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BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION THE SYNAGOGUE, PARK ROW, BRISTOL

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

for your diary . . .

Monday, 10th December

Human Rights Ceremony.

Thursday, 13th December

Bristol Zionist Society

Monday, 17th December

Afternoon Meeting Ladies
Guild.

YAHREITZ

Thursday	6th December	Messrs. Myers Bros.	Kislev 11
Wednesday	12th December	Mrs. H. Silverman	Kislev 17
Thursday	13th December	Mr. M. Garcia	Kislev 18
Monday	17th December	Messrs. Myers Bros.	Kislev 22
Wednesday	19th December	Mr. G. Geller	Kislev 24
Sunday	30th December	Mrs. Tuchband	Teveth 5
Tuesday	1st January	Mrs. Tuchband	Teveth 7
Sunday	6th January	Mr. G. Geller	Teveth 12

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 & PERSONAL

BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY:

A General Meeting of the above Society will take place in the Committee Room of the Synagogue, on Thursday, 13th December at 8.00.p.m. All Members, and interested parties, are requested to attend this important Meeting.

LEN HART
Chairman

TALMUD TORAH

This year's Chanukah celebrations will be held at the Synagogue on Sunday, 23rd December. It will begin at 3.p.m. in the Shul with a service performed by the children.

The annual prizegiving will then take place in the Hall, and after tea, the senior group of Hahonim will entertain with a play, their own amusing interpretation of The Seven Ages of Man.

This promises to be a very enjoyable afternoon for children and parents. Adults accompanied by children of all ages are welcome, and we hope to see a big turn-out for the highlight of the Talmud Torah year.

M. KUSHNER
Hon. Secretary.

TALMUD TORAH REPORT:

By the time you read this, I would have already made my first report to the A.G.N. as Chairman of the Talmud Torah. The following are the main points I hope to mention:-

During the last year we have had to accept the resignation of Alan Tobias as teacher. Also, Ike Kushner has asked to be released at the end of this term. To both of these teachers, I want to say thank you for all your help and for your devotion towards the Cheder.

I have already recruited one new teacher, Pamela Glick, and I have one other student in mind who may help. If any of you who read this feel they could teach at Hebrew classes, I would be grateful if you would contact me at 560700 for a chat.

Financially, we are stable at present, but I have recently held a meeting with my Committee, and we have agreed to put up the teacher's salary by double the amount. This means the children's fees have to be doubled from 10p. to 20p. per week.

This is still very cheap when you think that for piano lessons a child has to pay £1.00. per hour, and we only ask for 20p. for three hours.

One other point I must make is that if you have a child over five who can read English, this child should be attending Cheder. Please do not wait until the child is 9 or 10 as this means that when they start Cheder they are put in the bottom class with the five year olds and they resent it and it causes problems.

Please remember that we are all amateurs and not professional teachers, but if you have any complaints or comments, please come and see me before 'phoning the teachers.

S.A. SILVERMAN
Chairman, Talmud Torah.

COUNCIL MEETING:

The date of the next Council Meeting will be Sunday, 16th December at 10.30.a.m.

At the A.G.M. held on the 25th November at the Synagogue, Park Row, the following were elected to office:-

Mr. S. Bloom	President
Mr. L. Gould	Vice-President
Mr. A. Tobias	Hon. Secretary
Mr. A. Greenwood	Hon. Treasurer

COUNCIL:

Mesdames. M. Goldman & H. Dembo. Mr. C. Berkovitch,
Dr. S. Curwen, Mr. G. Gee, Mr. M. Ornstein, Mr. A. Holt,
Mr. H. Springer, Mr. E. Seymour, Mr. I. Kishner,
Mr. R. Emmanuel, Mr. H. Smith.

Ex-officio Mr. S. Hirenberg (Chevra Kedusha),
Mr. S. Silverman (Talmud Torah).
Mr. A.E. Morris (Life Member).

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

Hon. Auditors: Mr. E. Lever, Mr. D. Goldman.

A full report of the A.G.M. will be included in next month's Recorder.

A.J.E.X. PARADE

The Annual Remembrance Service for Jewish ex-servicemen and women, held on the Horse Guards Parade, London on the 18th November, was represented this year by one of the strongest Bristol contingents for a number of years. Solidarity with Israel was no doubt the chief factor in swelling the numbers to some 7,000 (we hasten to add, not ALL from Bristol). All agreed it was a most impressive turnout.

Once again, A.J.E.X. has been called upon to help in the hospitals on Christmas Day. All members of the community are asked to assist for a few hours - our help is greatly appreciated and urgently needed. Please 'phone Mr. Gerald Gee - 684013 to give your name.

Members of the Congregation are reminded that the Festival of Chanukah will be celebrated from Thursday, 20th December until Thursday, 27th December. The first Chanukahlight should be kindled on Wednesday evening, 19th December.

EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Editorial Committee will in future, consist of Mrs. Bette Burke and Mr. Nat. Smith. Copy for inclusion should be sent to:-

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12, Great Brockridge, Bristol, BS9 3TY

by the 24th of the month preceeding issue.

After many years on the Committee, Mr. H. Seymour is now laying down his pen, (not necessarily to take up the sword). He would be most grateful if congregants would no longer 'phone, write, or ask him to take any more notices, letters or adverts. for inclusion in the Recorder.

It is always invidious to single out one person from a group when handing out the bouquets. I am sure that the multitude of givers, helpers, customers, providers of merchandise, well wishers and Marks and Spencer (all of whom know the useful parts they played) will allow this small tribute to our near-permanent Manageress of Charity Shops - Mrs. Golda Seymour.

She was ably assisted by many ladies (and gentlemen) of the community, all of whom worked very hard. The result was nearly £1,600. paid into WIZO account to help with the Emergency Appeal, and we have since heard that the goods left over and transferred to Cardiff, realised another £500.

People may not realise that in order to raise this amount of money from goods sold in some cases at less than cost, represents a great deal of work and organization, and, therefore, those who played their part in this effort are deserving of our sincere thanks on behalf of the people of Israel for whose aid the venture was undertaken,

Mr. Alf Glick would like to thank all his relatives and friends for their good wishes, visits and telephone calls during his recent illness.

Annie Ornstein wishes to express her very grateful thanks to all her friends for their kindness, concern and visits during her recent illness and convalescence.

We are pleased to inform the community that Cis Culank has been awarded the W.R.V.S. Long Service Medal. An extract from the citation states:

"This is a very special award, and one far from easy to earn. It is because of the difficulties met and overcome, in completing forty duties a year over a period of fifteen years, that the medal is able to stand for all time as a symbol of real hard work, faithfully carried out. Let us never forget that this medal stands not only for what W.R.V.S. is, but for what has been done in the past by countless members in making a Service worthy of the people and the nation."

The November Lottery was won by A.E. Morris. The December Lottery for £5. was won by R. Meisbiser and the £50. also went to the same lucky person.

Mr. V. Schlesinger has given a generous donation to the general funds of the Synagogue and has covenanted the gift. Other givers please copy.

We regret to announce the deaths of the following former members of the congregation. Mr. Laurice Redstone, Mr. Armand Cohen, and Mrs. Bella Cohen. We wish all their relatives Long Life.

We are also sorry to report the death on Friday, 26th October, of Mr. Laurice van Gelder of London, eldest brother of Mrs. G. Saco, who attained the great age of 87 years. We wish her and the family Long Life.

Mrs. Saco expresses her grateful thanks to the members of the congregation for the calls, letters and sympathetic messages received on the occasion of her dear brother's death, and regrets that she cannot acknowledge all individually.

Congratulations to Nat. & Rosina Smith who will be celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary on the 12th December.

In a recent letter I received from Moisha Redstone, he explained that he had recently been in Hospital, and voiced an opinion that he would never be able to visit Bristol again. This was followed immediately by a lengthy 'shaggy dog' story about an Englishman, Irishman & Jew ! A typical Redstone "Special". It will probably gladden his heart - wherever he is, to know that he will not be forgotten by his 'Poker Pals', and that anecdotes about him will pass around the "Tables" for many years to come.

Hat and "The School".

I would like to thank everyone who came to the Hair & Fashion Show and by so doing, made the evening so successful.

My special thanks go to the following:-

My Mother:	who thought of the idea
Agie Greenbaum:	who helped me without fuss or complaint - and paid for half the cost of the printing.
Nat. Smith:	for being such a helpful volunteer
Rosina Smith:	for volunteering him to be helpful
& lastly, My husband:	who has just realised he is paying for the other half of the printing cost.

***** GILL ORNSTEIN

Maurice Redstone who died recently in Southport, was for many years a well known figure in Bristol among Jewish and non Jewish circles.

Maurice was a man who always had Shule affairs close to his heart. I remember him organising Purim parties when I was a young lad in Cheder. He was always to be seen acting as M.C. at the dances in the Shule Hall, and will always be remembered for his practical jokes.

Maurice left Bristol about eight years ago, but whenever he was able, he always visited Bristol and would call on Sonia and myself and talk over old times. This is why I want to pay tribute to a fine man who will be remembered by many old Bristolians.

To his wife Edith, I would like to send my condolences and wish her a long life free from further trouble.

S. SILVERMAN.

MRS. BELLA COHEN:

With regret, we record the passing of a former member of Bristol Community. Mrs. Cohen died in Cardiff after a short illness. She will long be remembered by us as a gentle charming lady who played the piano exceedingly well and had a dry if quiet, sense of humour. She could always be relied upon to support any deserving cause, and although living in Cardiff, gave several times to the Centenary and Building Fund Appeals here. She recently re-joined this community as a member, and has been buried here next to her husband, the late Harry Cohen. We offer our condolences to her brothers and sister, and wish them long Life.

H. SEYMOUR

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

An evening Meeting was held on Tuesday, 13th November at the home of Dr. S.C'Driscoll.

During this month a great deal of money has been raised. The Jumble Sale realised £83.37, the Hair & Fashion Show £154.50, and the Nearly New Shop £1,563.33.

Many thanks to Mrs. G. Ornstein for all her hard work organising the Hair & Fashion Show, held at the Dragonara Hotel on 7th November.

Thanks also to all those who helped during the three weeks the Nearly New Shop was open, and to all those who helped at the Jumble Sale on the 7th November.

Due to the petrol crisis, no Meetings have as yet been arranged for December. Members will be sent cards when the dates have been arranged.

SHEILA TOBIAS
Hon. Secretary

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMENS GUILD

On Monday, 19th November at the home of Mrs. Seymour, a most interesting talk was given by Mr. David Wolfe, the subject being "HYPNOSIS". This Meeting was very well attended, there being 21 women and 4 men present. The next Meeting will take place on Monday, 17th December at 2.p.m. at the home of Mrs. H. Caplan, 35a, Coombe Lane.

A Committee Meeting is to take place, when it is hoped to make

arrangements for our function which will take place in the New Year. (Details should appear in next month's Recorder).

I. BERKOVITCH
Hon. Secretary

BRISTOL CAMPAIGN FOR SOVIET JEWRY

A Ceremony for Human Rights Day:

On Monday the 10th December at 7.30.p.m., a ceremony will be held on the steps of St. Mary-on-the-Quay Church, Colston Avenue, Bristol, 1, at which all the major denominations and political parties will be represented. This year the Human Rights Movement has made Women's Rights its concern. We shall be lighting flares, and remembering among others, Sylva Zalmanson, whose rights have been so cruelly curtailed.

It will be cold that night; but Soviet Jews queue throughout icy Russian nights for news of their visas; we shall be meeting for three-quarters of an hour.

Please make a note in your diary NOW. Thank you so much.

A Postcard sent to Martin Sugarman:

Jerusalem, 30th October, 1973 - Dear Martin, At last we are out. I hope you know about that from Colin Berkovitch. We are full of impressions to the brink but they haven't settled down yet. We are very glad that we came to Israel just at that period: if the war can't be avoided, this time shows best sides of Israel and explains everything.....I begin to work and Victor to study at the Hebrew University.... With the very best regards and gratitude to all the friends. Sincerely, Vladimir, Sima, Victor Mash.

Greetings Cards are available for those who wish to send them to Soviet Jewish families this Chanukah (25p. for 5, with simple instructions). Naomi Dembo or Ruth Curwen can supply them.

MESSAGE FOR CHANUKAH 1973/5734

During the dreary winter months, we are always looking forward to celebrating this lovely Festival of Chanukah. As never before, our great heroes, the Maccabees, in the historical event of Chanukah which took place over 2100 years ago, have become the heroes of our present time. They have given a great encouragement to our modern Israeli Maccabees in the recent YOM KIPPUR War. Like in the time of the Hasmoneans, they fought heroically and successfully against superior numbers from all the surrounding Arab Nations equipped with the most modern missiles war weapons. They have drawn their inspiration from Judah, the son of Tema, who in the Ethics of the Fathers, made the following statement:-

"HEVEY AZ KANOMER V'KAL KANESHER
ROTE KATZVI V'GIBOR LA'ASOT
R'ZON AVICHA SHEBASHMAYIM"

"BE STRONG AS A LEOPARD, LIGHT AS AN EAGLE, FLEET
AS A HART AND STRONG AS A LION, TO DO THE WILL
OF THY FATHER IN HEAVEN."

The surprise attack on Israel last Yom Kippur will bring the Jewish People very much to the conclusion to be always on the alert. This state of mind of alertness as we find it stated in the previous words of Judah, the son of Tema, does not only apply in military matters, but in our daily life to fulfil our obligations as Jews.

When we kindle our Chanukahlights at our Menorah, we will have in mind, not only the victories of the Maccabees in the time of King Antiochus Epiphanes, but also our modern Israeli Maccabees who have sacrificed their lives for the survival of the State of Israel. We will also think of the many of our Jewish brethren in Soviet Russia who are deprived of their human rights and are not able to live their life as religious Jews. By showing our solidarity we hope to witness in the near future, that the gates of freedom will be opened to all those millions of Jewish men and women who are living under Russian dictatorship.

May our Chanukahlights stir up the conscience of the Nations of the World that permanent peace won't be decided on the battlefield but by mutual agreement among the nations of the world. This idea is well expressed by the words of G'd to Zerubbabel at the end of the Baphtarah on Shabbat Chanukah:-

"LO V'CHAYIL V'LO V'CHO-ACH KI IN
B'RUCHI AMAR HASHEM E'VA-OT"

"NOT BY NIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT SAITH
THE LORD OF HOSTS."

With Chag Sameyach

Rev. & Mrs. Roddel, Susan & Sidney.
