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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.

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Mornings 10.0 a.m. - 12.45 p.m.

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Hon. Sec. Mrs. C. Culank,
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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 . . .

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| Dec. 5th. | Women's Guild Evening Meeting. 7.30 p.m. |
| Dec. 8th - 15th | Festival of Chanukah. |
| Dec. 11th | Children's Chanukah Party. |

YAHREZEITS

Sunday	18th December	Mrs. Tuchband	Tebeth 5
Monday	19th December	Messrs. N. & E. Cohen	Tebeth 6
"	"	Mr. M. Redstone	" "
Tuesday	20th December	Mrs. Tuchband	Tebeth 7
Friday	23rd December	Professor J. M. Yoffey	Tebeth 10
Sunday	25th December	Mr. G. Geller	Tebeth 12
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Thursday	5th January	Mrs. E. Rosenberg	Tebeth 23
Saturday	7th January	Mr. A. Elliman	Tebeth 25
Sunday	8th January	Mr. J. Burke & Mr. C. Berkovitch	Tebeth 26
Thursday	12th January	Mr. S. Bloom	Shevat 1

KADDISH WILL BE SAID THE PREVIOUS EVENING

The Memorial Prayer (El Mola Rechamim) 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

Members are reminded that the Festival of Chanukah will be celebrated from the 8th - 15th December. The first light should be kindled on Wednesday evening, 7th December.

CIVIC SERVICE - SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER, 1966

We should like to thank all the people who assisted in the running of the Civic Service and Reception, and in particular, those who did the "backroom" work during the preceding week. Many Congregants do not realise the amount of work involved in preparing a function of this nature and we are greatly indebted to all who took part, and made our work so much easier.

J. Burke
M. C. Berkovitch

CIVIC SERVICE

I think all will agree that the recent Civic Service was particularly successful and helped to cement the friendly relations between the non-Jewish Community and ourselves.

The cost, however, was considerably higher than anticipated and, in fact, exceeded £150. I have already received two generous donations towards this cost and if any other members feel they could contribute, I shall be very happy to receive further donations.

A. E. Morris
Hon. Treasurer

MESSAGE FOR CHANUKAH 1966/5727

By celebrating this beautiful Festival of Chanukah, the Festival of Light, we are trying to imagine what the world would have been today if the events which brought about this celebration had not taken place; if the gallant handful of Maccabees who rose up to fight against a religious totalitarian regime in Judea in the year 168 B.C.E. had preferred to take the line of no resistance; if Mattathias had not made that dramatic call "Whosoever is zealous for the Law and maintaineth the covenant let him come forth after me!"

It was that small, but gallant band, who kept alive the light of G'd in the world, and because of the miraculous survival of the small cruse of pure oil the light was able to continue.

The celebration of these historical events is meaningless unless we take the facts and find inspiration in them for the future, calling us to a sense of duty and showing us the way we should go and the things we should do. There were in those days of the Maccabees many hundreds, perhaps thousands who were pious and observant Jews. So long as they were not put to the test, they were not different from Mattathias and his sons and those who joined them. But when this trial came upon them to obey the King's command to acknowledge the Hellenistic Staatsreligion they surrendered to what they considered irresistible pressure.

The story and events of Chanukah come to us with their important message. The sovereignty of G'd in the world can become a reality only if the spirit of the Maccabees will influence us, the spirit which through the ages has inspired men to offer one's life if need be in the cause of righteousness. We should prevent the light of G'd from being extinguished by the way we are acting when approached with a difficult task. There is no doubt that without the determined Jewish resistance neither the Jewish people nor its religion would have survived. Antiochus's attempt to impose complete Hellenisation resulted in the preservation of Judaism, which might otherwise have disappeared in the Hellenic world.

Chanukah calls upon us to kindle the lights and let them shine forth from our homes. Let there be seen the lights of simplicity and holiness, of purity and faith and let us walk through life by the illumination of these lights.

With Chag Sameyach

Rev. & Mrs. Moddel & Susan

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, November 27th, the following officers and members were elected.

President:	J. Burke, Esq.
Vice-President:	M. C. Berkovitch, Esq.
Hon. Secretary:	Dr. S. Curwen
Hon. Treasurer:	A. E. Morris, Esq.
Life Member:	A. Mass, Esq.
<u>Council:</u>	Mesdames N. Smith, D. Goldman Messrs. S. Bloom, C. Epstein, A. S. Elliman, S. Silverman, L. G. Gould, S. Dysch, G. Geller
<u>Ex-Officio:</u>	S. Nirenberg (Chevra Kadisha) H. Seymour (Talmud Torah)
<u>Honorary</u> <u>Auditors:</u>	J. Ginsberg, Esq. I. Raphael, Esq.

BRISTOL TALMUD TORAH

There will be a Chanukah Service on Sunday, December 11th at 3 p.m. The Service will be followed by a Children's Party to which all children are cordially invited.

A.J.E.X. XMAS HOSPITAL SCHEME 1966

A.J.E.X. branches all over the country are organising help in their local hospitals on Xmas day. Once again the committee of A.J.E.X. Branch Bristol extend a cordial welcome to all members of the Branch and the Community wishing to offer their assistance at the B.R.I. on Xmas Day.

Help is required for approximately one and a half hours at Lunch Time (11.45 a.m.) and again in the evening (5.45 p.m.).

The Hospital authorities were most grateful to the Branch and the Community for their help last year - 'don't let us down this year'.

Please 'phone Mr. Gerald Gee at 684013 with your offer of assistance.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Congratulations and a hearty Mazeltov to Dr. & Mrs. G. Culank on the engagement of their son Leslie to Jenny, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. Howard of Birmingham.

Alderman Helen and Sidney Bloom were honoured to have lunched with Her Majesty the Queen Mother when she recently visited Bristol to open the new Outpatients Department and to celebrate the Centenary of the Hospital.

Alderman Bloom was presented with a Silver Cigarette Box in appreciation of her 15 years' Chairmanship of the House Committee and her 18 years as a Governor of the United Bristol Hospitals.

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

An evening meeting was held on Monday, November 21st at 59 The Dell. Mrs. Golda Seymour was the hostess. A 'Sarah Coventry' Jewellery Fashion Show took place, which proved to be most fascinating, unusual and original, and was enjoyed by everyone present.

The next meeting will take place on Monday evening, December 5th, at 1 Ravenswood Road, Redland. Mrs. Bertha Rosenberg will be the hostess.

C. Culank
Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP.

A Coffee morning was held on Tuesday, 1st November at 1 Tyndall Avenue. Mrs. Yoffey was hostess.

An Evening meeting was held on Tuesday, 15th November at 4 Rockleaze. The Hostess was Mrs. Sacof. A most interesting talk was given by Mrs. Carlbach on Jewish life in Kenya.

The Grand Tea held at the Synagogue Hall on the 13th November was a great success and the sum of £21. 0. 0. was raised.

B. Burke
Hon. Sec.

Moshe,
Court Rd.,
Southport.

15/11/66.

The Editors,

Gentlemen,

We have moved nearly 200 miles from Bristol. Is this not far enough for you? Must you push us another 30 miles away to St. Annes.

We are quite content to live in Southport for the next 40 years. In fact we like it here. My only complaint is that I have to pay 4/6 for a haircut. There are no cut-price hair cuts for O.A.P. Simchas Torah in Southport is quite an experience. After your round with the Sefar you are expected to retire to an ante-room where whiskey is served. There was more dancing in shool than at an organised dance in Bristol.

The attendance in shool on Saturday is good. Approx. 100 men, 5 ladies and 50 children. The men seem to be split up into a number of debating societies. The Ladies Gallery is silent and the children hold their own service. This is worth attending. I do miss Bristol a little. I am not quite sure if it is the Congregation or the Poker school I miss most. We are looking forward to a visit to Bristol in April. (If Rose does not forget).

Our regards to all,

M. Redstone.

(Ed. Many apologies for our error in moving you to St. Annes instead of Southport.)