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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:

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Bristol 6.
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Hon. Sec.

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Talmud Torah Classes: Sunday mornings
10 00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

Hon. Sec. Mrs. M. Kushner,
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Bristol Jewish Ladies' Guild:

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

Bristol W.I.Z.O. Group:

Hon. Sec. Mrs. S. Hart,
9, Pitch & Pay Lane,
Bristol.
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Both Ladies' Organisations hold regular
meetings and functions throughout the
year.

for your diary . . .

Monday, 6th September
Womens' Guild A.G.M.

Tuesday, 14th September
W.I.Z.O. A.G.M.

YAHREZITS

Wednesday	1st September	Dr. H. Howard	11 Ellul
Wednesday	15th September	Mr. H. Campbell	25 Ellul
Thursday	16th September	Miss P. Nathan	26 Ellul
Tuesday	28th September	Mrs. Culank	9 Tishri
Wednesday	29th September	Messrs. Garcia	10 Tishri

KADDISH WILL BE SAID THE PREVIOUS EVENING

The Memorial Prayer (El Kôle 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,

COMMUNAL NOTICES

It is with great sorrow that we record the loss of another stalwart member of our Congregation. Mr. Newman Cohen passed away after a period of illness. Elsewhere, we print a tribute to the work he has done for the Community, for the people of Bristol in general, and for the British Legion and the Jewish Blind Society. We wish his Wife and Son Long Life.

Talmud Torah classes will re-commence on Sunday, 5th September.

The Lottery this month was won by Mrs. G. Wapnah.

Further to the proposal to present an article to the City in recognition of our first Jewish Lord Mayor, the item it is intended to present is Menorah. This is an Israeli model and is of a size and appearance to be well received by all who will see it. Donations towards the cost of this up to a maximum of £1. each are earnestly requested. Please send to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Sam Silverman, 36, Oakdale Court, Downend.

THE CIVIC SERVICE

It is hoped that room will be available for the Service in the Synagogue (but not the Tea) for children of members. Only children aged 13 and over can be admitted. The Council ask members to understand the difficulty involved owing to the restriction in space, and the fact that a large number of the

Bristol City Council have intimated their intention to be present. Members will realise that as hosts, we are obliged to ensure the comfort of our guests. Members are asked to be seated by 2.45.p.m. In view of the civic procedure, late-comers cannot be admitted after this time. Members are also notified that they cannot be seated in their usual places, but to obey the Ushers. Please bring your own siddur. Members are reminded that applications for Tickets must be in before September, 17th.

KOSHER MEAT SUPPLY

From 31st August, meat will be delivered on TUESDAYS and orders must be posted on FRIDAYS to ensure delivery.

Mrs. Newman Cohen and Frank, wish to thank Rev. Moddel, Mrs. Sacof and members of the Chevra Kadisha for their support and help during their bereavement and also those friends and relatives who sent messages of condolence.

SYNAGOGUE RENOVATION

Work is progressing in the Synagogue itself. New curtains are in hand for the Ark. The Caretaker's house is now occupied by our new Caretakers, Mr. & Mrs. Smith (not Hat and Rosina). The sum of £25. was raised by the New Inspiration at their Sunday Tea Dance and this will be devoted towards the purchase of chairs for the Hall. Golda and Harold Seymour have also made a donation towards the cost of chairs to mark their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

Miss Pearl Nathan has made a very generous donation to the Restoration Fund in loving memory of her dear Parents, who were, in their lifetimes, prominent communal workers.

Quite a bit of work remains to be done and after the work, re-furnishing is needed, such as floor coverings, seat coverings etc. Money is beginning to be short, although the Building Committee have extended their activities to outside Bristol the response is slow. We ask, therefore, if anyone intends to give and has not yet done so - there's no time like the present - that means NOW -

The Hon. Officers and members of the Council wish all Congregants a Happy New Year.

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th September at 7.30.p.m. at the Synagogue Hall.

Autumn Jumble Sale

Our coming Jumble Sale will be held on Wednesday, 20th October. Please may we have your jumble and any help you can give.

Our Chairman, Mrs. R. Curwen & Committee, wish all W.I.Z.O. members and the Bristol Hebrew Congregation a very Happy New Year.

Shelagh Hart
Hon. Sec.

HEWMAN COHEN

On the second Sunday in November every year, a small, but sadly diminishing group of Jewish ex-Servicemen and women, make their way to the Annual AJEM Memorial parade in London. Until very recent years, however small the party, there was one constant figure who never failed to make the pilgrimage. Hewman Cohen, whose passing we mourn, will always be remembered by those who accompanied him to the Parade. Fairly tall, looking very much like a West Country farmer, whitening hair and healthy complexion, he kept up an endless barrage of anecdotes, reminiscences and fascinating small talk about the past and the present. Whatever aspect of life he was discussing, Hewman, was the acme of animation, telling his stories with such description and vigour, that he seemed to be willing his listeners to re-live the experiences with him.

Hewman Cohen belonged to a generation of Bristolian Jews now alas dwindled to an all too easily countable few. He was a first cousin of the late and revered Simey Jacobs. With such family connections, it is not surprising that, although never an officer or a member of Council, he kept in close touch with and in later years, took an active part in Synagogue life. But for domestic circumstances, he would have been willing to take the office of Vice-President and almost agreed to do so a few years ago. He was however, a regular Sabbath morning attender, since his retirement, and after Kiddush, we would again be treated to anecdotes told in the typical Hewman style.

Animation was the hall-mark of his life. He served in the Army in the First World War, he was associated for many years with the City and Marine Ambulance service. He was a Steward at the Bristol Rugby Club and Hon. Treasurer of the Supporters Club. Hewman was a founder member of the Polish branch of the British Legion. Whatever activity he undertook, he did with vigour and enthusiasm and he obviously thrilled with the friendship that his various associations brought him. He never disguised or attempted to disguise, his Jewish origin, but in his mixing with many non-Jewish organisations in Bristol, his very character and personal integrity, brought great credit to the Community as a whole and perhaps, a greater sense of understanding than some of the more official bodies which strive towards such aims.

Perhaps because of his dear wife's affliction he became interested in work for the Blind. He was the guiding light in the formation of the Bristol branch of the Jewish Blind Society and represented the Jewish Community on the Bristol branch of the British Commonwealth Society for the Blind. This, for him, was no sinecure and he worked with his well-known ardour to collect old stamps and trading stamps and was the leader in a

collection which culminated in the purchase of a guide dog.

But this man was not just an amusing character, with a flair for charity collecting. There was no job which he was asked to do, which he would not do willingly and if anyone was in need of help, he would do everything in his power to give it.

We mourn his passing and send our heartfelt condolences to his wife and son and the other members of his family.

Newman Cohen's last good deed has been done. May he rest in the peace he so justly deserves.

Sydney Curwen

MESSAGE FOR NEW YEAR 1971/5731

Standing at the threshold of a New Year we are making the following declaration in our Festival Prayerbook on Rosh Hashanah HAYOM HARAT OLAM. This day is the birthday of the world. It is the day on which the world with its vast universe and millions of planets have been created.

Thereby, we are thinking of the great achievement of the recent successful spacehips journey of the American astronauts to the moon and their discovery from a scientific point of view. It is actually we Jewish People who are taking a great interest in this achievement, since our Jewish Calendar and Festivals are based on this Lunar System and the Jewish People have been compared by our Rabbis to the moon and the non-Jewish people have likewise been compared by them with the sun, as it is stated in the Talmud in the Tractate Succah page 29.

Looking back to the past year, we can say th.G. with satisfaction that the last year brought a continuation of the ceasefire between Israel and their Arab neighbours and we hope, p.G, that it will gradually lead to a permanent peace and security for Israel.

The year 5731 has been distinguished by the election of the first Jewish Lord Mayor for the City of Bristol, an event which will find its culmination by the approaching centenary civic service in our newly decorated Synagogue premises. This glittering event should not deceive us from the fact that the past year was rather a setback in the attendance at our Synagogue Services on Shabbat and Festivals, which has shown a rather disappointing record. A Judaism which consists of the attending of Services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in Synagogues can have no stability and will in the end, completely disappear. The inspiration should come from the parents who should show the ideals of Jewish environment to their children at home by making Kiddush on Friday night, by saying the blessings and singing SHIROT at the table, and in various ways, encouraging their children to attend the Services on Shabbat and Festivals by bringing them to the Synagogue.

The YAMIM NORA-IM, the High Festivals are always introduced by the blowing of the Shofar during the month of Elul, to remind us of the approaching important days on which we should be aware of our responsibilities, not only for these important Festivals, but for our obligations to live a life according to the fundamental principles of the Torah, the whole year round.

May we hope and pray that the year 5732 will see the fulfillment to bring Freedom to the Jewish People all over the world, as we always recite in our prayer ACHSYNU KOL BET - YISRAEL.

I would like to conclude my message for the New Year with our best wishes of Good Health, Happiness and Prosperity to the Hon. Officers and members of the Community.

LESHANAH TOVA TIKATEYVU

Rev. & Mrs. Modell & Susan
