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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.

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Hon. Sec. Mrs. C. Culank,
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Bristol 5.

Bristol W.I.Z.O. Group:

Hon. Sec. Mrs. S. Hart,
9 Pitch & Pay Lane,
Bristol.
BS9 1NH.

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

for your diary . . .

Monday, June 7th

Women's Guild evening
meeting at 4 Forest Edge.

Tuesday, June 8th

Coffee morning at 9 Pitch
& Pay Lane.

Tuesday, 22nd June

Evening meeting - 27 Reedley
Road.

YAHREZEITS

Friday	4th June	Mr. M. B. Silverman	11	Sivan
Monday	7th June	Mr. N. Cohen	14	Sivan
Tuesday	8th June	Family of Late Mrs. L. Strimer	15	Sivan
Saturday	12th June	Mrs. Tonkey	19	Sivan
Monday	14th June	Mr. A. E. Morris	21	Sivan
Thursday	17th June	Mr. I. Freeland	24	Sivan

KADDISH WILL BE SAID THE PREVIOUS EVENING

The Memorial Prayer (El Mole Rachemim) 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 offer our sincere congratulations to Michael Howard, who was called to the Bar on the 11th May, 1971.

Bristol and West Progressive Jewish Congregation ask us to note that their Annual Garden Party takes place this year at 3.0 p.m. Sunday, June 27th at "Withdean", Old Midford Road, South Stoke, Bath.

Bristol Talmud Torah

Owing to her forthcoming examination commitments, Miss Jacky Charles has had to give up her Teaching post as from Sunday, 23rd May. We once again thank her for all she has done to help in the past and trust that her services may be afforded us in the future, if her commitments then allow her to accept the undertaking.

Mr. Colin Berkovitch announces that his new address is 2 Clevedale, Downend.

The Congregation has suffered yet another loss on the death of Joe Ginsberg, who was born in Bristol over 68 years ago, and had lived here all his Life.

He always took an interest in Shool affairs and for many years was one of the Honorary Auditors. His wife, Micky, has always been respected for the work she has done for the Chevra Kadisha and we hope she will be spared for many years to come.

His Son, Bernard, is following his father in bringing up his children to be good practising Jews and this is the way we can best remember Joe Ginsberg and respect his memory.

The Lottery for June was won by Mr. H. Newman.

Paul Blackstein wishes to thank all his friends in Bristol for their letters and messages of condolence on his recent bereavement.

Paul and Michelle are happy to say they will be moving into their new home at 111 Northover Road, Westbury-on-Trym, on May 30th.

We offer our condolences to Mr. Lionel Caplan on the death of his Father, and wish him and his family Long Life. Lionel would like to thank all those friends who sent messages of condolence.

Mrs. Lee Averbouch wishes to thank all those friends who visited her and sent gifts and messages during her stay in Hospital.

" 'TWEEN AGE GROUP"

Any boy or girl, between the ages of 13 and 18, are invited to the social gatherings of this group. Meetings, parties and general socials are held at various of the group's houses, without adult participation, and the atmosphere is generally "free and easy". A party and social evening will be held on Sunday June 27th at 77 Parry's Lane, Bristol 9, starting at 7.30 p.m. Just come along and introduce yourself.

Irene Springer and Sonia Silverman wish to thank all the ladies of the Community who have given so generously to women's Week and would like to remind those who have not yet sent their contribution to do so as soon as possible, so that the total amount collected can be sent to headquarters.

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

An evening meeting took place on Monday, May 3rd, at 19 Highnam Close, Patchway. The hostess was Mrs. Gill Ornstein.

This was a most interesting evening, as our two guest speakers, Mr. Nat Smith and Mr. Henry Springer, gave us details of the new projects already going ahead for the Synagogue Restoration. We all greatly appreciate the tremendous amount of hard work being put into this by the members of the Building Sub-Committee, and the Guild will make every effort and do all we can to help this worth while cause.

A Sherry Morning took place on Sunday, May 16th, at 59 The Dell, which was put on specially by the Guild in aid of the Jewish Blind Society. This was a great success, £17.60, having been made, and our grateful thanks are due to the three hostesses - Mrs. Sacof, Mrs. Roydon, and Mrs. Seymour, for putting on such an enjoyable function, and our thanks also to Mr. and Mrs. Seymour for so kindly letting us have the use of their home.

Future Programme

Monday, June 7th - Evening meeting at 4 Forest Edge, Hanham. The hostess will be Mrs. Roberts.

Sunday, August 22nd - A Garden Supper is being held once again at the home of our Chairman, Mrs. Naomi Dembo, - our previous date being cancelled, owing to the Garden Parties being held on the same day in aid of the Jewish Old Aged Home in Cardiff.

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

A letter from H.Q. informed us that an appeal has been launched at the 46th Biennial Conference for the collection of unwanted metal spoons and forks, in aid of the Miriam Sacher Scholarship Fund.

We appeal to you, please, to let us have any unwanted metal spoons and forks in order that we may raise funds.

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP CONT'D.

Annual Dinner Dance

The Annual Dinner Dance, which was held on Independence Day at the Arno's Court County Club on Thursday, 29th April, was a great success. Thanks are due to the special Dance Committee, and all those who sold tickets.

Garden Tea Party

Mrs. Greenbaum has kindly offered to hold a Garden Tea Party at her home on Sunday, 4th July from 3.0 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Adults 30p. Children 15p. It promises to be a most enjoyable afternoon, so please keep this date available.

Future Meetings

Tuesday, 8th June	A Coffee Morning at 9 Pitch & Pay Lane. The hostess will be Mrs. Hart.
Tuesday, 22nd June	An Evening Meeting at 27 Reedley Road, Westbury-on-Trym. The hostess will be Mrs. Lever.

Shelagh Hart
Hon. Sec.

HABONIM CAMP

Friday, 8th May was the day that we had all been waiting for. For this was the day of Habonim camp. After much packing of cases and emptying and repacking again, we finally left the house to go to the bus stop to wait for the bus. Soon a bus came into sight. We picked all our bags and parcels off the floor but much to our dismay it was the wrong one. The next bus to come along was groaning and squeaking at the springs. It was obviously heavily laden. We guessed this must be the right bus even before we saw a mass of blue shirts on top and Olly waving on the platform. With our luggage in our hands, we clambered aboard.

After what seemed a long bus ride, we finally reached the site. The others were already there - they had come by car. The camp looked great and the first thing I wanted to do was to explore. There was a gas fire with a big saucepan on the top. Sheila Tobias was trying to boil the water in it in vain. We dumped our bags and went off to explore. There was a small wood surrounding the camp. We carried on and came to a hut. As we

HABONIM CAMP CONT'D.

didn't know what was inside it, we went to investigate. It was the Boys' toilet. There was an awful PONG but when the need arises you just can't be too fussy. By now it was getting a little bit colder and we were hungry; ~~so~~ we went back to camp. Supper was ready to be served. We collected our mug full of soup, which was quite decent.

After supper we prepared the tents. There was a lot of fun and laughter trying to sort out who was going to sleep where, but this was soon sorted out by Olly. It was now time to make Kiddish. We all had wine out of our mugs around the flag pole. Sheila lit the candles and we all sang and danced. After cocoa we washed and settled down for the night.

Saturday morning we were all up rather early (about four o'clock). The bread and milk was delivered, piles and piles of it, plus a load of jam. We thought we were going to eat bread and jam for ever more. We had cornflakes and milk for breakfast and of course there was bread and jam and also jam and bread.

Alan Tobias conducted a short Shabbat service. At 10 a.m. we set out on a ten mile walk to the Severn Bridge and back. After a very tiring journey and aching legs we reached the bridge. We sat on the grass to eat our Worsht and egg sandwiches. We set off for camp listening to the radio because today was cup final day. Barry Kushner, a firm supporter of Liverpool gave a minute by minute commentary of the game. We arrived back at camp all fagged out. After a small rest supper was served (Bread and jam again).

We had an invitation to visit the Cubs camp fire, which we accepted and enjoyed. We sang songs and roasted potatoes over the fire. We returned to camp and had fun playing a night game. Cocoa and bed.

Sunday we woke up a little later (Five past four). Breakfast was served (GuessWhat?). Olly helped us to make an ingenious wooden bridge but no-one was prepared to try it out, except Olly, Jeremy and Barry.

After dinner, the packing was done and we were ready to go home. We caught the bus back to Bristol. It is amazing how quickly a weekend can pass when you are enjoying yourself.

On behalf of all members of Habonim, I would like to thank all the leaders and helpers for looking after us and putting up with our behaviour.

Stephen Silverman

SYNAGOGUE RESTORATION - SECOND REPORT

As Congregants will have observed, work is proceeding satisfactorily. The front entrance and vestibule are complete, as are the stairs to the Ladies Gallery, and the Committee Room. Work is proceeding on the Ladies Vestibule, Powder Room and Toilet, and should be complete when this report goes to press. Some of the interesting features in the front entrance and vestibule have been highlighted by the new colour scheme, and the installation of new lighting has improved the general appearance beyond belief. One or two snags were encountered; a leak in the roof above the Ladies staircase, and the collapse of a section of the floor in the Committee Room, where a number of joists had rotted. These small setbacks have been overcome satisfactorily. During the course of work in the Committee Room, some very old records were unearthed.

It would be unfair to single out, and mention the Donations of individuals without their consent, but it can be said that a substantial amount has been received from one lady Member, which receives our heartfelt thanks; that one or two cheques have been received from EX Bristolians; that we have had a donation from an O.A.P. which represented, I know, REAL self denial; that groups of children, by their own efforts, have raised more than £3. One EX Bristolian (of a year only), Mr. L. Nidditch, of Shenley, Herts, sent us the generous donation of £100, giving us permission to publish this fact, hoping this would spur our efforts, and expressing great interest and support for our cause.

BRISTOL AID SOCIETY - LADIES GUILD

The Sherry Morning held at 59 The Dell, under the auspices of the Ladies Guild, raised the sum of £17.60. Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Golda Seymour, Mrs. Sacof and Mrs. Roydon, our three hostesses, and the Ladies Guild for their efforts on behalf of this worthy cause.

BRISTOL AID SOCIETY
Chairman - Newman Cohen, Esq.
Hon. Sec. - Nat Smith, Esq.

CURWEN SPECTACULAR

A most enjoyable, entertaining, and "different" evening, seemed to sum up the long awaited "Curwen Spectacular". For those of you unable to have been present, this was a Musical Extravaganza, Laugh In, Film Show and Quiz combined! A sincere vote of thanks to Dr. Curwen and Johnnie (and their sexy scorer), for entertaining us. As a member of their audience, I would say that a great deal of painstaking preparation went into this show. The sum of £21 was raised for the Renovation Fund. Thank you, Dr. Curwen.

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: (((((CHILDREN'S FAIR))))) ---- JUNE 27th. :
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: COME TO THE "CHILDREN'S FAIR" ON SUNDAY :
: JUNE 27th, FROM 3.0p.m. :
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: BRING & BUY STALLS --- DARTS --- CAKE STALL --- :
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: SHOE SHINE --- GAMES OF CHANCE, ETC., ETC. :
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: ALL PROCEEDS DONATED BY THE CHILDREN TO THE :
: RENOVATION FUND. :
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: TEA WILL BE SERVED. ADMISSION FOR ADULTS 10p. :
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: CHILDREN FREE!!! :
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: BE A "SPORT" AND GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!!! :
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CHARITY SHOP

Thanks to Mrs. Golda Seymour, Manageress of our "Hearly New" Shop of two days and her willing helpers, the fantastic sum of nearly £250 was raised for the Restoration Fund, and no praise can be too great for her amazing effort on your behalf. What a Sales-woman! Thanks also to EVERYONE who gave us goods to sell, to those that helped, and to Len Hart for allowing his premises to be used for the purpose.

How many times do we hear complaints of decline and apathy in our community? But while we have Golda Seymour, Henry Springer, and people like them, who without fuss and self-advertisement, give so much of themselves, surely we shall never go under. The raising of £250 in the Building Fund Shop, the wonderful improvements in the Shul already racing ahead, the part we all play in keeping our community alive, are a tribute to those who have done so much in the past and now handed over the reins, and an encouragement to the growing band of "Young Ones" who will be taking over in the future. We have many reasons for self-congratulation. For so small a Congregation to contribute so generously to many charities. For the enthusiasm shown in helping each other in "Simchas" or "Tsoras", and for the genuine welcome given to all newcomers who show even slight interest, I say we are second to none.

So a hearty 'Thank you' from each of us, to all of us, for whatever part we play, big or small, past or future, religious, social or public spirited, for making this a community to be proud of.

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A MYSTERY STORY

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Have you ever stopped to think who THEY are? THEY interfere with our liberties. THEY are ruining the economy. THEY are desecrating the countryside. THEY have put the bus fares up again. Why have THEY put the prices up? Why don't THEY think about the Pensioners? THEY don't seem to make clothes for the over 30's. Why have THEY put double yellow lines there? Why do THEY always print menus in French? Why are THEY making us queue? THEY are everywhere. THEY have now infiltrated into the Community. THEY should have sold the Shool long ago. THEY should never spend money on it. THEY are wasting their time. THEY! THEY! THEY! Why are THEY doing it? Who are THEY? Where are THEY? Will THEY take over the Country? The WORLD!!!??

So I started investigating. Know what? I couldn't find a THEY anywhere. Nobody had ever seen one, or knew one, or had ever met one. The reason became obvious. THEY are US. US are WE. WE are YOU and I.

Now that the mystery is solved, think about it. YOU are involved. I am committed. WE are in it together. Between US lie the solutions. THEY, just don't exist.

As an indication of some of the lesser known duties that Rev. Moddel is called upon to perform from time to time, in what might loosely termed the "Public Relations" field, the following letters (just two of many) are printed.

Colston Girls School,
Cheltenham Road,
Bristol 6.

Dear Rabbi,

I am writing to you on behalf of the third form at Colston, to thank you for the most interesting and enjoyable talk you gave to us at the Synagogue.

At the start of this school year we did a project on Judaism, and so your talk has filled in many gaps in our knowledge.

Thank you again for giving up so much of your time to talk to us; it was greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Windsor
(on behalf of the third form)

Little Combe,
Tower House Lane,
Wrexall,
Bristol BS19 1JU.

22nd April, 1971

Dear Mr. Moddel,

The members of Wrexall Mothers' Union have asked me to say how much they enjoyed the visit to your Synagogue this week.

It was very kind of you to give up your time to explain the Jewish religion and everyone was very interested.

Thank you for being so friendly and for the cup of tea. It was very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Jean Barnes (Mrs).
