

# The Bristol Jewish Recorder



DECEMBER 1969

KISLEV/TEVET 5730

## 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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meetings and functions throughout the  
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## *for your diary...*

### Tuesday, 2nd December

Coffee Morning at 27  
Reedley Road.

### Sunday, 7th December

Guild Chanukah Party  
3.00 p.m.

### Monday, 8th December

Evening Meeting at  
10 Cakhurst Road.

New Year's Eve ?

Y A H R Z E I T S

Thursday	4th December	Mr. G. Geller	Kislev	24
Sunday	14th December	Mrs. Tuchband	Tevet	5
Monday	15th December	(Mr. N. Cohen ) (Mr. M. Redstone)	Tevet	6
Tuesday	16th December	Mrs. Tuchband	Tevet	7
Sunday	21st December	Mr. G. Geller	Tevet	12
Thursday	1st January '70	Mrs. B. Rosenberg	Tevet	23
Sunday	4th January '70	Messrs. J. Burke & C. Berkovitch	Tevet	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.

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C O M M U N A L N O T I C E S

Israeli wines are available from Wine Markets, Whiteladies Road.

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In the November Lottery, the £5 prize was won by Mr. M. Bradley, and the £50 prize was won by Mr. L. Hart.

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J.N.F. Boxes - In view of the withdrawal from 31st December of 2/6d. pieces, would all those who have J.N.F. boxes please arrange their early clearance. Contact Gerald Gee, Ernest Lever, or bring them to the Chanukah Party on 7th December.

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Mrs. Flossie Cohen is now home from hospital, and the operation has been most successful. She wishes to thank all friends and members of the Community for their kind wishes during her stay in hospital.

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Mr. M. Redstone has been ill in hospital recently. We are glad to say that he is now home and recovering well.

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Who are the New Inspiration ?

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Many parents with children in the age range of 7 - 12 have asked on various occasions if a club could be started on Sunday afternoon, run on the style of Habonim.

to our minds the statement mentioned in the AL HANISIM prayer that G'd delivered the many into the hands of the few. It was Mattathias and his five sons who had the courage to start their battles for their religion against a superior number of Syrians over 2100 years ago, and achieved a great victory.

If we look back in our history, we will always find that a minority of great men like the prophets, and later the great scholars, inspired the Jewish people to survive in times of great danger.

In spite of the successful campaign in 1967, Israel is again surrounded by hostile Arab neighbours who are trying their utmost to undermine the spirit of the Jewish people with their terrorist activities. But as in the past, our modern Israeli Maccabees are facing the future with confidence.

When we are kindling our Chanukah candles and we look into these lights, we will think about our brave Maccabees in Israel, and we will pray to the Almighty that the time may soon arrive when the world will realise that the MENOROT which are shining in Israel will bring a bright light not only to Israel, but to the benefit of all humanity, as we find it expressed in the words of the prophet Isaiah:

"ARISE, SHINE, FOR THY LIGHT IS COME AND THE GLORY OF  
THE LORD IS RISEN UPON THEE, AND THE GENTILES SHALL  
COME TO THY LIGHT AND KINGS TO THE BRIGHTNESS OF THY  
RISING."

With Chag Sameyach,

Rev. & Mrs. Modell & Susan.

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#### THE LAST OF THE FEW

A bleak November morning... Remembrance Sunday, 1969... The Bristol contingent of Jewish ex-servicemen crowd on to the early morning train for London - all four of them. The Sunday papers... hats brought forth from summer storage... the inevitable well-thumbed pack of cards... Solo... through Bath... Swindon... talk of earlier years... the BIG contingents... the wives... sandwiches and beer... the Rallies... decline... apathy... nostalgia. The last hand... Paddington... the inevitable RAIN... waiting... a familiar face... swelling the ranks. The Tube... a wet Oxford Street... who knows the way?... Polmans... welcome smells... forward... greeting other old friends here before us... Chopped Liver?... we order - Fried Fish - Salt Beef - Chicken - Viennas... appreciation and criticism... this MUST be a JEWISH restaurant... Surprise! - the rain has stopped... we walk... long-forgotten back streets... strip-tease... souvenir shops... familiar Trafalgar Square... Admiralty Arch... be-medalled and bowler-hatted figures converging from all directions... The Horse Guards... old friends greet each other... "our" group swells by two... fall in... cover off... the Bands strike up... march off... remarkably well-disciplined ranks... through Whitehall... the Cenotaph... the stroke of three... the Service begins... the Twenty-third Psalm sung

to an unfamiliar tune... the solemnity of the Kaddish... Last Post... silence... Adoun Alom... accompanied by the band... always a little behind... or is it us, a little in front?... then it's over... march off... smartly up Whitehall... through the Arch again... past the Saluting Base... look the Inspecting Officer in the eye!!... re-form... GENERAL SALUTE... DISMISS!!!!!! ----- and it's over for another year.

Pause, while somebody murmurs - Who cares? What do we need it for? What do I need it for? I'm too old, busy, tired. I can't march anyway. Got no relatives in London. All right if you've got relatives. Sometimes it rains... POURS. Late coming back, too. Expensive outing. NOBODY goes any more. I'm just not military minded.....

Volunteer or conscript, in wartime we KNEW what we were fighting for. In peace, have we become complacent? Doesn't it REALLY matter any more? The Six-Day War showed us that it does. Solidarity needs to be SEEN as well as felt. So what about it Old Soldiers? See you next year?

I4320805 EX- (and hoping it stays that way)  
GUMMER SMITH, N.

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On Sunday, 9th November, the Remembrance Service was held at Bristol Cenotaph. Rev. Moddel helped to officiate at the Service, and a wreath was laid by Mr. Newman Cohen on behalf of the Polack Branch, British Legion. Mr. Monty Newman, representing the Branch, marched with the "General Body".

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What is the New Inspiration?

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Dear Uncle Sydney,

Here are my answers to the Quiz for Older Ones. (See November Recorder).

1. Barbara Castle
2. You mean WHAT was a POTIPHOR.
3. This must be a catch question! What Jewish father would call his son HAMI?
4. Jonathon
5. A Greek Cypriot?
6. Gozunder?
7. Kosher washing-up liquid
8. When he's had his Licence endorsed twice.
9. Kippers?
10. A Transvestite

...Please send my Half-Crown to the Building Fund (before they cease to be legal tender!)

Nosan ben Dov.



The Jewish Ex-Servicemen and women held their Annual Parade in London on 16th November.

The Reviewing Officer was General Sir Geoffrey Baker, G.C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., M.C., A.D.C. The Service was conducted by the Chief Rabbi, Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, B.A., and the Reverend Dr. I. Levy, O.B.E., T.D., B.A.

2,500 Ex-Servicemen were on parade, and afterwards a Rally and Reunion was held at the Odeon, Hammersmith.

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We are sorry to hear that David Burnard, Chairman of the Liberal Group, is so critically ill, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

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### THE QUIZ

The winner of the November Quiz was Lynne Goldman, to whom I have sent 2/6d.

It should be noted that:-

1. The instructions said that the prize was received for the first correct answer received.
2. Lynne's was the first correct answer received, but in any case was the only fully correct answer received. Commendable entries were also received from Stephen Silverman and Melida Handel.
3. The same rule will apply to the December quiz, below.
4. I personally donate the prize (it does not come out of Talmud Torah funds), and therefore my decision must be accepted as final.

### Answers to the November Quiz

1. Esther
2. POTIPHAR was the Captain of the Pharaoh's guard who bought Joseph from the Ishmaelites.
3. JAPHET
4. JONATHAN
5. GOLIATH was a PHILISTINE
6. SHEVUOTH (also known as the FEAST OF WEEKS and PENTECOST)
7. The LULAV is a palm branch which, with the ETHROG (a kind of lemon), a sprig of MYRTLE and a branch of WILLOW, is held, while blessings are said during the weekdays (NOT SABBATH OF SUCCOTH)
8. RÖSH HASHANAH and YOM KIPPUR (at the end of the day)
9. HONE
10. A multiple candle-holder such as is used at CHANUKAH.

And now for the DECEMBER Quiz. A prize of 5/- will be awarded for the first correct answer received. Children of ages up to and including 12 are eligible. Books may be used in finding the answers,

but parents and teachers must not give assistance.

1. Who was CHAIM WEITZMAN ?
2. Who was NEBUCHADNEZZAR ?
3. Name two countries bordering ISRAEL.
4. What is the name of the President of EGYPT ?
5. JACOB had thirteen sons and one daughter. What was the daughter's name ?
6. Who is MOSHE DAYAN ?
7. When do we read the MEGILLAH ?
8. What lady's name is associated with SHEVUOTH ?
9. In what month is the NEW YEAR OF THE TREES ?
10. How many men are called up to the Reading of the Law on SABBATH ?
11. What are HAGBAH and GELLILAH ?
12. Why do we have two CHALLAS on Friday evening ?

Replies should be sent to me, Dr. S. Curwen, before 20th December, at 77 Parry's Lane, Bristol BS9 1AM.

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#### FOR THE VERY LITTLE ONES

1. We work on SIX days, and rest on the SEVENTH day (SHABBATH).
2. On PESACH we eat MATZAH.
3. On ROSH HASHANAH we blow the SHOPHAR.
4. DADDY wears a TALLITH in SYNAGOGUE.
5. NUNNY lights TWO CANDLES on FRIDAY evening.

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#### FOR THE ADULTS

##### Conversation Piece

"No, he couldn't be the President. He doesn't know enough, and besides he hasn't got the appearance."

This really gets me thinking - what is the image of a President or Parnass of the Synagogue. I can remember the Parnass of a small Synagogue in the East End of London. He wore a highly polished top-hat beneath which a yarmulke could be seen protruding. He had a long greyish white beard and a very large nose. Even if you could see his mouth it never seemed to smile, at least in Synagogue. He sat in front of the Bimah wearing a frock-coat and striped trousers and a huge Tallith. He looked neither to the right nor to the left, but occasionally, and without warning, his hand would crack down on the bench, and a cry like a shot from a gun would emerge - "Shah". Silence would reign for about ninety seconds, after which the hub-bub would break out again, and continue unchecked until the next knock. This venerable man was President for nineteen years in that congregation.

Another President I can remember was called Henry Freeman, in spite

of the fact that he had begun life as Herschel Friedberger. He was impeccably dressed from his black bomburg which he took off as soon as he entered the Synagogue, down to his fifteen guinea custom made shoes. His synagogue was a very liberal one in a North-West suburb of London. His knowledge of Hebrew was a minus quantity, his knowledge of English literature was as elegant as his sartorial appearance. Having been in office for one year, he was about to give way to an almost carbon copy of himself, Gregory Orwell (ne Gershon Goldwasser).

Yet a third President comes to mind. He was a small, quiet, unassuming man who had stepped into the breach when the last President of a small Midland community had emigrated to Australia. His Hebrew was sketchy, his presence would not have been noticed in a crowd of ten people. He did everything ceremonially wrong, but he was adored and respected by his Congregation, because he was willing to share the responsibilities of office. I learned some years later that he had been succeeded by a series of similar individuals, who were eager to follow his example.

Is fiction stranger than truth ?

S.b.Z.M.

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#### BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

An evening meeting took place on Monday, 27th October, when our Guest Speaker, Mr. Leslie Dembo, gave a most interesting and enjoyable talk on the subject of precious stones. Our hostess was Mrs. Roydon.

An Evening Meeting was held on Monday, 24th November. Our Guest Speaker, Mrs. Barbara McEwan, entertained us with a really delightful demonstration of Flower Arrangement. Our hostess was Mrs. Seymour.

#### Future Programme

Sunday, 7th December - 3.30 p.m.

The Guild are holding a social afternoon and tea in the Synagogue Hall, following the Children's Chanukah Service. There will be a Film Show (to suit adults and children), also various side shows put on by the children.

Admission: Adults 5/- each  
Children 2/- each  
(under 14)

Proceeds to go towards the Guild's Amenities Fund.

Monday, 8th December

Evening Meeting at 10 Oakhurst Road.  
Our hostess will be Mrs. Marcia Gee.

C. Culank,  
Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

A Coffee Morning was held on Tuesday, 4th November, at The Little House, The Ridgeway. Our hostess was Mrs. Greenbaum.

An Evening Meeting was held on Tuesday, 18th November at 11 Glen Drive. Our hostess was Mrs. Goldman.

On Saturday, 22nd November, Mrs. Ruth Curwen and Mrs. Kate Lever were hostesses at a Pizza Party, held at 77 Parry's Lane. It was a most enjoyable evening, helped along by the delicious pizzas. Approximately £28 was raised, and thanks are due to the two hostesses, not forgetting their husbands, who also served.

The next meeting will be a Coffee Morning on Tuesday, 2nd December to be held at 27 Reedley Road. Our hostess will be Mrs. Kate Lever.

Bette Burke  
Shelagh Hart  
(Joint Hon. Secs.)

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KEEP NEW YEAR'S EVE FREE !!!!!

Join the New Inspiration in their Buffet and Dance. A hilarious night is forecast, with Cabaret, Drinks & Dancing, etc. For further information, contact one of the New Inspiration. Tickets are now on sale.

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