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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,
c/o Harcourt Road,
Bristol 6,
Tel.: 40615

Hon. Sec. Dr. S. Curwen,
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Bristol 9,
Tel: 69-3033

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.

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

for your diary ...

Mon. December 2nd
Evening Meeting at
15, St. Ronan's Ave.

Tues. December 10th
Evening Meeting at
4, Downs Cote View.

Sun. December 22nd
Chanukah Party at
3.30 p.m.

YAHREZITS

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| Sunday | 8th December | Mrs. N. Silverman | Kislev 17th |
| Monday | 9th December | Mr. M. Garcia | Kislev 18th |
| Sunday | 15th December | Mr. G. Geller | Kislev 24th |
| Thursday | 19th December | Mr. A. Elliman | Kislev 28th |
| Saturday | 21st December | Mr. I. Raphael | Kislev 30th |
| Thursday | 26th December | Mrs. Tuchband | Tevet 5th |
| Friday | 27th December | Mr. N. Cohen | Tevet 6th |
| Saturday | 28th December | Mrs. Tuchband | Tevet 7th |
| Thursday | 2nd January | Mr. G. Geller | Tevet 12th |

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.

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COMMUNAL NOTICES

Miriam and David Goldman wish to announce that their son Anthony will read Mafhir and Haftorah on Saturday, December 7th 1968, and invite all members of the Congregation to join them for Kiddush after the Service.

A Chanukah Party will be held in the Synagogue Hall on Sunday, December 22nd at 3.30 p.m., all children are invited and any parents who wish to come are welcome!

The November Lottery was won by Miss Ena Blohm.

A Memorial Service was held in Bristol on Sunday, 10th November. Reverend Modell officiated at part of the Service and Newman Cohen laid a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the Bristol Jewish Ex-servicemen.

On Sunday, 17th November Seven Members of Bristol A.J.E.X. travelled to London to support the Jewish Ex-servicemen's Rally at the Cenotaph in Whitehall.

The weather was dry but a little cold and it was a great pity the attendance on Parade was no more than 2,000 - it seems to get less each year.

Once again A.J.E.X. have been asked to help out at Bristol Hospitals during Christmas day. Anyone over the age of 16 who is willing to donate one hour of their time for this most rewarding task, please contact Gerald Gee, Bristol 684013.

The Discussion Group Meeting arranged to take place on 15th December at the home of Sam and Sonia Silverman has been postponed until Sunday, 5th January, at 8 p.m. at 36, Oakdale Court, Downend.

Mr. & Mrs. Meyer wish to thank all their friends for their kindness and good wishes during Mr. Meyer's recent illness, and are very pleased to say that Mr. Meyer is now well on the road to recovery.

THE SYNAGOGUE BUILDINGS

Essential repairs which have to be made total £765 and as the work has to be carried out immediately, the position is hopeless. One solution would be to increase Member's Contributions by 50%, but this will not provide an early remedy and in certain cases would create hardship. Therefore the only alternative which is a desperate measure, is to ask at least 50 members to make a donation of ten guineas within the next month. This will be arranged under Deed of Covenant so that a tax reclaim at the standard rate of tax over the next seven years can be obtained. At this initial invitation 10 members have already agreed to co-operate, the majority of the Council will no doubt comply and all members and ex-members are expected to join the "Save the Shool" campaign.

In addition to this "once and for all" payment of 10 gns. members are asked to increase their annual contributions by a donation to the Building Fund.

There will of course be ancillary help from social functions run by the Ladies Guild and other bodies, competitions and lotteries, but the amounts that these will produce is comparatively small considering the total expenditure envisaged and also will take some time to acquire. Therefore everyone who can possibly afford it, is requested to support the crash programme and contract to pay an emergency donation of 10 guineas within the next month. If this fails, the opportunity to save the Shool will never have a second chance. It is now or never.

MOTORING CLUB

I have been invited by members of the Building Committee to form a Motoring Club for all members of the Community to participate in. I feel with the right support and enthusiasm this idea could prove to be very exciting and help the Building Committee in their efforts to repair and maintain the Synagogue.

A Motoring Club does not exclude non-drivers as all rallying needs a map-reader. I am sure all the Fat Mosses of the Community would love to try their skill against the Graham Hills of the club. Another reason this should be successful is it is not only a summer hobby, how many of you would like to know more about the running of your car and what small repairs you could do yourself. You would be surprised at the amount we could learn from each other. So how about it? If you are interested please contact me at this address, 62, Oakdale Close, Downend, Bristol, Tel: 654474. I am sure if a few of us put our heads together we could organise some wonderful outings.

This is not only for the young but the young-in-heart too.

Clifford Springer

MESSAGE FOR CHANUKAH 1968/5729

We are again approaching this beautiful Festival of Chanukah which has its historical background since over 2100 years ago. This important Festival brings to us its meaningful message of religious liberty and of opposition to tyranny. It recalls the grand sacrifice of Hannah and her seven sons, the great defeat of the mighty Syrian Army and the heroic figure of Judah the Maccabean. We see in the lights of Chanukah the mystery of the secret of Jewish survival.

Besides the Synagogue Service, Chanukah is essentially a Festival for the home. It was from homes in which the simple pieties were observed, that the Maccabees drew their strength. The Kindling of the lights in the presence of the entire family, and the singing of the famous melody of MA'OZ TSUR enchanting the Jewish home into a place of holiness and happiness.

It is not without significance that the same root from which the Hebrew word CHANUKAH is derived also supplies the word for education CHINUCH and the dedication of a new home CHINUCH HABAJIT.

A sound Jewish education can be trained by the home atmosphere of traditional example. History, Jewish and non-Jewish is provided with instances of the effects upon a nation if its home-life is endangered.

Observances in the home, like those of Chanukah, enable the parent to instruct his child during its most impressionable years. The Festival lights of Chanukah should make parents aware of their responsibilities clearly.

By providing our children with a real Jewish home-life we are reviving the spiritual atmosphere which has found its way in the Jewish homes of our brethren in Israel. We are joining them on Chanukah with our sincere hope that our modern Maccabees will in the near future see the realisation of a final redemption.

With Chag Sameyach

Rev. & Mrs. Moddel and Susan.

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

An afternoon meeting and 'Bring & Buy' was held on Monday, 4th November at 18 Belgrave Road. Our hostess was Mrs. J. Dysch.

The next meeting will take place on Monday evening, 2nd December, at 15 St. Ronan's Avenue, Redland, when our Guest Speaker will be Miss J.A. Frieze, S.R.N., County Staff Officer of St. John Ambulance Brigade. Our hostess will be Mrs. Schlesinger.

The Supper & Dance held at the Synagogue Hall on Sunday, 24th November, in aid of the Synagogue Building Fund, was very successful and greatly enjoyed by everyone present. Our grateful thanks are due to the members who laid on such an excellent supper, also to all who gave donations and supported the function.

C. Culank
Hon. Secretary.

BRISTOL WIZO GROUP

An Evening Meeting was held on Tuesday, 29th October at 77 Parry's Lane. Our hostess was Mrs. Curwen.

An Evening Meeting was held on Thursday, 14th November at 14 The Avenue. Our hostess was Mrs. Roydon. Our guest speaker at this meeting was Mrs. Yedida Lahav from Israel who spoke about the wonderful work that W.I.Z.O. is doing in Israel for both Jewish and Arab families. Her talk was both informative and amusing and was enjoyed by all those present.

The next meeting will be an Evening Meeting on Tuesday, 10th December at 4 Downs Cote View. The hostess will be Mrs. Burke.

Bette Burke
Shelagh Hart
(Joint Hon. Secs.)
