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BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION THE SYNAGOGUE, PARK ROW, BRISTOL

Synagogue Services:

Friday Evenings 7.30 p.m.
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Bristol W.I.Z.O. Group -

Hon. Sec. Mrs. B. Burke,
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Westbury-on-Trym,
Bristol.

Both Ladies' Organisations hold regular
meetings and functions throughout the
year.

for your diary . . .

Monday, 1st June

Evening Meeting at
27 Reedley Road

Sunday, 7th June

Garden Supper at 31a
Julian Road

Tuesday, 9th June

Erev Shavuoth

Y A H R Z E I T S

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| Saturday | 13th June | Mr. S. Dysch) Mr. L. Bloom) | Sivan | 9 |
| Monday | 15th June | Mr. M. B. Silverman | Sivan | 11 |
| Thursday | 18th June | Mr. Newman Cohen | Sivan | 14 |
| Friday | 19th June | Family of late Mrs. L. Streiner | Sivan | 15 |
| Tuesday | 23rd June | Mrs. Tonkey | Sivan | 19 |
| Thursday | 25th June | Mr. A. B. Morris | Sivan | 21 |
| Sunday | 28th June | Mr. I. Freeland | Sivan | 24 |

KADDISH WILL BE SAID THE PREVIOUS EVENING

The Memorial Prayer (El Mole Rachanin) 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

The May Lottery was won by Mr. A. B. Morris.

We regret to announce the death of the Mother of Mr. Len Gould. We send him our deepest sympathy and wish him and his family long life.

Mr. Len Gould wishes to thank all those members of the Congregation for their letters and messages of sympathy in his recent sad bereavement.

Please note change of address: L. G. Gould, "Allenswood", 20A Flax Bourton Road, Failand, Bristol. BS8 3UW. Tel: Long Ashton 2619.

Leonard and Shelagh Hart cordially invite members and friends to join them at Kiddush following the Service on Sabbath the 27th June, when their son Jonathon will read a portion of the Law.

Mazeltor to Ike and Minnie Kushner on the occasion of the wedding of their younger daughter Michelle to Mr. Paul Blackstein. We wish the young couple every happiness in the future.

Mr. & Mrs. Ike Kushner invite all the members of the Congregation to .../

a Kiddush after the Service on Saturday, 13th June, 1970.

Mr. & Mrs. R. Meisbiser have great pleasure in announcing the Engagement of their only son Philip to Irene, only daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Joachim of Luton.

Mazeltor to Mr. & Mrs. R. Meisbiser on the Engagement of their son Philip. We wish the young couple every happiness.

Saturday, 6th June - After Service Kiddush will be given by Hostesses Mrs. Nancy Silverman and Mrs. Ruth Curwen.

At the last Council Meeting, a letter of resignation was received from Mr. Monty Newman. It was accepted with regret, and the Council wished to acknowledge the useful work done in the past on our behalf by him.

MESSAGE FOR SHAVUOTH 1970/5730

With the approaching of the Festival of Shavuoth, we always find ourselves in a situation that is the most neglected one in the rank of the main Festivals. Not to take into account the High Festivals for which there is always a special effort made, but even if we look at the other two pilgrimage Festivals. On Pesach, we are preparing with all the arrangements to make our Seder celebration a success. The same applies on Succoth: we find the time to come to the Succah celebration. It seems that on Shavuoth we have fulfilled our obligations by decorating our Synagogue with beautiful flowers and by being supplied with our traditional cheesecake. But we are not aware of the fact that Shavuoth is the Festival of Receiving the Torah. It is an appropriate time to consider the question - What is the secret of our existence? What has helped our people to survive from the moment when the message was given to us to be a "Kingdom of priests and a holy nation" right up until the present day?

If we look back in our long history, we will come to the conclusion that it was not material wealth nor physical strength that helped the Jewish People to survive through the Ages. Even during the time of King Solomon, the Jewish People and the state were of no importance in comparison with the empire of Egypt, Assyria and Babylonia.

It was not the language because even in Biblical times Aramaic was the spoken language. Parts of the Scripture and the Babylonian Talmud are written in that language. In the days of Maimonides, Arabic was the spoken language of most Jews.

The only common factor throughout the ages of Jewish history in all

lands and under all circumstances is the Torah and the Laws which Jews have observed in their daily lives. This study of the Torah and the practical fulfilment is stated as the essential proof of our existence and survival. This statement is none the less important with the existence of our Jewish State in Israel since 1948 and of our daily event until now in our country. We may come to the conclusion that, combined with our military equipment to defend Israel continuously against the aggressive terrorist action by our neighbouring Arab countries, we have to live our life according to those principles handed down on Mount Sinai to be "MAMLECHET KOHANIM V'GOI KADOSH" - "A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS AND A HOLY NATION".

As we are greeting our Festival of Shavuoth by decorating our Synagogues with varieties of flowers to pay honour to the Anniversary of the Torah and to the reviving of Nature after the winter season, so let us look forward to a reviving of our Jewish People in the spirit of the Torah.

With Chag Sameyach,

Rev. & Mrs. Moddel & Susan.

The Festival of Shavuoth commences on Tuesday evening, 9th June, 1970, and terminates on Thursday, 11th June, 1970.

Time Table for Services in the Synagogue

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| Tuesday, 9th June, 1970: | <u>Erev Shavuoth</u> 7.30 p.m. Mincha/Maariv Service |
| Wednesday, 10th June, 1970: | <u>First Day</u> 9.15 a.m. Morning Service 7.30 p.m. Mincha/Maariv Service |
| Thursday, 11th June, 1970: | <u>Second Day</u> 9.15 a.m. Morning Service (Yizkor) |

The Festival of Shavuoth terminates at 10.35 p.m.

The following article was sent to the Editors after the Middle-East Teach-In held in Bristol recently. We remind the Community that Mr. Schlesinger is our Defence Officer, and any matters bearing on the safety and well-being of the Jewish citizens of Bristol should be reported to him.

Bristol Evening Post,
Silver Street,
Bristol 1.

Dear Sirs,

re Middle East "Teach-In"

I was very interested to hear what the two Speakers had to say about the Middle East situation. I was rather surprised to hear from Mr. Peter A. Salah when he stated that he was evicted from Israel and I was sorry that I had to challenge him on this point during the meeting, but was glad to hear in his correction that he fled the country. I would like to stress a point that Mr. Salah left Israel like most other Arab nationals at the behest of their own leaders in the hope of coming back after the following hostilities. If the Arabs raise a question of confiscated property of the Arabs who left Israel during the 1948 war, two points should be made clear first of all. The Jordanians have behaved no differently with regard to Jewish property in the area under their control. Secondly a vast amount of Jewish property has been confiscated in the Arab countries. If a reckoning should ever be made, it would in all probability turn out that the Arabs have got by far the better of the deal.

Arab propagandists keep harping on legendary figures concerning the refugees. Thus it is claimed that something like a million and a quarter refugees left Israel in 1948. This figure cannot be true. The total Arab population of Palestine at the end of the Mandate was something like 900,000, 160,000 of these remained in Israel and some 350,000 at least formed the indigenous population of Judea and Sammaria and the Gaza strip. Thus the number of refugees could not have exceeded half a million. Over the period of 1948 to 1967, Israel has absorbed immigrants from Arab countries, totalling almost 700,000. In effect an exchange of population has occurred with Israel shouldering the greater burden.

Those Arabs who remained in Israel enjoyed the benefits of democracy and rule of law. There is no discrimination between one citizen of Israel and another. They enjoy human, civil and political rights along with their Jewish neighbours. The only exception is that they are not forced to do National Service in the Army unless they volunteer. This seems an extremely humane arrangement as long as danger exists, and that without such an exemption people could have faced their closest relatives across a firing line.

If the question of legitimacy of control of territory should be raised at all, then Jordan can have no legitimate claim to territory on the west bank of the river Jordan nor has Egypt any such claim to Gaza and its surroundings. These territories were allocated by the United Nations in 1947 before the end of the British Mandate to the then Arab State of Palestine, before the formation of the Israeli State, and were then taken by force by Jordan and Egypt respectively during the following war and the borders of Israel after this conflict were the cease fire lines and not the true boundaries of either of the States involved.

The proper way to deal with such problems is through a negotiated peace only.

I do not think I have to point out that if such peace settlement could be reached and the Israelis and Arab people .../

combine their effort on a similar basis as the Common 6, then the Middle East would become the most prosperous and the strongest territory in that area.

I personally feel that the Arabs and Jews, who are blood relations, are going through this temporary conflict not of their own choice and when the U.S.S.R. and the United States of America have settled their differences or the people of the Middle East have decided that they are no longer willing to fight the war on their behalf, peace and prosperity will come to the Middle East for the benefit of the rest of the world.

Yours faithfully,

V. Schlesinger.

We would like to express our thanks to Mr. Hubert Newman for the interest he has shown in organising the Habonim Classes for our children. Outings and Meetings are arranged fortnightly, and we understand the children are very happy with him.

THE END OF AN OUTING

Last November, a new organisation came into being, now known as the "New Inspiration". Since then, they have thought of many ways of entertaining the community.

It was suggested that an outing be arranged for the whole community and that senior members over 65 should be taken free. The Chairman and Secretary made arrangements for a 40-seater coach and also provisionally booked a restaurant for afternoon tea. Then they sat down to wait for the replies to come back from the last issue of Recorder to see if they could manage with one coach or if they should book two, just to be on the safe side. The replies came back ... BOTH OF THEM. Two Senior members, and two paying members. Four people for a 40-seater coach and 40 teas. There is no need to tell you - THE OUTING IS OFF.

The "New Inspiration" consists of 16 members, all young at heart who like to meet and enjoy themselves but are also interested in organising functions for the whole community. We have held a few Whist Drives. Remember there are 16 members. At the last Whist Drive, 20 people turned up. At the Bingo evening, 28 people arrived. So you have the ridiculous situation where a committee of 16 are organising functions for another eight people. What an ungrateful lot of members there are, and yet what a lot of criticism the New Inspiration has received. In six short months we have certainly been trying. Now we are crying. The support from the community has been pathetic.

Henry Springer,
Chairman.

Sam Silverman,
Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

An enjoyable and well attended Afternoon Tea and Meeting took place on Wednesday, 20th May, at 4 Rockleaze. Our guest speaker, Mrs. Helena Weinstein, gave us a most interesting and informative talk on the "Life of the Jewish Woman in America", dealing particularly with her home town of Pittsburgh. Our hostess was Mrs. Sacof.

Future Programme

Monday, 1st June

Evening Meeting at 27 Reddley Road. Our hostess will be Mrs. Lever.

Sunday, 7th June
at 8.00 p.m.

A Garden Supper is being held at 31a Julian Rd., Sneyd Park. Admission £1.1.0d. Proceeds in aid of Guild charities. Swimming facilities will be available.

Will all members of the Community who intend going to this function and have not already notified our Chairman, kindly telephone Mrs. Naomi Dembo, Tel: 684225, as soon as possible, in order that the hostesses may have some idea how many to cater for.

We do hope that everyone will make a special effort to support this function, which promises to be a most enjoyable evening.

Monday evening,
6th July.

Annual General Meeting at Synagogue Hall.

C. Culank,
Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

A Coffee Morning was held on Tuesday, 5th May at 9 Pitch and Pay Lane. Our hostess was Mrs. Hart.

An Evening Meeting was held on Tuesday, 19th May at 7 Melrose Place. Our hostess was Miss Blohm.

The Independence Day Dinner, held at the Synagogue Hall on Wednesday, 13th May, was a great success. Everyone enjoyed listening to the Speaker, Mrs. Evelyn Chenkin, who spoke on Israel's problems with great feeling. The vote of thanks was given by Dr. Sydney Curwen. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Kate Lever and Mrs. Golda Seymour for their very attractive flower arrangements.

The Market Stall held at Canon's Marsh Market raised the sum of £43.8.6d. The morning proved to be a very enjoyable one for the ladies, who, under the direction of Mrs. Golda Seymour, showed their

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skill at salesmanship. Our thanks go to Mr. Henry Springer and sons for their help in setting up and dismantling the stall, and thanks are also due to all those who donated gifts for stock.

Jewish Women's Week

Mrs. Bette Burke and Mrs. Sonia Silverman wish to thank all those who have given so generously to this year's Women's Week appeal.

Anyone who still wishes to make a donation can do so by forwarding it to Mrs. Silverman or myself:-

Mrs. S. Silverman,
36 Oakdale Court,
Downend, Bristol.

Mrs. B. Burke,
4 Downs Cote View,
Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

The next meeting will be an Afternoon "Bring and Buy" Tea on Tuesday 2nd June at 77 Parry's Lane. Our hostess will be Mrs. Ruth Curwen.

Bette Burke
Shelagh Hart
(Joint Hon.Secs.)

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

The Butchers' order for delivery Wednesday, 3rd June should be for two weeks' meat.