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BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION THE SYNAGOGUE, PARK ROW, BRISTOL

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Westbury-on-Trym,
Bristol.

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

for your diary . . .

March 2nd. W.I.Z.O. Dance

March 4th. Mon. Evening
Meeting at 10 Oakhurst
Rd.

March 12th. Tues. Evening
Meeting at 29 Ravens-
wood Rd.

March 13th. Fast of Esther

March 14th. Purim

March 17th Sunday. Purim
Party

March 26th. Tues. Coffee
Morning 9 Pitch &
Pay Lane.

YAHREZEITS

Friday	1st March	Lazarus Sisters	Adar 1
Saturday	2nd March	Mrs. Tonkey	Adar 2
Monday	4th March	Mrs. G. Seymour	Adar 4
Tuesday	5th March	Mr. S. Dysch	Adar 5
Wednesday	6th March	Mr. A. Malin	Adar 6
Saturday	9th March	Mr. A. E. Morris	Adar 9
Saturday	9th March	Mr. H. Seymour	Adar 9
Sunday	10th March	Mr. D. Goldman	Adar 10
Tuesday	12th March	Mesdames E. Fox & B. Coburg	Adar 12
Wednesday	13th March	Mrs. M. Gee	Adar 13
Saturday	16th March	Lazarus Sisters	Adar 16
Sunday	17th March	Mr. A. Glick	Adar 17
Monday	18th March	Rev. Moddel	Adar 18
Thursday	21st March	Messrs. N. & I. Secof	Adar 21
Thursday	21st March	Mr. S. Dysch	Adar 21
Friday	22nd March	Mr. I. Freeland	Adar 22
Monday	25th March	Mrs. Wapnah	Adar 25
Tuesday	26th March	Messrs. J. Burke & C. Berkovitch	Adar 26
Tuesday	26th March	Mrs. B. Cohen	Adar 26
Thursday	28th March	Mrs. D. Cohen	Adar 28
Tuesday	4th April	Mr. M. Newman	Nisan 4

COMMUNAL NOTICES

May I, through the medium of the Recorder, thank all my friends and relatives for their frequent visits to the hospital and convalescent home, during my stay there. I am now back home so would be happy to see anyone who has a little time to spare as I am still housebound.

. Mrs. B. Coburg

Members of the Congregation are reminded that the Festival of Purim will be celebrated on Thursday, 14th March. Evening Service, followed by the Reading of the Megillah will be held in the Synagogue on Wednesday evening 13th March at 7.30 p.m. The Fast of Esther will be observed on Wednesday, 13th March, and will terminate at 7.55 p.m.

We were sorry to hear of Ernest Lever's recent illness and wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

We are also sorry to hear that Mr. Zimmerman of Queensholme Drive has been ill and we wish him too a speedy recovery.

You may have noticed that the Synagogue premises are in a very bad condition and require urgent attention.

At a Council Meeting held on 4th February, 1968, a sub-committee was formed to investigate and report on the condition of the Buildings and the estimated costs of carrying out the most urgent affairs. The Classrooms in the Synagogue House and the Succah are the most important jobs but the probable cost is likely to exceed £500 for these items alone.

At present, our funds in the Bank are insufficient to meet such expenditure and it is therefore proposed that a special Building fund is started to meet the bills that will eventually arise, and it is hoped that every member will assist to promote that Fund either by donations or by fund-raising schemes.

STONESETTING

A Memorial Stone will be unveiled on Sunday, March 10th at 2.30 p.m. to the Late Mr. Israel Winberg; at the Ridgeway Cemetery.

BRISTOL TAINUD TORAH

A Purim Party and Play presented by the pupils will be held on Sunday, March 17th at 3.0 p.m. in the Synagogue Hall.

MESSAGE FOR PURIM 1968/5728

One of the messages of Purim is that faith in G'd is more often found in the centre of suffering than in the comfort of luxury which is stated in the Talmud Book of Megillah:

"All the forty eight Prophets in the Bible could not by their strong appeal bring about that which was successful achieved by the single act of Ahasuerus, King of Persia, when he handed the ring of office to Haman with which to seal the fate of the Jews."

The festival assures us that G'd creates the remedy before he inflicts the wound. It was only after Mordecai had saved the King from the plot against his life and after Esther had found favour with the King, Haman became the Prime Minister of Persia to be in charge with the fateful decision of the Jewish People. Salvation came after the Jews had fasted and prayed and re-dedicated themselves to a firm obedience of the Torah. The philosophy of Purim is that Israel will survive not by the destruction of its Hamans as by the raising of generations of Mordecais and Esthers to whom Judaism will be the ideal life of nobility.

Purim is to be commemorated in a merriest spirit. The Purim story records: "The Jews had light and gladness and joy and honour".

To be happy one must make others happy especially those less fortunate. The custom of distributing gifts as an essential feature of Purim is mentioned in the Book of Esther and is observed to this day. It is on such customs that the Jewish reputation for world-wide philanthropy has become famous. Therefore our Talmudic Rabbis wrote that Purim would be observed by the Jews forever as we find it expressed in the following quotation "All festivals shall be forgotten in time to come but the days of Purim shall never be forgotten."

With Chag Sameyach

Rev. & Mrs. Modell & Susan

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

An evening meeting was held on Monday, February 5th, at 14 Oakdale Court, Downend. Our hostess was Mrs. Sonia Silverman.

The next meeting will take place on Monday evening, March 4th, at 10 Oakhurst Rd., Westbury-on-Trym. Mrs. Marcia Gee will be hostess.

C. Culank
Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

A Coffee Morning was held on Tuesday, 30th January at 51 The Dell. Our Hostess was Mrs. N. Silverman.

An Evening Meeting was held on Tuesday, 13th February at 27 Reedley Rd. Our Hostess was Mrs. Lever.

Future meetings have been arranged as follows:-

Tuesday, 12th March. Evening meeting at 29 Ravenswood Rd.
Our hostess will be Mrs. Carlebach.

Tuesday, 26th March. Coffee Morning at 9 Pitch & Pay Lane.
Our hostess will be Mrs. Hart.

With the money raised from the Nearly New Shop, it was decided to sponsor a Miriam Sacher Scholarship for £105, to purchase 5 bricks at the cost of £5 per brick for the Helena Kagan Youth Centre and to send the remainder to the Emergency Fund.

Thanks are due to all those who took part in this effort, not only to those who helped sell the goods, but also to those who donated them for without their assistance the Nearly New Shop would not have been possible.

Bette Burke
(Hon. Sec.)

STRICTLY FOR WOMEN

The W.I.Z.O. Nearly New Shop was in full swing. The windows were crammed with fantastic bargains just crying out to be bought while inside, the tables and rails were bulging with last year's cast offs.

'Bargain Shops' do attract the strangest assortment of people, the poor, the careful and the just plain addicted.

As this was the second Nearly New Shop organised by W.I.Z.O. it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces, both behind and in front of the counters. By the last day it was easy to tell the buyers from those who were "just looking dear".

The strangest request came from a gentleman who asked one of the volunteers if she would accept a cheque for 10s. Would you have done so?

The saying goes "Vanity, thy name is Woman" but I am afraid I am not convinced, for it was not the women but the men who tried on suit after suit, preening themselves before our ancient mirror.

"Try this one" advised another of our valuable helpers to her rather corpulent customer, "it should fit you, it fits Sid."

The gentleman gamely tried on the jacket, extended it a good four inches in front of his own ample stomach and exclaimed,

"Lady, if this fits Sid, then Sid should go on a diet".

I could go on but I will save your blushes.

I think I can safely say that the W.I.Z.O. Nearly New Shop is here to stay as an annual event and although those that did make the effort to help were truly exhausted at the end of the week, I think that the amount of money raised was all the proof we needed that it was well worth while.

Thinking nostalgically and fondly of my absent eldest son (as mothers do when their sons are away from home), and watching his six year old brother eat his breakfast I said

"You are so like your big brother I wonder will you grow up as thoughtful as he is".

"What do you mean thoughtful" he said. After a moment's thought on how to explain I said.

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STRICTLY FOR WOMEN CONT'D.

"Well, will you worry about mummy and daddy".

"Why should I worry about you" he replied.

"We shall worry about you, so it's only fair, isn't it."

He spent a few moments thinking hard, then came his reply to end the conversation.

"I'll tell you that, you don't worry about me, and I won't worry about you".

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Dear Madam,

May I point out to "Member's Wife" who asks the burning question in last month's issue, whether she should attend Shool not wearing her hat, if the alternative is to spoil her equally new hair-do. Firstly, the problem shouldn't arise, I always thought the occasion for attending Shool, whether it be Shabbat, Yomtov, or what have you, was not the right time to visit the hairdresser. If she went to the Hairdressers a couple of days prior to wanting to show her new hat, not only would it fit her, but she would not then be embarrassed to find herself the only older congregant not wearing a hat for the service, but one looking like an open invitation to any male cockateo that may be flying loose around Park Row!

I would like, if permitted, to know how this lady can afford to pay for a hair do lasting 4 hours, AND a new hat?

Yours truly,

A. N. Other (Member's Wife)

The Ladies' Guild would like to know if anyone has any old tea trolleys which they would donate to us for use in the Synagogue Hall. We would be most grateful to accept them.
