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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 1HH

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

for your diary . . .

Tuesday, 4th January

Evening Meeting - 9, Pitch &
Pay Lane.

Monday, 10th January

Afternoon Meeting - 2,
Clevedale, Downend

Sunday, 16th January

Bingo Evening in School
Hall.

Monday, 7th February

Evening Meeting -
Synagogue Hall.

YAHREZITS

Thursday,	January 6th	Mr. D. Cohen	19	Teveth
Monday,	January 10th	Mrs. E. Rosenberg	23	Teveth
Thursday,	January 13th	Messrs. J. Burke & C. Berkovitch	26	Teveth
Monday,	January 17th	Mr. S. Bloom	I	Shevat
Thursday,	January 20th	Mr. C. Epstein, A. Glick Dr. G. Culank	} 4	Shevat
Sunday,	January 30th	Mr. P. Tanchan, Mr. M. Zimmerman	} 14	Shevat
Thursday,	February 3rd	Mr. P. Winberg	18	Shevat

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

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Dr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Culank happily announce the birth of their first grandchild (Abigail Rachel), a daughter for Les and Jenny, and take this opportunity of thanking everyone for their congratulations and good wishes.

Henry and Irene Springer, with Algernon and Edith Pinsker, would be happy if all Members of the Community would join with them in celebrating the Engagement of their children, Clifford and Rosina, at their home, 62, Oakdale Close, Downend, for Cocktails, from 11.a.m. on Sunday, January 30th.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Alan and Sheila Tobias on the birth of a Son, Richard David, born on December 9th. The Brifh, at which the Rev. Cofnas officiated, took place on December 16th. Present at the ceremony were the infant's Grandfather and GREAT Grandfather.

We are sorry to learn of the indisposition of Irene Springer, but understand that she is now fully recovered.

A belated "Welcome Home" to Pamela Glick, on her recent visit to her Family in Bristol from Israel. Pam has now returned safely to Haifa.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Culank on the birth of their first grandchild, Abigail Rachel.

Lottery Winners - November, Mrs. Ruth Gould
December, Mr. C. Berkovitch
£50. Prize - Mr. L. Hart

The following letter has been received from Mr. S. Bloom, The Mansion House, Bristol, BS8 3LJ:-

It was with extreme regret to me that at the A.G.M. of the Congregation, one of our stalwarts was not re-elected to serve on the Council. I refer of course, to Mr. L. Gould with whom I have worked very closely for many years. I feel that the older generation - and many of the younger - will agree that he has given yeoman service in his endeavours to keep our small Congregation together. He has served as President of the Congregation, also Secretary, President of the Chevra Kadisha, and many other services which include the teaching of Parshas' and assisting for Yom Naroim, thereby saving the Congregation a considerable sum of money. I wish to place on record my personal thanks for all he has done and I feel sure that he will continue to give future service if requested.

SIDNEY BLOOM

SYNAGOGUE RENOVATION - NINTH REPORT

This month, the main work carried out has been an item not originally covered by the Sub-Committee's terms of reference. Nevertheless it has involved once again the same people, most of whom go by the name of Springer. I refer of course, to the Heating Installation. The work has been expertly carried out, but it will be a question of "trial and error" to ascertain the correct levels of heating for the different parts of the building, according to the climatic conditions. At the recent Ladies Guild function, it was observed that some new innovations have been added successfully I feel, to beautify the appearance of the wall in the Shool Hall. Why hold your functions at the Grand ?

The Fund has received £550. proceeds from the "Nearly New" Shop run by Golda Seymour, ably assisted by Marcia Gee, Gill Ornstein, Ena Blom, Mrs. R. Curwen, Mrs. I. Berkovitch, Mrs. N. Silverman, Mrs. R. Gould, Mrs. S. Silverman, Mrs. B. Burke, Mrs. I. Springer, Mrs. C. Culank, Mrs. M. Roberts, and Mrs. A. Carter.

Thanks to all those people who gave goods for the shop, the gross receipts were £623, after repayments the nett amount was £550.

The Annual General Meeting of the Synagogue was held on December 5th, 1971. The President, Mr. C. Berkovitch was in the chair. He reported that the past year had been a most encouraging one in many ways. He had been fully supported by his Council and stated that more work had been done on the Shool Buildings than ever before, he thanked his Council and the Building Sub-Committee for the work they had done. He mentioned that this year the Synagogue Centenary had coincided with the election of Ald. Mrs. H. Bloom as the first Jewish Lord Mayor of Bristol. The occasion was celebrated by a Civic Service in the Shool to which all members of the City Council were invited. This was followed by a Tea at the Council House at the invitation of the Lord Mayor. The Congregation marked the occasion with the unveiling of a Plaque in the Shool, and the Gift of a Menorah to the City of Bristol.

The President went on to say that a tremendous amount of work had been done on the Shool buildings and for this thanks were due to the Building Sub Committee, it's Chairman, Mr. H. Seymour, and its 'Powerhouse' Mr. H. Springer.

He ended by thanking everybody for their support during the year.

Treasurers Report Mr. S. Silverman said that although the Balance Sheet showed a \$600. deficit this had in fact been a successful year, more had been spent than ever before, including a new Heating System, but the deficit was far less than could have been expected.

The Balance Sheet was accepted with thanks to Mr. Silverman.

Building Sub-Committee Report Mr. H. Seymour said that in effect most of his report had already been given by the President in His report, and said that one had only to look around to see the amount of work that had in fact been done. This spoke louder than words, and he was proud of the Committee and all it had accomplished to make the Shool buildings attractive and more importantly, habitable.

Talmud Torah report Mr. H. Seymour said that in spite of the loss of Mrs. Curwen and Jackie Charles as Teachers the Cheder had a successful year. There had been a Chanukah service conducted entirely by the children, coached by Mr. H. Newman. In June Mr. A. Tobias joined the teaching staff and Rev. Modell also took a class. He ended by thanking the Teachers and his Committee for all their good work during the year.

Election of Officers

President Mr. C. Berkovitch was re-elected and in his acceptance speech promised to give Shool attendance his first priority.

Vice-President Mr. S. Bloom re-elected

Hon. Treasurer Mr. S. Silverman re-elected with Mr. A. Tobias as Financial Secretary.

Hon. Secretary Mr. I. Kushner re-elected

Shool Council Messrs. N. Dembo and M. Goldman
Messrs. H. Newman, H. Smith, H. Springer, H. Seymour,
A. Tobias. Dr. M. Ornstein, Dr. S. Curwen, C.B.E.,
and G. Gee.

The vacancy for Trustee due to the resignation of Mr. L.G. Gould was filled by the election of Mr. H. Seymour to the position.

Auditors Messrs. E. Lever and D. Goldman

Representative to the Board of Deputies Mr. M. Malin.

This year the Bristol Talmud Torah held their Annual Prize Giving Ceremony during the Chanukah Celebrations. The Chanukah Service was conducted by the children. Stephen Silverman led the Mincha Prayers beautifully, and others taking part were Michelle Seymour, Lynne Goldman, Norman Newman and Barry Kushner, speaking with clarity and feeling. Susan Shaw followed with a charming version of the Chanukah Story. As always the kindling of the candles was the climax of the Service. David Silverman sang the Brochas and as each of the children mounted the platform after him, there was obvious pride in these youngsters who were so much enjoying taking part in the ancient festival.

After the Service, the Prize Giving Ceremony was held in the Synagogue Hall. This was graced by the Lord Mayor and her Consort who presented the prizes to the children.

The prizes were awarded to the following:-

CLASS III	Tania Dembo - 1st Prize Jonathon Dembo - 2nd Prize Denise Gee - Progress and Effort
CLASS II	Barry Kushner - 1st Prize Stephanie Burke - 2nd Prize Sharron Gee - Attendance
CLASS I	Stephen Silverman - Special Lord Mayor's Prize Terry Burke - 2nd Prize Lynne Goldman - Attendance and Knowledge
SHABBAT ATTENDANCE	David Silverman Stephen Silverman
CULANK CUP	- Susan Shaw

As always our Lord Mayor's Speech was direct and amusing, and when during the party which followed, she autographed each prize for the children, their day was complete. We hope the cheers that followed the Lord Mayor and her Consort as they left, were in some way a repayment to them for so kindly giving up their precious free time to be with us, and to give so much pleasure to the children.

This point was stressed by the Chairman of the Talmud Torah, Mr. Seymour in his address, and he advised the children to work hard and aim high. Compliments are due to Rev Modell, Mr. Kushner and Mr. Tobias for their successful tuition in Chards, and to Mr. Hubert Newman for many hours spent training the children for the service.

BRISTOL CHEVRA KADISHA

At a meeting held on the 15th December, the following motion was proposed:-

"That we do not increase subscriptions for present members, as was announced in last month's Recorder, and also that subscriptions still be paid through the Synagogue Accounts"

This will mean Members of the Subscription Scheme who did not receive an Account for Chevra Kadisha with their last Synagogue Account, will shortly receive a special Account for Chevra Kadisha.

Any new member wishing to join the Chevra Kadisha Scheme will have the choice of paying £13. entry fee, plus 10p per week and attaining full Burial Rights as in accordance with the Constitution, or paying 10p per week with no Entry Fee but not attaining full membership rights until 5 years payments have been completed.

At the same meeting, it was unanimously decided to honour Mr. L.G. Gould and Mr. S. Dysch by making them Life Vice Presidents in appreciation for the time and work they have given to the Chevra Kadisha over the past years.

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

A well-attended Coffee Morning was held on Monday, November 29th, at the home of Mrs. Sacof.

The Chanukah Supper which took place at the Synagogue Hall on Sunday evening, December 12th, was most enjoyable and a great success in every way. Special thanks are due to the Function Sub-Committee - Mrs. Irene Springer, Mrs. Sonia Silverman, Mrs. Irene Barkovitch, and Mrs. Gill Ornstein - for all their efforts in organising and serving such a lovely meal; also thanks to their helpers.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Henry Springer for all his hard work in organising such a successful Tombola, together with Mrs. Roydon and Miss Ena Blohm. This certainly was an excellent way of swelling the funds for extra Kitchen requirements, and we are very grateful to everyone who so generously donated such wonderful gifts. The amount raised was £149.

We all missed our President, Mrs. Sacof, who unavoidably was unable to be with us.

Future Meetings

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| Monday, January 10th | Afternoon meeting and 'Recipe Swapping' at 2, Clevedale, Downend. The hostess will be Mrs. Irene Berkovitch |
| Monday, February 7th. | Evening meeting at Synagogue Hall. Miss Daphne Hubbard, of Bristol Evening Post, will be our Guest Speaker. |

C. Culank
(hon. Sec.)

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

A most successful evening Meeting was held on Tuesday, 7th December at the home of Mrs. K. Lever. We were very happy to have as our Guest that evening, Mrs. June Charles, who gave a most informative and entertaining lecture on make-up. Our very grateful thanks go to June from all members.

Family Problems in Israel

This is the subject on which our Guest Speaker, Mrs. H. Wise will come and talk to us on Tuesday, 4th January, 1972. This problem is little known to tourists and the amount of help given by W.I.Z.O. Workers who have formed an Advisory Centre and a Legal Advice Bureau.

Please make a special effort to attend to make it worth the effort, time and energy with which our Guest Speaker will put into visiting us. I am sure it will be most interesting.

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| Tuesday, 4th January | An Evening Meeting at 9, Pitch & Pay Lane, Bristol, 9. Our hostess will be Mrs. S. Hart and the Guest Speaker, Mrs. H. Wise. |
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In Israel from Russia

Suddenly, a large number of Jews are now arriving in Israel from Russia daily by the 'plane load, and Israel will need more help than ever to absorb the intake. Many people become apathetic about W.I.Z.O. but there is a great need for all the wonderful work it does, and some effort is required from every Jew in the cause of Human Rights, if the feeling of brotherhood cannot be raised. Golda Meir put it very clearly recently in one of her speeches, which is as follows:- "WE CANNOT DO IT ALONE ---

IF we want the Country to develop
IF we want agriculture to develop
IF we want to absorb the new immigrants that are coming in
IF we want to maintain our progress in education and culture
IF we want to go on building at the same time and defend ourselves
WE MUST HAVE YOUR HELP---"

GOLDA MEIR

Shelagh Hart
Hon. Sec.
