs. E. Ring	Cheshvan 10
Saturday	29th October	Mr. B. Kaye	Cheshvan 15
"	"	Mr. B. Silverman	" "
Wednesday	2nd November	Mrs. M. Garcia	Cheshvan 19
Thursday	3rd November	Mrs. E. Fox	Cheshvan 20
Sunday	6th November	Mr. P. Lazarus	Cheshvan 23
Wednesday	9th November	Mr. J. Malik	Cheshvan 26
Monday	14th November	Mr. H. Silverman	Kislev 1

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.

COMMUNAL NOTICES

Young Business Executive (22) would be very grateful for accommodation in friendly Jewish Home. Would anybody interested please contact:

Richard M. Portugal,
Tel: 292541 between 9.00 a.m.
and 5.30 p.m.

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

A Luncheon meeting was held on Tuesday, 21st September at the Captain's Cabin, Cabot Grill. The hostesses were Mrs. Goldman and Mrs. Seymour and the sum of £8. 8. 0. was raised.

The next meeting of the Group will be an evening meeting on Tuesday, 4th October. It will be held at 27 Reedley Road, hostess Mrs. Lever.

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP CONT'D.

Autumn Jumble Sale, 19th October

Will anyone with nearly new jumble please contact any of the following ladies, on the 17th October, who will arrange for its collection:

Mrs. Goldman	681557
Mrs. Lever	628795
Mrs. S. Silverman	655541

I N V I T A T I O N

All members of the Community are cordially invited to a Grand Tea to be held in the Synagogue Hall on Sunday, 13th November at 3.30 p.m.

Besides refreshments there will be sideshows for the children and a Cake Stall.

Tickets will be 5s. for adults, 3s. for children.

B. Burke
Hon. Sec.

THE BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

The Opening meeting of our new season took place on Monday evening, September 26th at the home of Mrs. Sacof. Our guest speaker, Miss Probert, gave a most interesting and enlightening talk on her work as Home Teacher and Social Worker for the Blind.

Mrs. Golda Seymour has kindly undertaken to organize the Succah arrangements for the coming Festival of Succoth.

Forthcoming Events

Sunday October 9th. Simchas Torah Gala Buffet Supper and Dance at the Synagogue Hall 7.30 p.m.

As this is our first Charity function of the Season, it is hoped that everyone will make a special effort to attend.

Monday October 24th. Afternoon Meeting and Bring and Buy at 18 Belgrave Road, Clifton. Mrs. Dysch will be hostess.

C. Culank

Hon. Sec.

THE JEWISH BLIND SOCIETY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD - AT THE SYNAGOGUE HALL

As Chairman of the Jewish Blind Society, I very much appreciate the facilities that have been granted to me to address members of the Bristol Congregation on the work of the Jewish Blind Society.

The extent of blindness amongst Jewish people is not generally appreciated and is estimated to be one in every three hundred who are registered as blind or partially sighted.

The Jewish Blind Society operates in every town and city, and its welfare officers make it their task to be in touch with every Jewish blind person. In our residential homes and welfare centres we care for some 1,500 blind persons.

The object of the exercise is to create in Bristol an Aid Society to interest themselves in our work. By these means we become more closely associated with the city of Bristol and will be enabled to seek out people who suffer from this disability, and our welfare officers will be more closely in touch with people who need their help.

Although we do know of blind people in both Bristol and Wiltshire whom we are concerned with today, we feel sure that there might be others needing our help.

It is not intended to make any appeal for funds at this gathering, but to create a Society of those ready to assist when they learn of our problems.

I do hope you will find it possible to attend the gathering with members of your family, at 7.30 p.m. on Sunday, October 23rd, at the Synagogue Hall, and become conversant with our work.

Yours sincerely,

Cyril J. Ross
Chairman

The Film "LIGHTEN OUR DARKNESS" will be shown during the evening.

7.30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Dear Editors,

We can now see the wisdom of Dr. Curwen and Mr. Gould in resigning their posts, which they held so ably and for so long. Their successors, Messrs. Julius Burke and Colin Berkovitch performed magnificently in their first test. We should be proud to find in our community, two of its younger members willing to accept such responsible positions at a crucial period in the existence, and indeed survival, of the Bristol Jewish Community.

It was a pleasure to see the calm efficiency with which our new president and vice-president performed their arduous duties. Let us all wish them both well and pledge our full support for the future.

Yours faithfully,

Isaac Kushner

A REPLY TO MONTY'S LETTER

Although we have had very little sunshine this year, most of us managed to use our sun glasses for short periods. Monty Newman, however, seems to have put his on and forgotten to take them off, because to him everything appears black.

May I take him up on a few points in his letter in the last issue of Recorder.

I cannot agree with him about there being a clique among the young people of Bristol. I belong to a small group of friends who meet at irregular intervals in each other's houses, the sole purpose being to talk about Monty Newman. If this constitutes a clique, then Monty is right, one does exist.

The word family also appears. I presume M.N. is referring to the Dysch family and its many tributaries. I am sure that for a small fee we would be willing to make him an Honorary Member, but let him bear in mind that he would have to act like all the rest of the family, and that includes being a working member of the Chevra Kadisha and sitting on practically every other committee allied to the Synagogue. If he is still willing to join, the necessary forms can be obtained from the family President.

Monty goes on to ask what the members of the council have vetoed during the past year. As a councillor myself I can assure him VE TOED the line at all meetings otherwise ve vas sent to the salt mines.

A REPLY TO MONTY'S LETTER CONT'D.

Let me finish by saying I am not an expert at insulting people but I am always willing to learn. However, this letter is not meant to be insulting. It is just an answer to Monty's letter and I hope he will take it in the spirit it is meant.

SAM SILVERMAN

HISTORY AND THE SEVERN BRIDGE

The Newmans of Bristol claim to be the last Jewish family to cross on the ferry from Beachley to Aust at 2 p.m. on Sunday, 4th September, 1966.

Stephen, closely followed by his father, Monty Newman, claim to be the first Jews to cross the Severn Bridge, both ways on bicycles at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 9th September 1966.

Any challengers should forward their claims to the Editor.

This year, Monty cast his sins into the Severn Bore.

The strong head of tidal waters was well needed, but is this a record?

Whilst on the subject of one-upmanship, Monty plans to obtain a travelling bedstead to enable him to be the first Jew to push his wife over the Severn Bridge.

Dear Editors,

I think by now we are all aware of Mr. Newman's views on "The Community", "The Council", "The Talmud Torah", "Summer Schools", "Our Jewish Heritage", etc., etc., etc. In case anyone was ever in doubt about this, we now have the dubious pleasure of seeing these views in print, for posterity, so to speak. One or two things I did not know however, was that the Community had employed Mr. N. as their official "Ombudsman", or that he had been nominated as a late candidate for the Chief Rabbi's Office, but, we live and learn.

I was also amazed (or was I), to discover that, out of the entire Community, Mr. N. is the only one with ideas. Such monumental cheek! It does not, I suppose, occur to him that anyone could have an idea, unless he gave it to them first, but he has given some his seal of approval, so we ought to be grateful for these crumbs. I await with bated breath, the result of his future deliberations!

Mr. N. milked the dictionary dry of words and phrases of great eloquence - some of my all-time favourites like "Hypocrisy", "Deceit", "Cliques", etc. I looked up some of these words in my own Dictionary, but found that their definitions did not fit the context of Mr. Newman's letter. For the benefit of the uninitiated (those poor unfortunates who have never heard of Mr. N.) I submit the following definitions, taken from the Newman Concise Bristol Dictionary.....

NEGATIVE PSYCHOLOGY.	Failure to agree with Mr. Newman's views.
DECEIT.	Privately disagreeing with Mr. Newman's views, but agreeing with them publicly for the sake of peace.
HYPOCRISY.	Agreeing with Mr. Newman's views (for the sake of etc.), but contradicting them in conversation with a third party.
CLIQUEs.	Any number of people over two, not including Mr. Newman.
FIGURE-HEADs.	Any member of the Community in Communal Service, not approved by Mr. Newman.
BLIND LOYALTY.	Support given to any Communal Organisation not officially sanctioned by Mr. Newman.
HIGHLY COMMENDABLE.	Support given etc., which HAS the official seal of Mr. N's approval.
BREAKAWAYs.	People who find that they have a sudden urgent appointment, in the middle of a discourse with Mr. N.
HEALTHY SYMPTOM.	A SILENT MR. NEWMAN.

Nat Smith.