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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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66 Harcourt Road,  
Bristol, 6.  
Tel.: 40615

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12, Meadowside,  
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37, Long Eaton Drive,  
Whitchurch,  
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Hon. Sec. Mrs. I. Berkovitch,  
2, Clevedale,  
Downend,  
BRISTOL.

Bristol W.I.Z.O. Group:

Hon. Sec. Mrs. S. Tobias,  
12, Meadowside,  
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Both Ladies' Organisations  
hold regular meetings and  
functions throughout the year.

## FOR YOUR DIARY.....

### Monday, 7th January

Ladies Guild - Evening  
Meeting

### Tuesday, 8th January

W.I.Z.O. - Afternoon  
Meeting

### Sunday, 13th January

Ladies Guild - Olde Tyme  
Evening

### Sunday, 20th January

Council Meeting

### Wednesday, 23rd January

W.I.Z.O. - Luncheon

### Thursday, 24th January

Exhibition of Soviet  
Paintings

### Monday, 28th January

'Bring & Buy' - Afternoon  
Meeting Ladies Guild.

Yahrzeits

Sunday	6th January	Mr. G. Geller	Teveth 12
Sunday	13th January	Mr. D. Cohen	Teveth 19
Thursday	17th January	Mrs. B. Rosenberg	Teveth 23
Sunday	20th January	Messrs. J. Burke and C. Berkovitch	Teveth 26
Thursday	24th January	Mr. S. Bloom	Shevat 1
Sunday	27th January	Mr. C. Epstein Mr. A. Glick Dr. G. Culank Mr. G. Cole	Shevat 4
Monday	28th January	Mr. Zimmerman	Shevat 5

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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.

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I would like to pay tribute to our retiring (but not shy) Editor, Mr. Harold Seymour, who, in our long association, has dotted my "i's", crossed my "t's", corrected my spelling, and given inestimable help and encouragement. In his long career, he has never complained (except once a month), and given selflessly of his time and Golda's coffee. His literary talent and journalistic expertise will be much missed, but hope he will continue as an occasional contributor to this Journal. Bette and I hope to continue the good work, drawing from time to time we hope, on his advice, for I am sure that the printer's ink still runs in his veins. I know he will miss the excitement of "going to press", and the thrill of the late night 'phone call, the cut and thrust of debate after a controversial article, the compliments, letters of appreciation, and unsolicited gifts received after each issue! Fleet Street has nothing on "The Dell" !!

Enjoy your retirement Harold, you've earned it, but if you ever feel that the peace and tranquility is getting too much for you, a seat awaits you on the Board!

Nat. and Bette.

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COMMUNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TALMUD TORAH:

Cheder will re-convene on Sunday, 12th January, 1974.

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COUNCIL MEETING:

The next Council Meeting will take place on Sunday, 20th January at 10.30.a.m.

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CHEVRA KEDUSHA:

The Chevra is pleased to announce the recruitment of two new Members, Mr. Lionel Caplan and Mr. Stuart Nirenberg, who are to be congratulated on their public spiritedness.

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TEACHER WANTED:

The Talmud Torah urgently require a person over 17 to help with the children on Sunday Mornings. Experience in teaching not essential. £2.00. per morning will be paid to anyone able to help. Please contact Sam Silverman, 36, Oakdale Court, Downend, 'phone 560700.

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TALMUD TORAH

The Chanukah Party was held by the Talmud Torah on Sunday, 23rd December.

It was preceded by a service once again conducted by the children. Barry Kushner as 'Chasan', gave a fluid and tuneful rendering of Mincha, also the Prayer for Israel in Hebrew. This was read in English by Linda Levine. It was followed by the kindling of the Lights, with a fine harmony by David Silverman and Jonathan Dembo. Afterwards, the Cheder children sang songs, led by Rev. Modell.

We then took our places in the hall for the Prize Giving. We were very happy to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Culank who, for the first time, presented the prizes for us. This they did with much obvious pleasure and grace. Alderman Helen Bloom once again donated her special prize and we were delighted to see Mr. Sydney Bloom representing her at the head table. Prizes were awarded as follows:-

Barry S. Kushner	Helen Bloom Prize
Linda Levine	2nd Prize - Cl. II
Sharon Gee	Keenness & Enthusiasm - Cl II
David Silverman	Shabbat Prize - Cl I

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Sharon Greenbaum	Joint 1st Prize - Cl III
Vicki Burke	
Michael Caplan	Shabbat Prize - Cl III
Michael Levine	Progress - Cl III

The Culank Cup was this year awarded to David Silverman.

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In his address the Chairman, Mr. S. Silverman, expressed his pleasure at the presence of Mr. & Mrs. Culank, and told the children the story of the Culank Cup.

He also had some words of advice for the children for the coming year, when he announced the resignation of Mr. I. Kushner, who had been Head Master of the Talmud Torah and taught for nine years. He then presented Mr. Kushner with a Silver Dish and thanked him for his hard work and great interest during that time. It would be difficult to find someone to take over his duties, although we now had Miss Pamela Glick and possibly another to help Rev. Modell with teaching. Thanks were given also to Mr. Tobias who had resigned earlier in the year.

In his reply of thanks, Mr. Kushner said he felt rewarded for his efforts by the progress of the children as shown during the earlier service.

The children were then treated to a bumper tea, after which we were entertained by them, in the form of two plays. The first, which had us in fits of laughter, was written and produced by the Senior Group of Mabonim, aided and encouraged by Elly Goldschmidt, and we were shown glimpses of unknown talent among our 'young' ones. The second play, by the Talmud Torah children, was arranged by Pam Glick. This was well delivered and at times, amusing. We were treated to some unintended humour by young David as he 'lit' the candles, which added in no small measure to its success.

In conclusion, a very warm 'Thank you' to all who helped to make it one of the most successful and enjoyable Chanukah Parties we have had, well attended by parents and other members of the Community, who I am sure, were pleased they came.

A special mention must go to Rev. Moddel who arranged and supervised the very happy and moving service and gave the children an interesting Sermon, which was appreciated by all.

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#### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Sam Silverman and Rosina Smith, with Betty Glick and Micky Ginsberg, would like to thank the Rev. Moddel for his attendance at the Cemetery and Shiva, at their Mother & Sister's Funeral, also their relatives and many good friends for all their help, letters of sympathy and messages of condolence at their sad loss.

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The Chevra Kedusha extend their sincere condolences to Mr. Sam Silverman and Mrs. Rosina Smith and their families, on the sad loss of their Mother, Mrs. Bertha Silverman and to Mrs. Betty Glick and Mrs. Micky Ginsberg on the loss of their Sister, and take this opportunity to wish them "Long Life".

S. Nirenberg, Pres.

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We regret to announce the death of Mr. Bernard Moss, Brother-in-Law of Alderman Mrs. Helen Bloom, and husband of the late Mabel Moss. He was a member of the Congregation for many years.

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We are pleased to welcome new Members, Mr. & Mrs. Martin Sireling of 13, Linden Road, Bristol, 6, and hope to make their acquaintance at future functions.

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Nancy and Mark Silverman would like to announce that as from the 18th January, 1974, their new address will be:-

9, Durdham Court,  
Durdham Park,  
BRISTOL.6.

Telephone: 37422

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The recent sad loss of my Mother-in-Law, Mrs. Bertha Silverman, G.R.H.S., brings to a close, another chapter in the history of the Bristol Jewish Community. As a comparative newcomer to the (literally) great Dysch/Silverman family, of only a quarter of a century, I have never had anything other than admiration for their 'togetherness' - albeit that some of them did not reside in Bristol itself. The 'family-feeling' spread as the family 'links' grew, and the signs are that it will continue into the younger generations. This gradual decimation of the family in the past decade, my late Mother and Father-in-Law, Bertha and Harry, Sid, Sam, Hymie, Joe ..... fills me with sadness.

In one way or another, they all served the Community, my Mother-in-Law was one time President of the Ladies Section of the Chevra Kedusha, and President of the Achi Bris, and refused nothing in the way of work for the Shool. I will never forget her kindness, tolerance and love for the 'Family' and when that family gathers on future occasions - I hope happy ones - she will not be forgotten.

Nb.B.

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It is with deep regret that we have lost two members of our Community, and we send to their families our sincerest sympathy. Mrs. Bella Cohen until a few years before leaving Bristol, was a true friend to everyone. She was Secretary to the Bristol Jewish Women's Guild for many years, and on many occasions her musical entertaining delighted all that heard her fluent piano playing, which was deeply appreciated.

Of Mrs. Bertha Silverman, her quiet manner in which she undertook so many duties to the Community, endeared her to everyone. As President of the Ladies Chevra Kedusha, she, with her helpers, performed their duties in so quiet a manner that the bereaved never knew when their deeds were finished. She taught her sister, Mrs. Betty Glick, and her helpers to carry on the work in the same manner, and to whom all members of the congregation I feel sure are deeply grateful. We trust that this work will be carried on for many years with Bertha always in our minds. Her repairing of the Holy Vestments she was always willing to do. She will never be forgotten by everyone in the Community.

Sincere condolences, 'Long Life' to the families,

Sincerely,

Gezina R. Sacof  
President, Bristol Jewish  
Women's Guild.

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A. J. E. X.

Christmas Day 11.30, and once again our willing band of washer-uppers set off with Fairy Liquid, dish mops and lily white hands, for washing up duty at the Bristol Hospitals. 2.00.p.m., slightly drunk, with rather sore hands, they return home to even more washing up.

May I thank all of you who so readily offered to help, and can assure you it was not only appreciated by the Hospital staff, but more important, the good impression of our people, in these times of stress and strain throughout the world can only be a good thing.

So, to those of you who felt you were not needed, or those of you who were over-worked, keep smiling, rub in plenty of hand cream, and see you ALL next year.

Gerald Gee  
Hon.Sec. A.J.E.X.

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BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

An afternoon Bring & Buy was held on the 11th December at the home of Mrs. N. Silverman. This was a very interesting and well attended Meeting.

The next Meeting will be on Tuesday, 8th January, 1974 in the home of Mrs. I. Berkovitch, 2, Clevedale, Downend. The Meeting will start at 2.00.p.m.

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\* BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP \*

\* You are invited to a LUNCHEON \*

\* on \*

\* Wednesday, 23rd January, 1974 \*

\* at \*

\* 20, Downs Cote Avenue, Bristol.8. \*

\* 12.30. for 1.00.p.m. Admission 80p. \*

\* Hostesses: Mrs. Gold, Mrs. Lever & Mrs. Roydon \*

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Please let one of the Hostesses know by 18th January if you wish to attend.

\*\*\*\* Sheila Tobias. Hon. Secretary.

..... BRISTOL JEWISH WOMENS' GUILD .....

An afternoon Meeting took place on Monday, 17th December at the home of Mrs. H. Caplan, 19 members were present.

The Guild are holding an "Olde Tyme Evening" (see separate announcement) on Sunday, 13th January. This should prove a most entertaining evening with a good 'nosh' and 'top local talent'. Please wear your "period hats". All these fantastic arrangements are of course, subject to heating, lighting and petrol !

The next Meeting will take place on Monday, 7th January at the home of Mrs. Gee, 10, Oakhurst Road at 8.00.p.m.

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On Monday, 28th January, a 'Bring & Buy' will take place at the home of Mrs. S. Silverman, 36, Oakdale Court at 2.00.p.m.

I. BERKOVITCH  
Hon. Secretary.

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\* THE BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD \*

\* request the pleasure of your  
\* company \*

\* at an \*

\* "OLDE TYME EVENING" \*

\* on \*

\* Sunday, 13th January, 1974 \*

\* at \*

\* The Synagogue Hall \*

\* Reception 7.30.p.m. Supper 8.00.p.m. \*

\* Please come in  
\* "PERIOD HATS" \*

\* In aid of  
\* GUILD FUNDS \*

\* Admission £1.50 per head \*

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EIGHT FOR EIGHT GROUP

The next function of the Group, will be  
a CARD AND GAMES Evening, at 8.00.p.m. on  
SUNDAY, 27TH JANUARY, at the home of  
AUDREY AND ARNOLD GREENWOOD,  
6, Chardstock Avenue,  
Coombe Dingle.

Whatever your fancy,  
BACKGAMMON OR BRIDGE  
CANASTA OR CHESS  
DOMINOES OR DRAUGHTS  
SCRABBLE OR SNAP

You will find something to interest you.

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THE BRISTOL CAMPAIGN FOR SOVIET JEWRY

Russian Table-Tennis Team at Cheltenham

On Thursday the 6th December, several members of the Campaign presented a letter to Mr. Gomozkov, a Russian table-tennis player, at Cheltenham Town Hall. In the letter Mr. Gomozkov and his team were welcomed to the West Country, given good wishes for their tour abroad, and reminded of the Jews who wished to leave the USSR but were forbidden to do so. This was reported next day in the Gloucestershire Echo.

Human Rights Day Ceremony, 10th December

Over 50 people, Jews and non-Jews, attended the interdenominational gathering at St. Mary-on-the-Quay Church. After an opening psalm sung by a small choir, torches were lit on the Mencerah by Ministers of the Jewish, Catholic, Anglican, and Free Church communities; by representatives of the Citizen, Labour, and Liberal Parties; and by the Chairman of Bristol Amnesty International. There were readings and prayers, and the meeting closed with another psalm. Two of the Campaign's patrons, Rev.M. Moddel (Bristol Hebrew Congregation), and Mr. W.A. Wilkins (Free Church), were present. The ceremony, described afterwards as impressive and moving, received local Press and Radio coverage.

Soviet Paintings go Abroad - but not Jews

This month Boris Penson will be 28. After the Stalinist era (during which his father served 7 years for 'economic crimes') he increasingly desired to express his Jewishness through his work as a painter. But he was forbidden to exhibit or sell his work in the USSR. Without freedom to work, and without permission to leave, this artist's frustration led him in 1970, with so many others, to a Leningrad court-room.

This month, Boris Penson will have served 3 years of a 10 year prison sentence. This month, on the 24th, an exhibition of Soviet paintings will be opening in Bristol. If you feel that this ironic situation is worthy of comment there is something that you can do. Write to the Press, national and local. Let the organisers know of your opinion. Join us in a silent protest meeting outside the exhibition hall on the 24th (details soon)-- unless, of course, you are happy to see the art touring freely in the West while the artist languishes in prison.

For further details contact Jeremy Antrich, Ruth Curwen or Naomi Dembo, or ring Bristol 694129.

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BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY

At the General meeting in the Synagogue on the 13th December, a Committee was elected, replacing the ad hoc committee which was warmly thanked for its work. Those elected were:-

Chairman: Len Hart, 9, Pitch and Pay Lane, Bristol.9.('phone 683627)  
Secretary: Arnold Levin, 68, Lake Road, Henleaze, Bristol, BS10 5JF ('phone 628985)  
Treasurer: Arnold Greenwood  
Committee: Tony Holt, Henry Steinberg.

The Meeting felt it was time to be more active and the following programme is being developed:-

Three Social Evenings to interest people in the Society and it's aims, are to be held. The first on Thursday, 17th January, will be at Henry Steinberg's, 9, Wickham View, Trendlewood, Bristol at 8.00.p.m., and will interest those with a scientific bias ! Anyone who would like to join us at one of the Socials will be most welcome. Further details from the Secretary. (Members will be individually contacted soon).

The Society proposes to "adopt" a family in Israel, and to collect toys to be sent to children whose fathers were killed in the recent battles. Mr. Ishai Margolin, an Israeli member, is organising this. His address is 27, Colston Dale, Trendlewood, Mr. Stapleton, Bristol. (He is not on the telephone at present, but may be contacted through the Committee).

An adult Ivrit class is being formed to be run by Mrs. Ora Steinberg. The first session will be on Thursday, 31st January at 8.00.p.m. at the Steinberg's home, 9, Wickham View, Trndlewood, Bristol ('phone 551834). Please contact the Secretary for further details, times of future Meetings, and for a map to show you how to get there!).

Meetings with guest speakers and other activities are being organised. We ask you to keep the following dates free, (provisionally)

Thursday, 14th February, 1974, when the Meeting will be held at Arnold Greenwood's, 6, Chardstock Avenue, Coombe Dingle, Bristol.9.

Thursday, 11th April, 1974, and Thursday, 13th June, 1974.

All Meetings will commence at 8.00.p.m. We hope to meet more frequently in the future, and that everyone will find something of interest in the Society. Israel is everyone's concern, and we hope that in some way the Zionist Society may involve you!

The Society is sending letters expressing our views on the continuing detention of Israeli P.O.W.s without access by the Red Cross or information from the authorities in Syria, to various Government and International Agencies. May we ask if you too, share Israel's deep distress at the present position, that you write to the Foreign Secretary at the House of Commons to convey the views of the Anglo-Jewish Community to H.M.'s Government.

Arnold Levin  
Secretary.

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This month Ladies, an introduction to our Special Page (although I would not mind betting the men take a sneaky look to get an insight into what we are thinking about these days).

This is the second attempt at a 'Woman's Page' and I feel it is very fitting that a Jewish Magazine should have a special piece for women, since we are, after all, the heart and centre of the home, which in Jewish terms, is the very hub of our religion, be it Kosher, Orthodox or not. The mother and wife sets the tone for the childrens' future life, for her husband's comfort and often his capabilities. To this end, I would like to include all sorts of tit-bits, sometimes with Jewish undertones, sometimes with every day problems, and sometimes even light-hearted nonsense, since a woman's life is so varied.

This page will be as exclusive a domain for the Jewish housewife as is the Jewish Kitchen. So, anything you have which may be interesting, do send it in, quoting 'Womans Page'.

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