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BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION THE SYNAGOGUE, PARK ROW, BRISTOL

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Bristol W.I.Z.O. Group:

Hon. Sec. Mrs. S. Hart,
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Both Ladies' Organisations hold regular
meetings and functions throughout the
year.

for your diary ...

Monday, 5th April.

Coffee Morning - 14 The Avenue.

Sunday, 25th April.

Curwen Spectacular.

Thursday, 29th April.

Annual Dance.

Tuesday, 11th May.

Evening Meeting - 77 Parry's
Lane.

YAHREZEITS.

Thursday	8th April	Mr. P. Winberg.	13 Nisan
Wednesday	21st April	Messrs. H. & I. Sacof	26 Nisan
Friday	23rd April	Mes. Lazarus.	28 Nisan
Monday	26th April	Mes. Lazarus.	1 Iyar

KADDISH WILL BE SAID THE PREVIOUS EVENING.

The Memorial Prayer (El Mole Rachamin) 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

We regret the error in the February Recorder, regarding the legacy left to the Synagogue by the late Mr. I. Raphael, where it was inadvertently printed as the late Mrs. Raphael. We are happy to notify all and sundry that Mrs. Raphael is still very much with us.

There will be no local arrangements for Passover goods. Members are advised to make their own arrangements.

The April Lottery resulted in £5 to Mrs. E. Coburg and the 6-monthly amount of £50 was won by Mrs. Nancy Silverman.

Anybody interested in joining the Lottery should contact the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Sam Silverman.

Hazelton to Ann and Sam Hirenberg on the announcement of the engagement of their son, Stewart to Zara Posner from Cardiff. We wish the young couple every happiness for their future.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Henry Howard is now recovering from his recent illness and we wish him well in the future.

At the last Annual General Meeting, the following Officers and Council were elected:-

President	-	Mr. Colin Berkovitch.
Vice-President	-	Mr. S. Bloom.
Hon. Treasurer	-	Mr. Sam Silverman.
Hon. Secretary	-	Mr. I. Kushner.
Members of Council	-	Mr. G. Gee.
		Mr. H. Newman.
		Mr. A. Tobias.
		Mr. H. Springer.
		Mr. N. Smith.
		Mr. L. Gould.
		Dr. S. Curwen.
		Mr. S. Nirenberg (Chevra Kedusha)
		Mr. H. Seymour (Talmud Torah)
		Mrs. M. Goldman.
		Mrs. H. Dembo.

Miss Ena Blohm has moved to 39 Pembroke Road, Clifton.
Tel: 30023.

The New Inspiration are pleased to announce that the show postponed during December will now be held on Sunday, 25th April at 7.45 p.m. We ask everybody to come along and support the CURWEI SPECTACULAR as the proceeds of this are being donated by the New Inspiration to the Building Maintenance Fund. The charge will be 50p for members, 25p for students and children. The refreshments are being donated, so that all monies collected will be available for the Maintenance Fund.,

A very successful Purim Party was held on the 14th March, in which the children took part in a Purim Spiel, aided and abetted by the leaders of the Habonim Group to whom our grateful thanks are offered.

CHEVRA KEDUSHA

The Officers of this organization are now as follows:-

President	-	Mr. Sam Hirenberg.
		88 Filton Road,
		Horfield, Bristol.7.
		Tel: 693040.
Vice President	-	Mr. V. Schlesinger.
Hon. Treasurer	-	Mr. H. Springer.
Hon. Secretary	-	Mr. S. Silverman.

In the events of the services of the Chevra Kedusha being required, please contact Mr. Hirenberg.

The Festival of Passover commences on Friday, 9th April, 1971 in the evening and terminates on Saturday, 17th April, 1971.

Timetable for Passover:

Thursday, 8th April	Search for Leaven at nightfall.
Friday, 9th April	<u>Erev Pesach</u> Eating of Chametz is forbidden after 10.10 a.m. Fast of the First Born. <u>7.00 p.m. Minchah-Maariv Service.</u>
Saturday, 10th April	<u>First Day</u> <u>9.15 a.m. Morning Service</u> <u>7.00 p.m. Minchah-Maariv Service.</u>
Sunday, 11th April	<u>Second Day</u> <u>9.15 a.m. Morning Service</u>
Thursday, 15th April	<u>Erco Yomtoo</u> <u>7.30 p.m. Minchah-Maariv Service.</u>
Friday, 16th April	<u>Seventh Day</u> <u>9.15 a.m. Morning Service</u> <u>7.30 p.m. Minchah-Maariv Service.</u>
Saturday, 17th April	<u>Last Day of Pesach</u> <u>9.15 a.m. Morning Service (Yizkor)</u>

The Festival of Passover terminates on Saturday, 17th April, 1971 at 9.00 p.m.

I would like to pay my personal tribute to Dr. Sydney Curwen for his service to the Congregation for many years, acting as Hon. Treasurer to the Talmud Torah, Hon. Secretary to the Congregation and culminating in the onerous duties as President for 2½ years, part of which time I acted with him as Vice-President.

Dr. Curwen is an extremely busy man in his profession, but despite this, he has always been most reliable and meticulous in all the duties he has undertaken.

Although we shall miss his activities, I feel sure we can rely on him for any future advice and guidance we may seek.

Sidney Bloom.

From: 67 Pembroke Road, Clifton, Bristol.8. Tel: 39725.

Dear Members,

I should like to thank you for the honour which you have bestowed on me by electing me as your President.

This is a historic year for the Congregation, not only because it is the centenary year of our Synagogue premises but for the first time we are proud to have a Lord Mayor elected from our members, and we wish her great success during her term of office.

It will be a year when we must again spend time and money on the Synagogue buildings and renew our efforts to seek premises more suitable to our needs. A great effort will be needed to make this year a successful one, and though I give you my promise to do whatever I can to serve the needs of the Congregation, the Officers and Council must inevitably rely on the individual members for support for without it our work becomes difficult or just a waste of time: apathy is our worst enemy, but where you feel you cannot support the Council's activities remember that constructive criticism is always welcomed.

I should like to record on behalf of the Council and of the members of the Congregation deep appreciation for the excellent work done by my predecessor, Dr. Sydney Curwen, during his successful period of office; we should all feel greatly indebted to him for giving up so much of his time to and carrying out his duties in such a willing and capable manner.

Finally I should like to offer all members of the Congregation and their families my best wishes for the Passover.

With Chag Samayach,

Yours sincerely,

COLIN BERKOVITCH.

BRISTOLIANS - you who call yourselves JEWS should hold your heads in shame. 'Apathy' that word which has come up time and time again holds reign over the whole of the Bristol Community.

Persons talk of spending hundreds of pounds to re-decorate the Synagogue premises, for what? - to rot again in its emptiness!

At the J.P.A. meeting held on the 18th March, when the finest orator we have heard for many years came to talk to the community, about the problems which affect Jews all over the world, only 30 people - TRUE JEWS - turned up at the meeting, these people have the interest and welfare of Israel, and the oppressed Jews in the Arab countries and behind the Iron Curtain at heart.

Excuses for not attending were plenty, you name it we were told it - Too tired - don't believe in J.P.A. - schools too cold - too many stairs - , any excuse was better than none.

These were some of the reasons given to disguise the word 'Apathy', and as a member of the Bristol Community, I hold my head in shame and disgust, that a man such as Zvi Garcy, was slighted by the absence of the Officers and members of the Bristol Hebrew Congregation.

Gerald Gee,
Hon. Sec. J.P.A.

BRISTOL JEWISH LADIES GUILD.

An evening meeting took place on Monday, 8th March at 160 Cranbrook Road, when two of our members, Mrs. Golda Seymour and Mrs. Gill Ornstein, entertained us with short talks, which were most amusing and enjoyable. The hostess was Mrs. Smith.

Future Programme:

Monday, 5th April

Coffee morning and 'Bring & Buy' at Avon House, 14 The Avenue, Sneyd Park. The hostess will be Mrs. Roydon.

Monday, 3rd May.

Evening meeting at 19 Highnam Close, Patchway. The hostess will be Mrs. Gill Ornstein.

Sunday, 20th June.

Garden supper at 31a Julian Road, Sneyd Park.
Further details to be announced later.

C. Culank.
Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP.

A Jumble Sale will be held at St. John's Hall on Wednesday, 21st April. We are in urgent need of Jumble, so please help all you can by searching out all your unwanted articles. Also we need more helpers.

We are holding the Annual W.I.Z.O. Supper Dance on Thursday, 29th April at Arno's Court Country Club, 470 Bath Road, Brislington to celebrate Independence Day. Tickets are available from Mrs. Curwen, Tel: 683033.

Our future meetings are:-

Tuesday, 11th May.

An Evening meeting at 77 Parry's Lane. The hostess will be Mrs. Curwen.

Tuesday, 25th May.

A coffee morning at 3 Duchess Road, Clifton. The hostess will be Mrs. Keen.

This year the Bristol Hebrew Congregation celebrate the Centenary of their Synagogue.

This fact will doubtlessly be received with varying degrees of feeling ranging from pride to downright indifference.

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To those of you who regularly, occasionally, or never visit the building - I have news - YOUR Synagogue, and its attendant offices are deteriorating ... FAST. Creeping damp, dangerous electrical wiring, inefficient heating, peeling paintwork, and an appalling state of general filth pervades throughout.

To the faithful complacently awaiting a "Fairy Godmother", in the shape of the University, to whisk you away to pastures new - forget it. This is unlikely to happen within 5 years, maybe longer, maybe never. Even SHOULD it happen, sooner, or later, there is no guarantee that a new home could be found for the Community, or even that sufficient money would be available to provide for it.

There are a number of alternatives that have been proposed and rejected over the years. None of them have reached fruition, because they have either been too grandiose, or failed in their appeal to the majority.

We are left with the inescapable fact that we have the only Synagogue in town, and we're stuck with it. We can either tiptoe quietly away, and allow the building, AND the Community to disintegrate, or we can DO something.

Out of your new Council, a Building Sub-Committee has been formed. In a very short space of time, and with a great deal of effort, estimates have been produced in sections covering all the necessary work required to put the premises in reasonably good order. Naturally this is going to take MONEY! (You just KNEW there was a catch in it, didn't you!) Don't go away YET! The Chevra Kedusha, (to whom the Community owe a debt of gratitude, as well as a great deal of money), have magnanimously agreed to donate a sum, equal to more than one third of what is required, the rest we are going to have to find ourselves.

To arrange small functions in aid of such funds is admirable, but regrettably produces little in relation to the effort involved, although always much appreciated. We need these efforts, but we also need donations, and we need them NOW.

The following is proposed for your consideration:

1. That a "Target" is set to raise money for each section of work.
2. That an all out appeal is mounted to raise money for this purpose, in every way possible, including approaches to EX Bristolians, and those outside the Community who are still Jews in heart, although not even Members (it is not just the building that is at stake).

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3. That Volunteer "Work gangs" come forward with offers to undertake "clean up" projects, e.g. window cleaning, turning our odd patches of ground into garden, etc. etc.
4. THAT A FUND, ALREADY PROPOSED IN COUNCIL, BE MOUNTED, TO BE KNOWN AS "THE BUILDING FUND", TO RAISE, AND RETAIN MONEY AGAINST A FUTURE BUILDING. THIS WILL HAVE NO CONNECTION WITH FUNDS BEING RAISED FOR RE-BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE, AND WOULD NOT BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE.

This year is not only our Anniversary Year. We are to have our first Jewish Lord Mayor. What sort of face can we show to the world if we can't keep our own House in order?

Come on Bristolians! If you have suggestions, let's have them! But lets move forward TOGETHER. It is in EVERY ONE'S interest that we succeed, in our own interest, and that of our Children, the Community of the future. What sort of Legacy do we want to leave them? The decision is now in YOUR hands.

MESSAGE FOR PASSOVER 1971/5731.

Jewish People all over the world are again preparing for their most favourite Festival, the Feast of Passover. This Festival is distinguished under the heading in our Liturgy as Z'MAN CHERUTEINU", "The Season for our Freedom". It was a great day of liberation for the Jewish People, who served 210 years under the Egyptian Pharaohs as slaves, when they became free men. From that day Israel has shown to the world that every human being is entitled to dignity and freedom.

When appointed as leaders of the Jewish People, Moses and Aaron approached King Pharaoh with the famous Keynote: "SHALACH ET AMI", "LET MY PEOPLE GO". They repeated their mission with these motto words many times until they succeeded to get the Jewish People out of the land of oppression and enslavery.

How popular have these words "LET MY PEOPLE GO" become in our present time with regard our brethren in Russia. Jewish people all over the world have shown their solidarity in protest marches to the Soviet Embassies against the treatment of their brethren in Soviet Russia with the demand that they should be permitted to leave the country and to be reunited with their families in Israel. It seems that the reaction of world opinion had an immediate effect with

the result that at least a small number of Jews from Russia have already arrived in the land of their long dreams, in Israel.

We are sitting in a festive mood round our Sedertable joined by our relatives and friends with the various kind of special dishes on our Sederplate. We are explaining to our children the meaning of our Passover celebration and stressing to them the importance that the history of the redemption of the Jewish People from Egypt has its great message to us in our present time as we are reciting it in our HAGGADAH with the following words: "FOR IT WAS NOT OUR ANCESTORS ALONE THAT THE HOLY ONE, BLESSED BE HE, REDEEMED, HE ALSO DELIVERED US WITH THEM".

By celebrating our Seder in the old traditional way we are encouraging our children with the spiritual idea of our Judaism, and we are bringing near the time when Jewish People will be able to live their freelifelife even in those countries where they are still enslaved. We hope P.G. to look forward to the great message of our Haggadah:

"L'SHANAH HABA-AM DIRUSHALAYIM HAB'NUYAH".

"MAY WE BE IN THE COMING YEAR IN A JERUSALEM REBUILT".

With this Message go our best wishes for a happy and pleasant Yomtoo to the Hon. Officers and all the members of the Bristol Congregation.

With CHAG SAMEYACH.

Rev. & Mrs. Roddel & Susan.