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BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION THE SYNAGOGUE, PARK ROW, BRISTOL

Synagogue Services:

Friday Evenings 7.30 p.m. Hon. Sec.

Saturday Mornings 10.0 a.m.

Minister:

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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,
BS9 1NH

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

for your diary . . .

Tuesday, 7th December

Evening Meeting,
27 Reedley Road.

Friday, 10th December

10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Bristol Council of Social
Services Christmas Market.
Royal West of England
Academy.

Sunday, 12th December

Chanukah Supper.

Sunday, 19th December

Children's Chanukah Service
and Prizegiving.

Tuesday, 4th January, 1972

Evening Meeting, 37 Long
Eaton Drive.

YAHREZITS

Sunday,	December 5th	Mrs. N. Silverman	17	Kislev
Monday,	December 6th	Mr. M. Garcia	18	Kislev
Friday,	December 10th	Messrs. Myers Bros.	22	Kislev
Sunday,	December 12th	Mr. G. Geller	24	Kislev
Thursday,	December 23rd	Mrs. Tuchband	5	Teveth
Friday,	December 24th	Mr. M. Redstone	6	Teveth
Saturday	December 25th	Mrs. Tuchband	7	Teveth
Thursday,	December 30th	Mr. G. Geller	12	Teveth

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

Members are reminded that the Festival of Chanukah will be celebrated from Monday, 13th December until Monday, 20th December. The first Chanukah light should be kindled on Sunday evening, 12th December.

Owing to the eve of the Public holiday, the service on Friday, 24th December will commence at 6.30 p.m. and not at 7.30 p.m. as usual.

We wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. Miriam Goldman at present a patient in St. Mary's Nursing Home.

LOTTERY

The November and December Lottery draw and the draw for the £50 prize will take place at the A.G.M. on Sunday, December 5th.

"BUY A CHAIR FUND"

We are pleased to announce that 40 new chairs have been purchased, largely due to the efforts of the Seymour Family, to whom we extend our sincere thanks. We must also thank our old friend, and most consistent "fan", Moisha Redstone, who sent us a donation with the proviso that his name was tacked to the seat of a chair - bottoms up! Thanks Moisha! Will do!

CHARITY SHOP

At the time of going to Press, we are unable to report on the result of this project (which we wish every success), since the "opening day" has not yet been fixed. Our sincere thanks to our volunteer "Manageress", Golde Seymour for undertaking this arduous task on your behalf. Goods are still needed - 'Phone 627375.

P.S.

Shop will be open from 10.00 a.m. Monday, November 29th and during that week, any help or goods for sale gratefully received.

Thanks to all good people of Bristol, Bath and Weston who have donated goods.

A full report will be published in the January edition of the Recorder.

CHILDREN'S CHANUKAH SERVICE

The Children's Chanukah Service this year will be held in the Synagogue at 3 p.m. on Sunday December 19th. This will be followed by the Talmud Torah Prizegiving, at which the prizes will be presented to the children by Alderman Helen Bloom, the Lord Mayor of Bristol.

We wish to announce the receipt of a generous donation from Mr. Len Gould, for the specific purpose of opening a RE-BUILDING FUND (not to be confused with the Maintenance & Renovation Fund). This donation is being invested as a separate account with the Halifax Building Society, and any Member is invited if they so wish, to swell this fund, which will remain separate, to be used ONLY for the purpose stated, to wit, the purchase of new premises when required.

Please note A.G.M. will be held on Sunday, 5th December 1971
at 3.00 p.m.

SYNAGOGUE RENOVATION - EIGHTH REPORT

Chief activity this month has been the continued work on the Heating Installation. Some little delay has been experienced due to certain errors by the Electricity Board, but your Contractor assures me that this is only minor, and we expect to be connected by Thursday of the current week. Work has proceeded on the Caretakers' flat, and repairs carried out in the Classrooms. Roofing specialists have been called in to turnerise the gutterings and area over the corridor glass roof, as well as guttering in the Hall, in an effort to further drive out existing damp, and afford additional protection against water penetration. The Ladies Guild are at present launched on a campaign to provide floor covering and equipment for the kitchen. Apart from the heating installation, funds for which the sub-Committee are making every effort to raise, all work carried out is paid for up-to-date. There are further items which we would like to do for your comfort and to further enhance the amenities of the building, dependent, as we have said on many occasions, on further donations being forthcoming.

The Hon. Treasurer for the Fund is Mr. Leslie Dembo,
31a Julian Road, Bristol BS9 1JY.

THE (VERY) LAST OF THE FEW

Each year, through the Recorder, Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women are advised of the date and venue of the Annual Remembrance Service, and invited to give it their support. This year, being the 50th Anniversary of A.J.E.X., as well as the British Legion, a record turn out was hoped for from Branches all over the country.

For a number of years now, my name has been associated with "organising" the trip to London, which simply meant finding out who was going, and if necessary, booking seats and tickets in advance.

Once upon a time no doubt many older members than I would recall, it was possible to fill a railway coach with Members and their relatives. Enthusiasm ran high in those days.

Alas, it IS a fact that many Members have passed on, and others become too old or infirm to undertake the trip. However, each year we always managed to muster a loyal few to represent Bristol - until this year, when regrettably, for one reason or another, the "last of the few" were forced to drop out, leaving yours truly

the entire "contingent". I must tell you that it was with some embarrassment, and a tinge of regret, that I witnessed the removal of Bristol's "marker" from the parade.

There are many doubtlessly who have lost interest in the ceremony of public Remembrance, as "your" war recedes farther into the past. Others perhaps no longer see the need for what they consider now to be an obsolete ceremony, and yet others predict for it a natural death.

Nevertheless this year it still attracted some 5,000 greying, balding, gently aging "old swests" (and not a few women also) who, for an hour or so "came to attention", "stood at ease", swung their arms as smartly as they could, caught the eye of watching relatives in the crowd, posed for pictures, slapped the backs of old friends and generally "remembered".

Glorification of War? Exhibitionism? I doubt it. This was a "Yizkhok" like any other - only bigger.

Let you forget???

14320805 Ex-Gunner Smith, N.

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

An afternoon meeting and successful 'Bring & Buy' took place on Monday, November 15th at 18 Belgrave Road, Clifton. Our hostess was Mrs. Dysch.

Sunday, December 12th

Chanukah Supper to be
held at the Synagogue Hall.

(see separate announcement)

We look forward to seeing you all at this function, which promises to be a very enjoyable evening. So please keep this date free!

G. Culank
(Hon. Sec.)

The Bristol Jewish Women's Guild

invite you to a

CHANUKAH SUPPER

on Sunday, December 12th

at

The Synagogue Hall

at 7.30 p.m.

Admission £1

Proceeds towards
Guild Amenities Fund.

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

An afternoon Bring & Buy Meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Nancy Silverman. This was very well attended and was a success socially and financially.

Mrs. June Charles has kindly offered to visit us on Tuesday, 7th December to give a lecture on make-up at 7.30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Kate Lever. Please make a note in your diaries as this promises to be a most enjoyable evening.

Future Meetings

Tuesday, 7th December

An Evening Meeting at 27 Reedley Road, Bristol 9. Lecture by Mrs. J. Charles on Make-up. Our hostess will be Mrs. Lever.

Tuesday 4th January.

An Evening Meeting at 37 Long Eaton Drive, Bristol 4. Our hostess will be Mrs. Kushner.

Shelagh Hart
Hon. Sec.

MESSAGE FOR CHANUKAH 1971/5732

It is significant that we Jewish People are celebrating the Festival of Chanukah when the days are the shortest and the nights the longest and wintry conditions are surrounding us. It is just at that time that this beautiful annual celebration brings the message of hope to all in despair.

This Festival of Chanukah brings back to our memory the time when the Hellenist, representing the cult of beauty and magnificent temples, worshipping the Greek gods of Olympus were confronting the Maccabeans with their heroic fight for the survival of the divine teaching of Judaism.

In spite of the successful battles against the Syrians in the years 167 - 165 B.C.E. at Modin, Beth Horon, Beth Zur and Emmaus, we are celebrating Chanukah by kindling the Chanukah lights during the week of Chanukah. Heraby our Rabbis are commenting that the miracle of the small cruse of oil which lasting for eight days is more significant than the military victory because in the re-establishment of the Temple and the Menorah we have the guarantee of the survival of the Jewish People in the future. It is from this centre of holiness where the Shechinah of the Almighty was resting that Israel brought light to humanity to teach them truth, justice and mercy.

Unfortunately, these principles of justice have been ignored in our present time by the Russian authorities by denying our Jewish brethren their elementary rights of freedom. We are joining our brethren in the world by demanding the immediate release of those unfortunate victims to be able to be reunited with their families in Israel.

As we say, history repeats itself. Our modern Maccabeans in Israel are again faced with the imminent threat of war by their neighbouring Egyptian and Arab States. Let us pray and hope that as in the past our modern Maccabeans in Israel should be guided to bring a successful solution to the State of Israel, the Middle East and the world at large.

Let us celebrate our Chanukah Festival by looking forward to the fulfilment of our prayer on the Shabbat preceding Rosh Chodesh.

HU YIG-AL OTANU B'KAROV

VIKA-BEYTZ NIDA-CHEY-NU

MAY-AR-BA KAN-FOT HA-ARETZ

He who wrought miracles for our fathers and redeemed them from slavery unto freedom, may he speedily redeem us, and gather our exiles from the four corners of the earth.

With CHAG SAMEYACH

Rev. & Mrs. Modell & Susan.
