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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 Parrys Lane,
Stoke Bishop,
Bristol 9.
Tel: 69-3033

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

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 . . .

Mon. November 4th
Bring & Buy at
18 Belgrave Road.

Thurs. November 14th
Evening Meeting at
14 The Avenue.

Sun. November 24th
"Nosh Nite" at
Synagogue Hall.

Mon. December 2nd
Evening Meeting at
15, St. Romards Avenue.

YAHREZEITS

Wednesday	6th November	Mr. B. Silverman	Cheshvan	15th
Sunday	10th November	Mrs. M. Garcia	Cheshvan	19th
Monday	11th November	Mrs. E. Fox	Cheshvan	20th
Thursday	14th November	Lazarus Sisters	Cheshvan	23th
Sunday	17th November	Mr. J. Malik	Cheshvan	26th
Friday	22nd November	Mr. H. Silverman	Kislev	1st
Friday	29th November	Mr. J. Ginsborg	Kislev	8th
Monday	2nd December	{Mr. J. Ginsberg {Myers Bros.	Kislev	11th

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

Two of our families are leaving us - Arnold and Sonia Elliman and Julius and Mona Carlebach.

Arnold and Sonia and their family we have all known for many years - Sonia of course being a "Sabra" Bristolian. They have both been pillars of strength in so many ways that their efforts would fill a whole series of Recorders - suffice it to say that they will be sadly missed but sincerely remembered. Arnold was Secretary of the Talmud Torah and a working member of the A.J.E.X. Committee, our local "security agent" (OO7½) and he did excellent work for both.

Julius and Mons Carlebach were later arrivals but have been of great assistance to our Community, even in the short time they were with us. Mr. Carlebach was able to afford valuable assistance to the Synagogue Council while he was a member, both from his deep Religious knowledge and from his past experiences in other Communities. He was also Chaplain to the Jewish Students and was able to conduct Services for us whenever called on to do so. In his last year with us he was an able Chairman of the local J.P.A. Committee - they too will be sadly missed from our congregation.

Discussion Group

A meeting of this group will be held at 37 Long Eaton Drive, Knowle, where Ike and Minnie Kushner will be host and hostess, on Sunday, 10th November at 8.00p.m. All who are interested in present day affairs and would like to air their views (or anyone else's) are welcome.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. I. Raphael and Mr. & Mrs. N. Cohen who were honoured with the privilege of Chasan Torah and Chasan Bereshith respectively. They afterwards entertained the congregation at a Kiddush in the Synagogue Hall.

The J.P.A. Committee gave a Film Show and Tea to the community on Sunday, 20th October. Three Israeli Films were shown which were most enjoyable. This pleasant episode was in a way a "Thank you" from the J.P.A. to all those who have given their support over the years.

Sabbath Morning Service on 16th November will be conducted by members of the Jewish Students Society of Bristol University. Congregants are reminded that the Service commences at 9.30 a.m.

Tilly Howard would like to thank everybody for their kind enquiries and good wishes consequent upon her recent stay in the Bristol Royal Infirmary.

The following letter has been received from Mrs. Golda Haze.

Fellow Bristolians,

Having just received the September issue of the "Recorder", I have perused with great interest the exchange of correspondence between Dr. Curwen (Representing the Committee) and the Rev. Moddel.

Since I was born, and lived most of my life in Bristol, I am aware that the problem under discussion is no new one, it has always existed. It seems however that the crisis has reached its peak, since never before in Bristol Jewish history has there been any question of ending the religious services.

I am not acquainted with the Rev. Moddel, he came to Bristol after my exit, but I do most emphatically agree with the sentiments expressed in his letter. Do the Council really expect a visit from the Minister to achieve a drastic change in school attendance? If so, they must be very naive.

A Minister can only approach the problem from a religious standpoint, whereas a layman has many approaches. The most successful results are often obtained where participation in a project has taken place for entirely the wrong reasons. What matters is the net result. Let the Committee approach the members, let them lay fairly and squarely a fair portion of responsibility for the continuation of the Bristol Hebrew Congregation, on each members shoulders. Let them extract from each and everyone a promise of attendance at service at least once each month. Let them point out that if the Bristol Hebrew Congregation is to survive as such, it is essential that services be maintained, and that their attendance is the only way they can be maintained. But first let the Council set its own house in order. If one seeks to persuade others, one must first stand committed oneself.

In many ways the Bristol community is a very live one, it has accomplished what is for so small a congregation, a wonderful record. It has its WIZO branch, its Womans Guild, its charity drives, a very efficient Chevra Kadisha, its "Jewish Recorder". It has too, at its focal point, a very attractive Synagogue, without which all these activities have no meaning, and no cohesion. Are you going to allow the whole structure to fall for want of the adhesive that will cement its foundations - viz. your occasional attendance at services.

At this point in the History of Jewry, when our own land is an accomplished fact, when Israel has given to us all a proud heritage, when day by day our sons, husbands, brothers are giving their lives to uphold that heritage, are you going to refuse to give a little of your time.

Be thankful you are not asked to give more, and give that with a will.

A New Year, and a New Spirit. May the Bristol Hebrew Congregation wax triumphant, and its shadow never grow less.

A fellow Bristolian

THE SYNAGOGUE BUILDING

For the last six years insufficient funds have been available to spend on repairs and decorations as we always expected to have a new building. It has now become obvious that this hope dwells in the realms of fantasy and we must face the fact that for the next five to ten years we have to make the most of the existing premises.

Let us take a long hard look at our buildings. Urgent essential repairs have to be carried out on the Synagogue roof. The Succah and Kitchen roof has to be rebuilt. The wall of the Synagogue Hall is now suffering its perennial watery disfigurement. The Synagogue needs new floor covering and electrical re-wiring and so it goes on. Not only are these jobs essential from the amenity point of view, but also it is important to maintain the value if ever the building were to be acquired.

The situation seems hopeless. Once the building deteriorates there will be no rallying place, no synagogue and no social hall. This is a sure formula for disintegration.

A Building Sub-Committee has been formed to decide priorities and find the money to expedite matters. There are various schemes under discussion which may help to solve the difficulties, but the important point at this stage is goodwill and unity. Every man, woman as well as the younger generation, each society of the community, both individually and collectively, should now realise the urgent and imperative need to bring the Synagogue Buildings up to standard.

Monty Newman
Chairman, Building Sub-Committee

A.J.E.X.

The Annual Armistice Parade in Bristol is being held this year on Sunday, 10th November. The Polack Branch of the British Legion would like to see as many members as possible turn out to swell the ranks muster at Queens Square, 10 a.m. The Parade will be over by 11.30 a.m. and all members of the Jewish contingent are invited to Free Refreshments afterwards.

For further details contact Mr. G. Gee Tel: 684013.

LONDON PARADE

Arrangements are now being made for Jewish Ex-Servicemen's Parade in London, on Sunday, 17th November. The Reviewing Officer is Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir Charles Elworthy, G.C.B., C.B.E. We hope to see as many Ex-Servicemen and their wives as possible. The fare to London will be 42/-.

For further details contact Mr. N. Smith, Tel: 47492.

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

An evening meeting took place on Monday, 21st October, at the home of Mrs. Golde Seymour.

Future Events.

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| Monday 4th November | Afternoon meeting and 'Bring & Buy' at 18 Belgrave Road, Clifton. Our hostess will be Mrs. Dysch. |
| Sunday 24th November | 'Nosh Nite' and Dance to be held at the Synagogue Hall, at 7.30 p.m. Proceeds towards Synagogue Building Fund.
Please keep this important date free! |
| Monday 2nd December | Evening Meeting at 15 St. Ronan's Ave., when our Guest Speaker will be Miss J.A. Frieze, S.R.N., County Staff Officer of St. John Ambulance Brigade. |

Our grateful thanks to Mrs. Golde Seymour and her helpers for the efficient way in which she organised the arrangements and decoration of the Succah.

C. Culank,
(Hon. Sec.)

BRISTOL WIZO GROUP

Autumn Jumble Sale

At the Autumn Jumble Sale, held on Wednesday, 23rd October, the magnificent sum of £51. was raised. This figure was achieved as a result of the large number of volunteers who helped with the sale and we would like to express our appreciation to everyone who assisted.

Our next meeting will be an Evening Meeting on Thursday, 14th November at 14, The Avenue. Our hostess will be Mrs. Roydon.

This meeting has been changed to a Thursday evening so that we may have the opportunity of listening to Mrs. Yedida Lahav, co-Chairman of Aliyah Department of the World WIZO Executive. Mrs. Lahav is a seventh generation Sabra and devotes her time to assisting immigrants to Israel. In 1948 she acted as liaison with the Overseas volunteers and in the Six-Day war was Chairman of the Hospitality Committee.

Mrs. Lahav has travelled to all parts of the world on WIZO missions and has entranced audiences from Australia to Peru. We hope that you will support the meeting and help to make the evening an interesting and unforgettable one.

Bette Burke
Shelagh Hart
(Joint Hon. Secs.)

STRICTLY FOR WOMEN

Tea Fruit Cake

by
Sonia Silverman

8 ounces Mixed Dried Fruit
8 " S.R. Flour
1 Egg
 $\frac{1}{4}$ Pint Cold Tea
6 ounces Soft Brown Sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon Cinnamon.

Method

Soak fruit in tea overnight. Mix egg with the sugar - add liquid from fruit. Mix in flour. Lastly add fruit. Mix to a dropping consistency. Put in 1 lb. loaf tin and bake in medium oven, Reg. No. 4 for 1 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

This cake to be eaten buttered.
