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BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION THE SYNAGOGUE, PARK ROW, BRISTOL

Synagogue Services:

Friday Evenings 7.30 p.m.
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BRISTOL.5.

Bristol W.I.Z.O. Group:

Hon. Sec. Mrs. S. Tobias,
12, Meadowside,
Thornbury,
BRISTOL.

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

for your diary . . .

Sunday, 4th March.

Childrens Concert Auditions

Wednesday, 14th March

Afternoon Meeting - 35a,
Coombe Lane.

Saturday, 17th March.

Reading of Megillah

Sunday, 18th March

Purim Party

Wednesday, 21st March

W.I.Z.O. Luncheon
Square Dance - Synagogue
Hall 3.00.p.m.

Wednesday, 28th March.

W.I.Z.O. Jumble Sale.

YAHREITS:

Thursday	8th March	Mrs. G. Seymour	Adar (II) 4
Friday	9th March	Mr. S. Dysch	Adar (II) 5
Tuesday	13th March	Mr. H. Seymour	Adar (II) 9
Wednesday	14th March	Mr. D. Goldman	Adar (II) 10
Wednesday	21st March	Mr. A. Glick	Adar (II) 17
Sunday	25th March	Mr. S. Dysch	Adar (II) 21

KADDISH WILL BE SAID THE PREVIOUS EVENING

The Memorial Prayer (El Mole 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 - SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

MEGILLAH

Colin and Irene Berkovitch, and Debra, cordially invite all Members of the Congregation to join them in the Synagogue Hall for Coffee and Haman Tachen, after the reading of the Megillah on Saturday evening the 17th March, 1973.

LOTTERY:

The February Lottery prize was won by Mr. Len Hart.

CONCERT:

Auditions for a Purim Concert will be held in the Synagogue Hall on Sunday, 4th March at 3.p.m. - CHILDREN ONLY.

MOCK SEDER:

For Sunday, 8th April at 3.p.m. Further detailed news in the April issue.

We are sorry to hear of the indisposition of Miss Hetty Cambell, and trust that she is now feeling much better.

Good news of Mrs. Bertha Silverman who has now left hospital, and is back in the Jewish Old Age Home. She sends Greetings to all her many Well Wishers.

We are pleased to report that Mr. Izzy Myers has now left Hospital, and is back home making steady progress towards recovery.

We are also pleased to report that Mrs. Gabriel Weissman is recovering from an operation, and would like to thank all friends who visited her, and sent cards and gifts to her at her Parents home. (Dr. & Mrs. E. Gold).

Mr. & Mrs. Moisha Redstone advise all their old friends that they have moved from No.28 to No.29, Court Road, Southport.

Jeannie and Sid Dysch would like to thank their Family and many friends in the Community for their Good Wishes and kind thoughts on the occasion of their Ruby Wedding Anniversary, and express their sincere appreciation and kindest regards to one and all.

A sincere welcome to New Members, Mr. & Mrs. Martin and Janis Abrahams and Daughter of 23, Lacey Road, Stockwood. We hope to see and greet them at future Religious and Social occasions.

We are pleased to report that Simon Grantley, Grandson of the late Joe Ginsberg and Micky, and elder son of Dr. Bernie & Mrs. Mavis Grantley, is now satisfactorily improving after a serious car accident some months ago, which was not previously reported in the Recorder.

Our Sympathies to Alan Tobias, whose Father is at present in Hospital, and whom we trust will soon be progressing towards recovery.

After being on his back with back trouble, though not fully back to normal, H.b.B, thanks one and all for their kind thoughts and enquiries, and will soon be back in circulation. There is no truth in the rumour that he was backed into by a backing Mini.

OBITUARY:

It is with great regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Abraham (Abe) Winberg at the age of 67. Abe was a member of one of Bristol's oldest families. Before moving to London with his wife and family some years ago, he was a well loved and active member of the Bristol Community, and a long serving member of our Chevrah Kedusha. He became an equally active member of Lea Bridge Road Shool, was Vice Chairman of the Clapton Social and Cultural Club, and included among his many activities for the Shool, the organisation of group trips to Israel. His warmth, sincerity and sense of humour were well known to his many Bristol friends, among whom, in spite of his long absence from Bristol, he will be sadly missed. We extend our sincere condolences to his Wife Betty, children Max, Helen and Elsa, brother Philip, sisters Lily and Fay, and wish them Long Life.

STOP PRESS:

We have just received news of the birth of a second son to Alan and Amile Lever, congratulations to the young couple, and to Ernest and Kate on their second grandchild.

We regret to hear that Ruth Curwen has been struck down by a portion of frozen meat. We have heard of it raining cats and dogs, but this is ridiculous.

Our old friend, Mr. Sid Dysch, tells us that he reached his 65th birthday on November 22nd, 1972, but owing to the fact that the time of his birth coincided with a rather busy Tailoring Season, his parents forgot to register him, and it was not until another increase in the family was expected - 14th March, 1908, that this oversight was corrected. Therefore, Sid does not Officially become a "Senior Citizen" until that date. The moral of this story MUST be, "Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today". It could cost you money !

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

A very enjoyable and well-attended meeting took place on Monday afternoon the 12th February at 59 The Dell. Our hostess was Mrs. Seymour. Our Vice-President, Mrs. Dysch, provided cocktails etc. to celebrate her recent Ruby Wedding.

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, 14th March

"Have Fun with Flowers".
Do-It-Yourself afternoon at the home of Mrs. Caplan, 35a, Coombe Lane, Westbury-on-Trym (not at Synagogue Hall as stated in last month's Recorder).

The Hostesses will be Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Gee.

Monday, 9th April

Evening Meeting at 77, Parry's Lane.
The Hostess will be Mrs. Curwen.

The following message has been received from Mrs. Dysch:-

My sincere thanks to our President, Mrs. Sacof, and the Officers and Committee of the Guild, for the most beautiful Basket of Flowers which was presented to me on the occasion of my Ruby Wedding; also my thanks to the members for their good wishes.

(signed.) Jennie Dysch, Vice-President.

C. CULANK
(Hon. Sec.)

BRISTOL W.I.E.O. GROUP:

A coffee morning was held on Tuesday, 6th February. Mrs. Goldman was hostess.

An Evening Meeting was held on Tuesday, 20th February at the home of Mrs. R. Curwen. Mrs. Dembo spoke to the group about the Soviet Jewry Exhibition to be held on the 19th and 20th March. Would anyone interested in helping at the Exhibition please contact either Mrs. Dembo or Mrs. Curwen.

JUMBLE SALE:

The Spring Jumble Sale will be held on 28th March, 1973 at the St. John's Parish Rooms, Whiteladies Road. Would you please try to collect as much Jumble as possible.

When Jumble has been collected would members either deliver it to the Synagogue on SUNDAY MORNINGS. If this is inconvenient, Mrs. Lever and Mrs. Curwen have kindly offered to pick up the Jumble. Please telephone Mrs. Lever 628795 or Mrs. Curwen 683033, to arrange for the Jumble to be picked up.

PURIM LUNCHEON:

The hostesses for the Purim Luncheon to be held on Wednesday, 21st March, are Mrs. I. Berkovitch, Mrs. B. Burke and Mrs. H. Caplan, and the luncheon will be held at the home of Mrs. B. Burke, 12, Great Brockridge, Bristol, 9. The charge for the luncheon is 65p. per head.

If you wish to go to the luncheon, please contact any of the hostesses, BEFORE Wednesday, 14th March.

It is hoped that we will have a Speaker from London at the Luncheon.

SHEILA TOBIAS
Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY

Dear Members,

Last month you all should have received a copy of the Zionist Federation's "News Letter". Consequently, you will be conversant with much of the Z.F.'s work and activities.

During the past decade, Cultural Zionist activities have been sadly neglected in Bristol, and I have been asked to lead a local committee in the furtherance of Zionist work in Bristol.

Towards this end, the Inaugural Meeting of the Z.F.'s local branch will be held at the Synagogue Hall at 8.p.m. on Sunday the 20th May, when we shall be privileged to have a distinguished Israeli Speaker as our guest at this meeting.

Dr. Emmanuel Zee Sufott, the Consul-General at the Israel Embassy has very kindly agreed to address us. Mr. Norman Morris, the Z.F.'s Provincial Secretary, will also be present and no doubt will be ready to answer your many questions,

even if provocative. It is hoped to present an interesting film.

May is the 25th Anniversary month of the State of Israel's birth. To mark this occasion, please make every effort to attend this important meeting and give Dr. Sufett your support.

There will be NO APPEAL.

Yours sincerely,

LEN HART
Chairman.

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ST. EDYTHS HALL, SEA MILLS,
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Under the auspices of the
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ALL WELCOME
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TO ALL JEWISH COMMUNAL ORGANISATIONS:

ARAB TERRORIST THREATS

The contents of this memorandum should be drawn to the attention of all staff, especially those dealing with incoming post, and telephonists.

LETTER BOMBS:

The press has reported a further interception of letter bombs from Athens and Istanbul to Australia, South America, Canada and Israel.

Your continued vigilance is of the utmost importance, and this must also be applied to packages being delivered by hand.

The memorandum issued in November 1972 should be re-read and its contents carefully noted.

THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS:

An Arab will be on trial soon at the Old Bailey on arms charges following his arrest at Heathrow some weeks ago.

The possibility of threats and action by terrorists arises from this, and your special attention is drawn to the possibility of threatening telephone calls.

Should such calls be received, you must:-

- (a) Try to keep the caller in conversation so that another member of the staff can contact the telephone exchange who will try to trace the call.
- (b) Take careful note of the speaker's voice, i.e. male or female, English or foreign, dialect or accent, high or low pitched, nervous or confident, etc.
- (c) Carefully note the precise words used. Allow the person to continue speaking for as long as he is willing and note any remarks which might help to identify the caller.
- (d) If there is a definite warning such as, "A bomb has been planted in your building" make an immediate 999 call to the police.
- (e) If the threat is of a general nature which does not specify any particular time or incident contact your local police station.

CAMPAIGN FOR SOVIET JEWRY

We earnestly ask for all members of the congregation to send a card expressing Purim greetings to Prisoner of Conscience;

MIKHAIL KORENBLIT,
CAMP 17,
POTNA,
U.S.S.R.

Please use a 5p. stamp and sign and address your card (if desired).

Martin Sugerman.

BRISTOL CAMPAIGN FOR SOVIET JEWRY

Over 200 people, of all ages and denominations, turned up at the Catholic Chaplaincy on Monday, 5th February to listen to Raiza Palatnik.

It was a memorable occasion and even though Miss Palatnik spoke no English, everyone who was in the Hall understood what suffering and torment she had gone through during her two years' imprisonment.

She spoke about the five months she was held in an underground dungeon before being sent to a labour camp and of the privations she had endured there as well as continual antisemitic abuse and harassment.

She thanked everyone for their help in obtaining her release from Russia and hoped that the work would continue for all the other Jews wishing to emigrate to Israel.

Zena Clayton, one of the mainstays of the 35's Group, gave many unbelievable details about the prison diet and conditions in the cells and also spoke about solitary confinement which many Jews were forced to undergo.

Now that Raiza Palatnik was free, our next target was the release of Silva Salmonson who was one of the Hi-jackers at Leningrad.

During the course of the meeting a telephone call was made to Dr. Mash who begged everyone to keep up their efforts.

A number of people were worried that efforts to release some Jews in Russia might result in harassment of other Jews who did not wish to emigrate. Miss Palatnik emphasised that only Jews who were anxious to leave were contacted and these were the only ones who were hounded by the authorities. She begged all those present to keep on 'phoning and writing and to continue doing everything possible to re-assure the Jews inside Russia that those outside who are able to live free, unharassed lives really do care enough to do something about it.

Have you ever thought what it would be like to be committed to a Soviet prison and to be innocent of any crime? Many Jews, living in Russia and wishing to emigrate to Israel, are sent to prison for expressing this desire.

The Bristol Campaign for Soviet Jewry learned about the terrible conditions in Russian prisons first hand when Raiza Palatnik spoke of her ordeal, on her recent visit to Bristol.

The members of the Campaign were so appalled by what they heard that they decided to set up an Exhibition to show what life is really like in a Soviet prison.

The Exhibition which will show by various means including films, details of diet, sleeping and working conditions and also things which are forbidden to the prisoners, is to be held on Monday and Tuesday, the 19th and 20th March at the Victoria Methodist Church, Whiteladies Road, Bristol, 8, and it will be open from 10.a.m. to 7.p.m. We hope that as many as possible will be able to come, especially those people who were not able to hear Raiza Palatnik speak.

MESSAGE FOR PURIM 1973/5733

Thinking about the approaching of the lovely Festival of PURIM we are coming to the conclusion that there is none of the literature of the Old Testament so popular than the Book of Esther. In spite that there are five Megillot we always combine the word Megillah with the famous story of Esther. It is a story which has not lost its popularity in our modern age because the happenings for the Jewish People of Persia over two thousand years ago, are a very topical subject in our present time. Haman accused the Jewish People by saying "V'DATEYHEM SHONOT MIKOL AM". "Their Laws are diverse from those of all people." According to the comment of the MIDRASH Haman said to King Ahasuerus: "You will do well to persecute the Jews because they are unwilling to serve the King on the pretext that such service interferes with their religious observances. They pretend to be busy with prayers and commemoration of Festivals whenever they are called upon to do labour." It won't be difficult for us to find a parallel to this kind of accusation in the Purim event in our present time. Our modern Haman Amalek Agitators in Soviet Russia and in the Arab States have made it as their main task to fight again ZIONISM which is a modern expression of Antisemitism.

What is the Message which the great event of the PURIM history can bring to us in our present time. We are told in the Book of Esther that when the decree of Haman that the Jewish People of Persia should be exterminated on the thirteenth of ADAR has been announced, the great heroes of the Purim story MORDECAI and Queen Esther were immediately taking the necessary steps to safeguard the life of the Jewish People of Persia by reminding them of their obligations as Jews.

The Purim Message for us today should be that we will be able to defeat our enemies not by assimilation but by our determination to show our identity as Jews to emigrate to Israel on our own free will, and to fulfil our obligations in the tradition of Judaism. In this way, we are looking forward to celebrate our PURIM Festival according to the famous quotation which we find in the Book of Esther, Chapter 8, Verse 16:-

"LA'YEHUDIM HAYTAH ORA V'SIMCHAH V'SASON VEKAR"

The Jews had light and gladness and Joy and honour.

WITH CHAG SAMEYACH

Rev. & Mrs. Modell
Susan and Sidney.

COMMUNAL NOTICES

Members of the Congregation are reminded that the Fast of Esther will be observed on Thursday, 15th March, terminating at 7.p.m.

The Festival of PURIM will be celebrated on Sunday, 18th March.

Evening Service followed by the Reading of the Megillah will commence on Saturday, 17th March at 7.p.m.

Morning Service of Purim with the Reading of the Megillah will commence on Sunday, 18th March at 9.30.a.m.

תענית תשנ"ה