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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,
66 Harcourt Road,
Bristol 6.
Tel.: 40615

Hon. Sec.

Mr. I. Kushner,
37 Long Eaton Drive,
Whitchurch,
Bristol 4.

Tel: Whitchurch 3576

Talmud Torah Classes: Sunday mornings
10.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

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Whitchurch,
Bristol 4.
Tel: Whitchurch 3576

Bristol Jewish Women's Guild -

Hon. Sec. Mrs. C. Culank,
113 Wags 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 ...

Wednesday, 1st April

Whist Drive

Thursday, 9th April

J.P.A. Meeting

Sunday, 12th April

WIZO Annual Dinner & Dance
Newman Hall

Monday, 13th April

Women's Guild Evening
Meeting at 15 Durdham
Court

Wednesday, 15th April

Jumble Sale

Monday, 20th April

First Seder

Y A H R Z E I T S

Friday	10th April	Mr. M. Newman	Nisan 4
Tuesday	14th April	Mr. S. Bloom	Nisan 8
Sunday	19th April	Mr. P. Winberg	Nisan 13
Saturday	25th April	Mr. M. Newman	Nisan 19
Saturday	2nd May	Messrs. H., S. & I. Sacof	Nisan 26
Monday	4th May	Mesdames Lazarus	Nisan 28

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.

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

Mr. M. Fox won the March Lottery.

Congratulations to Saville Kushner on his election as next year's President of the Wolverhampton Polytechnic Students' Union.

Mrs. Dora Norvick and Martin would like to thank all their friends for messages of sympathy and condolences on their recent sad bereavement. They wish us to say that it is a great comfort to know that they have such kind friends in Bristol, and hope that when anyone goes to Cardiff they may have the pleasure of a visit. The address is 1 Earle Place, Canton.

Congratulations to William and Ray Schlesinger who celebrated their thirtieth Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, 21st March, 1970. Congratulations also to Dr. Geoffrey and Cissie Culank who celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary on 17th March.

A Whist Drive has been arranged for Wednesday, 1st April, 1970, at the Synagogue Hall at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.

Mrs. M. Kushner and Miss E. Blohm invite congregants to a Kiddush after service on Saturday, 11th April, 1970.

I would like to thank all my friends for their welcome visits, cards and gifts during my "Spring Holiday" in St. Mary's Nursing Home.

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I initiated the Nuns to the delights of chopped liver and chopped herring - smoked salmon they appeared to have seen before. I managed to eat these delicacies with the minimum of inconvenience to the nurses, but when presented with a thermos flask of soup (together with bowl and spoon) I had the impression that the nurses thought I had told my friends I was visiting a health farm for a starvation diet, and they were working a rota to smuggle food to me.

Together with my two room mates, the Sister Nun in charge of our floor took us to see their Chapel early in the week, and on Friday invited us to join them at a special service in honour of St. Christopher. The chapel was delightfully decorated with flowers, and I was very impressed by the organ playing and the sweet voices of the Sisters singing, and during the whole of the twenty-minute service the decorum was quite perfect. At this stage - in case anyone should be in doubt - I have not been converted, and as soon as I am able, it will be "business as usual" for W.I.Z.O. and Ladies Guild, unless of course there has been a tremendous rush to relieve me of my position on these Committees.

To conclude, I would say to anybody having to pay a visit to St. Mary's, the cheery face of our President popping his head around the door is a tremendous help to a speedy recovery.

With renewed thanks to all my thoughtful friends,

Miriam Goldman.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Bertha Silverman will be entering the Homeopathic Hospital for treatment. We wish her a full and speedy recovery.

As announced at the Purim Party, a mock Seder will be held for the children in the Synagogue Hall on Sunday, 5th April at 3.00 p.m. For further information, please phone 83-3576.

- SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT -

Kosher Meat Supply : Passover arrangements

Mr. Krotosky requests that a two-week order for meat and poultry be in by Friday, 10th April for delivery on Wednesday, 15th April. Your next order should be placed no later than THURSDAY, 23rd APRIL, for delivery on WEDNESDAY, 29th APRIL, after which normal arrangements will apply. Mr. Krotosky further advises with regret that meat prices have risen by 6d. a lb. on all cuts. Matzo's and other Passover supplies are not available from Mr. Krotosky, and congregants must make their own arrangements for these items.

HAPPENINGS AND NON-HAPPENINGS AND HOW HANAN KEPT HIS BARS by S.S.Z.M.

(Name and address on request.)

When, after a long and frustrating debate at the A.G.M., I eventually agreed to accept office of President for one year, the worthy members, with tears of relief, avowed their intention of supporting me in this honourable but often thankless task. Then we had the New Inspiration with their promise "You support us in the social activities, we'll support you in the religious ones". They were as good as their word (or nearly as good). The Friday evening Minyan once again became a reality. On March 14th, Mrs. Rosina Smith ably helped by a number of good ladies, embellished the special Kiddush after Sabbath morning service, with cakes and other delicacies. With the regular Sabbath morning worshippers, I would like publicly to express my thanks to Mrs. Smith and her band of helpers. Although the special Kiddush was not publicised in the Recorder, it nevertheless produced the best turnout at a Sabbath morning service for many years.

But alas (He's never satisfied - this chap) the following Sabbath saw the return to meagre attendance, and the one regular lady worshipper. Then in the evening Sabbath Mincha, the evening Service and Reading of the Megillah was attended by the Minister, two members of the congregation and two non-members. (No, half a minyan is not better than no minyan at all). No children, no outburst at the mention of Hanan's name, just five men remembering one of the great deliverances in the annals of our history. The following morning, again no minyan. Is the New Inspiration limited by some Union rule? Purim and the 9th of Ab were two occasions which I instanced in my Presidential address, when I needed that support which the congregation at least represented by those at the A.G.M. promised to give. Promises, promises !! Ha !

I am happy that the children had a good party. They could have enjoyed Saturday evening. They would have seen and heard three fundamental things which, I am sure, they have never yet experienced. The Reading of the Law in the Sabbath Mincha, the Reading of the Megillah and the recital of Haddallah. Let me remind you once again - the children of today will form the congregation of tomorrow ... Only we can teach them.

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

An Evening Meeting took place on Monday, 2nd March at 10 Oakhurst Road. Our hostess was Mrs. Marcia Gee.

The function held at the Synagogue Hall on Sunday, 15th March, was a great success, both socially and financially, and enjoyed by everyone present. Our grateful thanks are due to all our helpers who worked so hard to prepare such a delicious supper, also to all who gave donations and supported the function.

The next meeting will take place on Monday evening, 13th April, at 15 Durdham Court, Durdham Park, when our hostess will be Mrs. Molly Gee.

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Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Sinclair, who will be giving a short talk on her work as a Marriage Guidance Counsellor. Mrs. Sinclair will welcome questions from our members on this very interesting subject.

C. Culank,
Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

An Evening Meeting was held on Tuesday, 24th February at 14 The Avenue. Mrs. Roydon was our hostess.

An Evening Meeting was held on Tuesday, 10th March, at 14 The Avenue. Hostess was Mrs. Roydon. Our Guest Speaker was Mr. Trevor Powell who gave a most interesting talk about the Concorde.

An Evening Meeting was held on Tuesday, 24th March at 4 Downs Cote View. Mrs. Burke was hostess.

Annual Dinner & Dance

Our Annual Dinner & Dance will be held on Sunday, 12th April at 7.30 p.m. at the Newman Hall. Tickets 27s. 6d. We hope that you will make every effort to attend to make sure that the function is a success.

Spring Jumble Sale

Our coming Jumble Sale will be held on Wednesday, 15th April. Both jumble and helpers will be needed.

Market Stall

On Sunday, 17th May, we are holding a Morning Stall in Canons' Marsh Market. We should be grateful for any new items, such as clothes, china, glass, etc., or any handmade articles members would care to make or donate.

The next meeting will be a Coffee Morning on Tuesday, 7th April at 51 The Dell. Our hostess will be Mrs. N. Silverman.

Bette Burke
Shelagh Hart
(Joint Hon. Secs.)

The New Inspiration ask you please to complete the following questionnaire to assist them in arranging future programmes. Which of the following activities do you like:-

Dancing ☐

Whist Drives ☐

Bingo ☐

Car Rally ☐

Discussion group ☐

Musical Evening ☐

Any other
suggestions

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Please tick those activities you like and return slip to S. Silverman, 36 Oakdale Court, Downend, Bristol.

"WE CANNOT DO IT ALONE

If we want the country to develop,

If we want agriculture to develop,

If we want to absorb the new immigrants
that are coming in,

If we want to maintain our progress in
education and culture,

If we want to go on building at the same
time as we defend ourselves

WE MUST HAVE YOUR HELP....."

GOLDA MEIR.

The Bristol J.P.A. Committee
request the pleasure of your company to meet

ARIEH EILAN

Director East European Division, Israel Foreign Office

at a

RECEPTION AND FILM PREMIERE

at the Synagogue Hall, Park Row, Bristol 1

on Thursday, 9th April, 1970..

Reception 8. p.m.

The Festival of Passover commences on Monday, 20th April, 1970, in the evening, and terminates on Tuesday, 28th April, 1970.

TIMETABLE FOR PASSOVER

<u>Sunday, 19th April, 1970</u>	Search for Leaven at nightfall.
<u>Monday, 20th April, 1970</u>	<u>Erev Pesach</u> Eating of Chametz is forbidden after 10.00 a.m. Fast of the First-Born 7.00 p.m. Mincha-Maariv Service
<u>Tuesday, 21st April, 1970</u>	<u>First Day</u> 9.15 a.m. Morning Service 7.00 p.m. Mincha-Maariv Service
<u>Wednesday, 22nd April, 1970</u>	<u>Second Day</u> 9.15 a.m. Morning Service
<u>Friday, 24th April, 1970</u>	Intermediate Shabbat 7.30 p.m. Mincha-Maariv Service
<u>Shabbat, 25th April, 1970</u>	9.30 a.m. Morning Service
<u>Sunday, 26th April, 1970</u>	<u>Erev Yomtov</u> 7.30 p.m. Mincha-Maariv Service
<u>Monday, 27th April, 1970</u>	<u>Seventh Day</u> 9.15 a.m. Morning Service 7.30 p.m. Mincha-Maariv Service
<u>Tuesday, 28th April, 1970</u>	<u>Last Day of Pesach</u> 9.15 a.m. Morning Service (Yizkor)

The Festival of Passover terminates on Tuesday, 28th April, 1970, at 9.20 p.m.

MESSAGE FOR PASSOVER 1970/5730

The Festival of Pesach calls for early and thorough preparation in making the Jewish home fitting for the great Festival. It is not only physical preparedness that is required, but also spiritual preparedness - for in the life of the Jew, the physical and spiritual are closely connected, especially in the celebration of our Sabbaths and Festivals.

On Pesach we celebrate the liberation of the Jewish people from .../

Egyptian slavery. We celebrate our physical liberation together with our spiritual freedom. Indeed, there cannot be one without the other. There can be no real freedom without accepting the fundamental principles of our Torah guiding our daily life.

When we are sitting at our Sedertable to celebrate this wonderful Festival of Passover, we are saying from the Book of the Haggadah "In every generation, each Jew should see himself as though he personally had been liberated from Egypt." This is to say that the lesson of Pesach has always had a message for the individual Jew. The story of Pesach is the story of the Divine Providence which alone determines the fate of our people.

This lesson is clearly expressed in the three principal symbols of the Seder, about which our Rabbis said that, unless the Jew explains their significance, he has not observed the Seder fittingly. Pesach, Matza and Marror. The Jew can avoid Marror (bitterness of life) only through Pesach (Passover) (G'd's special care passing over and saving the Jewish homes even in the midst of the greatest plague), and Matza, driving the Jews in great haste out of Egypt, the place of darkness, and placing them under G'd's protection of light and holiness.

Do we need to be reminded about our present situation with regard to the treatment of our brethren in Egypt, the Arab States and Russia? We will think about them when we are sitting at our Sedertable, and pray to the Almighty that they may be speedily delivered out of the hands of our modern Pharaohs and their accomplices. Finally, we must remember that the celebration of the Festival of Passover must be connected with the important command "Thou shalt tell thy son". The formation and existence of the Jewish home, as of the Jewish people as a whole, is dependent upon the upbringing of the young generation, both boys and girls in the Jewish education according to the tradition of a real Jewish home.

This will bring us the realization of our longing hope that we may celebrate our Passover according to the inspiring words of our Haggadah. "He brought us forth from slavery to freedom, from sorrow to joy, from mourning to festivity, and from servitude to final redemption."

With these famous words of the Haggadah, I would like to take the opportunity of wishing the Hon. Officers and all the members of the Congregation a very pleasant and happy Yomtov.

With Chag Sameyach,

Rev. & Mrs. Möddel & Susan.

THE BRISTOL CAMPAIGN FOR SOVIET JEWRY & THE "35s"

As mentioned in the December issue, we are hoping for an amnesty for Jewish prisoners in the USSR on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Soviet Union. A 35s Group letter points out "There is always a hope, no matter how small, that the Soviet Union will use this date as an excuse for creating international good-will ... without losing face, because of the anniversary".

Please help - time is short. Letters, or better still letter-telegrams, need to be sent as a matter of urgency, as early as possible in January.

Please write a personal request for the release of Sylva Zalmanson, or any individual Jew named below. Mention that they have served part of their sentence, and encourage the authorities to make a gesture of good-will.

Write to any (or all) of the following:-

His Excellency M. Smirnovsky,
The Soviet Embassy,
13 Kensington Palace Gardens,
London W.2

Dr Kurt Waldheim,
Secretary General, U.N.,
New York City,
N.Y., U.S.A.

Nikolai Podgorny,
President, Supreme Soviet,
Moscow, U.S.S.R.

Mr Bukov,
Moscow Uchrezdenie Zh/Kh
5410/1
U.S.S.R.

Leonid Brezhnev,
General Secretary, Communist Party,
Moscow, U.S.S.R.

(Sylva
Zalmanson's Camp Com-
mandant - see below)

Also to the Editor of any national newspaper.

The 35s have given us details of one woman who, with her brothers, desperately needs our help:-

SYLVA ISOFOVNA ZALMANSON (KUZNETSOV)

<u>Born</u>	<u>25th Oct. 1944</u>
<u>1968</u>	<u>First application for visa to Israel - failed</u>
<u>1970</u>	<u>Married Edward Kuznetsov</u>
<u>1970</u>	<u>2nd application failed; dismissed from work</u>
<u>15th Jun. 1970</u>	<u>arrested with 11 others for alleged 'hijacking'</u> <u>attempt</u>
<u>25th Dec. 1970</u>	<u>sentenced to 10 years strict regime labour camp</u>
<u>Address of prison:-</u>	<u>Mordovskaya ASSR,</u> <u>St. Potma,</u> <u>Posiolok Yavas,</u> <u>Uchrezdenie Zh/Kh 385</u>

Sylva was sentenced together with her husband and two brothers. She entered the camp pregnant but suffered a miscarriage. She has not been permitted to see her husband. For some time now she has been kept in solitary confinement as punishment for supporting another prisoner.

She has so far served 2½ years, taking commencement of sentence from the date of arrest. She is suffering from severe malnutrition. She has lost the sight of one eye and has failing eyesight in the other. Her hearing is in a similar condition and vomiting occurs after the smallest intake of food.

Sylva's father I. D. Zalmanson, who lives in Riga, is permitted four letters a year from her (the next one is due any moment); however they are heavily censored.

Her Labour Camp food allowance is 600 calories per day. A clerk needs at least 1000 calories daily. Her daily work routine is sewing gloves. She is an Engineering Graduate of Riga University.

The above facts speak for themselves. There are other Jews in Soviet prisons that we in Bristol can also help. The following list is already shorter than the one last issued - please help to shorten it further!

And please act now : we cannot hear their pleas; nor can the Soviet authorities. But, in our fortunate conditions of Safety in Bristol, we can encourage those authorities to adopt more humanitarian attitudes; we can kindle a ray of hope in the dark plight of our fellow-Jews.

Please request amnesty for any of the following:-

Sylva Zalmanson	Arkady Shpilberg
Wolf Zalmanson	Mikhail Shepshelovich
Israel Zalmanson	Anatoly Altman
Hillel Butman	Boris Fenson
Lev Korenblit	Alexander Galperin
Victor Boguslavsky	David Chernoglaz
Boris Azernikov	Leib Knokh
Anatoly Goldfeld	Shimon Crilius
Lev Yagman	Valery Kukui
Lassal Kaminsky	

For further details phone Bristol 30124.

Thank you so much.