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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.
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,
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 . . .

Forthcoming Events

September 21st W.I.Z.O.
Luncheon 12.30 p.m.

September 26th Women's Guild
Opening Meeting 7.30 p.m.

YAHREZEITS

Tuesday	23rd August	Mrs. Meisbiser	Ellul 7
Friday	26th August	Mrs. Dembo	Ellul 10
Saturday	27th August	Mr. M. Steinberg	Ellul 11
"	"	Dr. H. I. Howard	" "
Wednesday	31st August	Mr. A. Malin	Ellul 15
Friday	9th September	Mrs. M. Redstone	Ellul 24
Saturday	10th September	Mr. H. Campbell	Ellul 25
Sunday	11th September	Miss P. Nathan	Ellul 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.

CONGREGATION FINANCIAL POSITION

As no doubt most of you are aware, the site at Snayd Park has now been sold and the matter completed. Although this has considerably relieved the financial situation, it is still by no means as healthy as I would like. A full statement of the recent transaction and its affect on the Synagogue finances will appear in the September Recorder.

A. E. Morris
Hon. Treasurer

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Harry Silverman is ill in hospital. We send him the good wishes of the entire Congregation and sincerely hope he will soon be fully restored to health.

We are also sorry to learn that Mr. I. Winberg has been taken ill and trust that he too will soon be fully recovered.

On the 26th July, 1926 - at the Bristol Synagogue,
Bertha Strimer to Mike Sacof, by the Rev: Harris Swift.

Congratulations on FORTY well-spent, happy years to Mr. & Mrs. Sacof; and may they continue to have many more years of joy and happiness with their children, grandchildren and other members of their large family...

It is interesting to recall that their daughter, Natalie, married Dr. Ronald Harris in 1949, at our Synagogue - (and by the Rev: H. Swift), and that the parents of Mrs. Sacof, the late Leah and David Strimer, (indefatigable workers for the Jewish Congregation) also married there in 1894.

A unique record of continuity in our Jewish Community.

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

An evening meeting was held on Monday, June 13th, at 1 Ravenswood Road, Redland, when Mrs. Bertha Rosenberg was the hostess. We regret that this was inadvertently omitted from our last month's report - our apologies to Mrs. Rosenberg.

On Wednesday, July 6th, a party of members of the Cardiff Friendship Club, paid a visit to Bristol, and were entertained to tea by the Guild at the Synagogue Hall. An appreciative letter of thanks has since been received from the Cardiff Club, stating they would like to reciprocate our hospitality. They suggest that if our members would like to visit their group on any Wednesday in August, they would be delighted to entertain us.

Would any members interested in going to Cardiff during August, kindly notify the Chairman or Secretary as soon as possible.

The Annual General Meeting of the Guild, took place on Monday evening, 11th July, at the Synagogue Hall. It was well attended.

Mrs. Sacof, in opening the meeting with her Presidential address, thanked everyone for the excellent work done throughout the year, which had been so successful. Among her other remarks, Mrs. Sacof particularly appealed to members to make a special effort to attend Sabbath morning services.

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD CONT'D.

The Chairman, Mrs. Glick, thanked all her officers and committee for their help and co-operation throughout the year, also the hostesses who had helped to make the meetings so successful, and the members for their loyal support and good attendances. The Chairman made particular reference to the newly-decorated Synagogue Hall which is now so pleasant, and the recent Dinner & Dance which had been such a great success, thanks to the co-operation and splendid team work by the members.

The Chairman appealed to members to come forward with their views and new ideas, in order that we can look forward to a new and successful season.

The Secretary, Mrs. Culank, reported on the year's activities of the Guild.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Tuchband, presented her Balance Sheet, which was fully discussed. Proposed for adoption by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Newman.

Guild allocations for 1966 agreed as follows:-

Cardiff Jewish Home for the Aged.	£40.	0.	0.
Jewish Blind Society	3.	3.	0.
Jewish Child's Day	2.	2.	0.
Stratheden Old People's Home	2.	2.	0.
Save the Children's Fund	2.	2.	0.
Anti T.B. Fund	2.	2.	0.
Union of Jewish Women	1.	1.	0.
Bristol Hospital Fund	1.	1.	0.

Additional donations of £1. 1. 0. each kindly given by Mrs. Newman Cohen and Mrs. M. Roberts, to the Jewish Blind Society, making total allocation of £5. 5. 0.

All the officers were re-elected en bloc as follows:-

President	...	Mrs. G. Sacof
Vice-Presidents	...	Mrs. J. Dysch
		Mrs. G. Roydon
		Mrs. M. Gee (senr.)
Chairman	...	Mrs. B. Glick
Secretary	...	Mrs. C. Culank
Treasurer	...	Mrs. L. Tuchband

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD CONT'D.

Committee	...	Mrs. N. Silverman
		Mrs. R. Smith
		Mrs. M. Roberts
		Mrs. B. Rosenberg
		Mrs. G. Seymour

A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Roydon for providing the refreshments.

Please note

The opening meeting for the new season is on Monday evening, September 26th, at the home of Mrs. Sacof, 4 Rockleaze.

C. Culank
(Hon. Sec.)

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

A Coffee Morning was held on Tuesday, 5th July at 51 The Dell. Mrs. N. Silverman was the hostess.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Synagogue Hall on Tuesday, 19th July. Mrs. Yoffey, who is resigning as Chairman of the Group because of her intention to live in Israel, gave a farewell report. She said that since its inception, 11 years ago, the Group had gone from strength to strength and was now an important factor in the community's charitable and social programme.

All the honorary officers gave their reports for the year and Mrs. R. Smith, as Captain for Women's Week, reported that she had collected £68. 7. 0.

The following officers and committee were elected:-

Chairman	Mrs. S. Silverman
Vice Chairman	Mrs. R. Curwen
Treasurer	Mrs. K. Lever
Education Officer	Mrs. G. Tunkel
Secretary	Mrs. B. Burke

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

Committee

Mrs. B. Yoffey (ex officio)
Miss E. Blohm
Mrs. G. Dysch
Mrs. M. Goldman
Mrs. G. Roydon
Mrs. N. Silverman

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday, Sept. 21st	Luncheon given by Mrs. Seymour and Mrs. Goldman
Tuesday, Oct. 4th	Evening Meeting at 27 Reedley Road. Mrs. Lever as hostess.
Tuesday, Oct. 18th	Coffee Morning at 1 Tyndall Avenue. Mrs. Yoffey hostess.
Wednesday, Oct. 19th	Jumble Sale in St. John's Hall.
Tuesday, Nov. 1st	Evening Meeting at 18 Belgrave Rd. Mrs. Dysch as hostess.
Wednesday, Nov. 16th	Luncheon given by Mrs. Curwen and Mrs. Lever.
Tuesday, Nov. 29th	Evening Meeting at 4 Rockleaze. Hostess Mrs. Sacof.
Tuesday, Dec. 13th	Coffee morning at 51 The Dell. Mrs. N. Silverman as hostess.

New Year's Greetings Brochure

We are, once again, producing a New Year's Brochure, minimum charge 10/6. All those who wish to include their greetings should communicate with Mrs. Lever, Mrs. Goldman or Mrs. S. Silverman not later than the end of August.

Autumn Jumble Sale

Our autumn jumble sale this year is to be held on October 19th. In order to make our 'Nearly New' sale successful we would be grateful if as many ladies as possible could bring along at least one garment in good condition.

B. Burke
(Hon. Sec.)

COMMUNAL NOTICES

Important notice for the attention of all members
of the Bristol Hebrew Congregation.

At the Annual General Meeting on March 13th, 1966, the offices of President and Vice-President remained vacant as none of the members were willing to accept nomination. The Constitution, in respect of the Clauses relating to election of candidates for these offices, was therefore suspended for a period of three months, during which time a rota system was put into operation.

On Sunday, July 17th, the Council received and unanimously approved the following nominations:

President	- J. M. Burke, Esq.
Vice-President	- M. C. Barkovitch, Esq.
Hon. Secretary	- Dr. S. Curwen

In order to obviate the necessity of holding an Extra-ordinary General Meeting, the Council will assume ratification of the election of these officers, if No other nominations or vote in writing is received by the Council against the election of any or all of these members, before July 22nd, 1966.

A MESSAGE FROM MR. JULIUS BURKE

Dear Fellow Congregant,

At the beginning of my term of office as your President I should like to address myself to those of you who have not found an interest either social or spiritual in the Synagogue or even perhaps in Jewish matters.

The very fact that you are members shows your wish to be associated with the Community but I am forced to bring to your notice the fact that unless a more pronounced expression of your interest is shown this Congregation cannot continue to function. No social gathering can be held without people to attend or support it. Similarly, no service can be held without people in the Synagogue, nor can anyone minister to the needs of a non-existent congregation. I would ask you to support those who continually work for the welfare of the community and if possible assist them. Attendance at Synagogue is surely a small but very vital way of giving support and it would be more than welcome if you would help fill those emptying spaces.

MR. JULIUS BURKE'S MESSAGE CONT'D

I hope, as time passes, that I shall meet you all for the purpose of discussing the problem of how each and every one of you can help in some way to make this once again a live community.

To those who continue to work for the welfare of the congregation I would trust that they derive much satisfaction and pleasure from doing so, to the encouragement of others.

Yours sincerely,

Julius Burke

BRISTOL TALMUD TORAH

At the recent Annual Prizegiving, Ald. Mrs. Helen Bloom very kindly distributed the prizes to:

Geoffrey Guttman	}	Top Class
Judith Charles		

Anthony Goldman	}	Middle Class
Norman Newman		

Rosalind Elliman Ralph Culanck Memorial Cup.

Mrs. & Mrs. Bloom have very generously offered to donate a plaque to hang in the Synagogue Hall on which the names of Cheder prizewinners will be inscribed.

Parents wishing to send children for the first time when the new session starts in September are asked to notify the Hon. Sec.

A. S. Elliman,
12 Panton Drive,
Bristol 7

as soon as possible.

A. S. Elliman
(Hon. Sec.)

THE EMPTY BOX

Let the Citizens of Stoke Bishop rejoice
Let the Children of Westbury clap their hands
Let there be cheering in Henleaze, in the
highways and byeways of Filton and Downend
Shout out with praise, ye people of Bishopston
Let your songs be heard in Bath, in Weston and
in far off Somerset.
A President has come to Park Row
There is a Vice-President within our gates.

This paean of praise simply means that the Wardens Box which has been empty for just over four months, is at last to be re-occupied by a President and Vice-President. Julius Burke and his brother Colin, who although still comparatively young, already have a long record of service to the Community and now have, out of a wonderful sense of duty, offered their services to fill the vacant offices. I suppose this is the moment for everyone to breathe a sigh of relief and sit back and leave two more willing horses to carry the main share of the burden. I wonder just how many members of the Congregation realise how close the Council came to calling a General Meeting to consider the cessation of Bristol Hebrew Congregation, as a religious body. Now we have two new honorary officers and very welcome they are. But, this is not the end of the crisis by any means. The main purpose of this Congregation is to afford facilities for the conduct of services and in doing so help to perpetuate one of the oldest religions known to man.

This religion has been binding force for the Jewish people throughout the centuries. It is not an easy religion to follow and all of us fail in many of the sacrifices that are necessary for its observation. There are many, however, who could still make just the smallest token gesture to their Faith, by attending Sabbath evening and morning services. One hour and a half (90 minutes - the time many of us have spent several times in the past weeks watching a football match), one hour and a half. Is this too much to ask on a Sabbath morning? Is this too great a sacrifice in order to perpetuate a faith, from which has sprung the basis of modern civilisation?

At the moment about six members of the Congregation attend Sabbath morning services regularly - schoolboys, visitors and university students make up the remainder of the minyan. There must be at the very least six more members who could, should, must attend regularly if Bristol Jewry is to survive as an ancient and honourable Community.

S.b.Z.M.

THE OUTCAST

by Stephen Newman

He came to school with a dozen fleas
The children did nothing but jeer and tease
No friends to him would associate
Maybe because of their mother's hate
To have friends he would appreciate
He never had any games or toys
Or any other types of joys
His father would be at the pub all night
And never came home without a fight
His mother divorced when he was five
So this outcast regretted that he was alive
The children at school were very cruel
They would even put pepper in his gruel
Every day catapult missiles would land and
make him cry
No wonder this outcast wanted to die.

(Re-printed from the School Magazine)