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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:

Rev. M. Modell,
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Hon. Sec.

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Thornbury,
BRISTOL.
Tel: 9342831

Talmud Torah Classes: Sunday
mornings 10.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

Hon. Sec. Mrs. M. Kushner,
37, Long Eaton Drive,
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Tel: Whitchurch 3576

Bristol Jewish Ladies' Guild:

Hon. Sec. Mrs. I. Berkovitch,
2, Clevedale,
Downend,
BRISTOL.

Bristol W.I.Z.O. Group:

Hon. Sec. Mrs. S. Tobias,
12, Meadowside,
Thornbury,
BRISTOL.
Tel: 9342831

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

for your diary . . . Tuesday, 5th February

W.I.Z.O. - Afternoon
Meeting

Sunday, 10th February

Ladies Guild - Card
Evening

Wednesday, 13th February

BUJAIS - Evening Meeting

Thursday, 14th February

Zionist Society -
Evening Meeting

Wednesday, 20th February

BUJAIS - Evening Meeting

Sunday, 24th February

BUJAIS - Afternoon
Meeting

Monday, 25th February

Ladies Guild - Evening
Meeting

Wednesday, 20th March

Spring Jumble Sale.

Yahrzeits:

Wednesday	6th February	Mr. M. Zimmerman	Shevat 14
Sunday	10th February	Mr. P. Winberg	Shevat 18
Tuesday	12th February	Mesdames Lazarus sisters	Shevat 20
Wednesday	13th February	Mr. S. Silverman	Shevat 21
Thursday	14th February	Dr. H. Howard	Shevat 22
Monday	18th February	Mesdames Lazarus sisters	Shevat 26
Tuesday	19th February	Miss Coburg	Shevat 27
Saturday	23rd February	Mesdames Lazarus sisters	Adar 1
Sunday	3rd March	Mr. A.E. Morris	Adar 9

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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The winner of this month's Lottery is Mrs. B. Coburg.

Would organisations and individuals please note that any items they may have for possible inclusion in the "Jewish Chronicle" should be sent, as soon as possible to:-

Mrs. Muriel Morris,
Sutton House,
Clifton Down,
BRISTOL.8.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY JEWISH AND ISRAEL SOCIETY:

Would interested parties please note that the newly elected Chairman and Vice Chairman of the above Society are Mr. & Mrs. Martin and Ruth Anne Sireling of 13, Linden Road, Bristol, BS6 7RJ. (See separate notice of February events).

In the interests of security, I would appreciate it if any organisation wishing to use the Synagogue buildings could notify me in advance.

At the same time, I would like to set up a Communal Diary which would record the dates and venues of all open Meetings and Socials in Bristol. As well as having a complete calendar of events, this Diary would help in avoiding date clashing between different Groups.

Not all dates are given in the Recorder, and I intend to remedy this.

I would appreciate it if I could be given dates for any Meetings or Socials for the Diary.

Alan Tobias.

Rev. Modell has received a letter from Kayes of Cardiff to the effect that they will not be supplying Passover food this year for people living outside Cardiff due to lack of premises, and other reasons. Rev. Modell is pleased to say that he has arranged with Mr. Schoem, Manager of David Morgan of Cardiff, for a full range of Passover foods to be available in their Store, under the supervision of Rev. Rogosnitzky. There need be no anxiety as the arrangement is definite and fuller details will be supplied shortly.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Ike Kushner wishes to thank all those who sent messages of condolence and good will and those who attended at his Shiva during his bereavement.

We are pleased to welcome as new members to the Community, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Gordon of 6, Westover Close, Westbury-on-Trym, and look forward to seeing them at all our functions.

We would like to send good wishes to Rosalind Elliman who has just left Sheffield for a six months' stay in Israel. Rosalind was a very active participant in the group activities in Bristol for some years, and we are sure that all her friends would wish her a hearty Shalom.

It is with sadness that we must report the death of Mr. Ben Smith, father of Nat. Smith. We would wish Nat and his family 'Long Life'.

Sheila and Alan Tobias are delighted to announce the birth of their second son, Jonathan Simon, on the 10th January. A brother for Richard.

One or two matters the local Community might be interested in:-

At Henleaze Infants School (of which I happen to be Chairman of Managers), because there are two small Jewish pupils and a Jewish Nursery Assistant; the Headmistress held The Festival of Lights (Chanukah). She may have been inspired by the visit she made with the children to our Synagogue, when she was greatly impressed by the kindly explanations of our Rev. Moddel ?

Mrs. B. Sacof

We are deeply sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Abe Zuckerman of Marion, Indiana, U.S.A., husband of Joyce (nee Malin), and father of Mark, Ruth and David. There are many Bristolians who will no doubt remember Abe with affection from the War days when the Community was host to American Forces in Bristol, and would wish to convey to Joyce and her family, sincere condolences and 'Long Life'. Condolences also to Mrs. Dora Malin of Penylan House, Cardiff, and Sidney and Thelma Malin and Family of Leeds.

Heartiest Congratulations to Sheila and Alan Tobias on the birth of their second child, Jonathan Simon, a brother for Richard Daniel. The Bris took place on Thursday, 16th January.

We regret to report the death of Mrs. Sarah Kushner, the Mother of Ike Kushner, in Liverpool, and express to Ike, Minnie and Family, our sincere condolences. This is a doubly sad event for Ike, who recently also lost his Father. We wish him 'Long Life', and freedom from further troubles.

A.J.E.X.

Letter received from The Bristol Royal Infirmary:-

Dear Mr. Gee,

I would like to express my appreciation for the assistance afforded by yourself and members of your Association on Christmas Day.

With the ever increasing desire of Hospital staff not to work on Christmas Day, the assistance afforded by your Association becomes more and more a most valuable contribution, ensuring that the Hospital routine to patients is maintained.

Please convey our sincere thanks to your members, and I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you a happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

A.H. YEOMANS
Group Domestic Manager.

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP:

An afternoon Meeting was held on Tuesday, 8th January in the home of Mrs. I. Berkovitch.

Future Meeting:

Mrs. S. Noble will speak at a Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 5th February in the home of Mrs. R. Curwen, 77, Parry's Lane, Bristol, 9. The Meeting will commence at 2.00.p.m, and tea will be served, for which 25p. will be charged.

Spring Jumble Sale:

The Spring Jumble Sale will be held on Wednesday, 20th March.

SHEILA TOBIAS
Hon. Secretary

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMENS' GUILD:

As you will all know by now, unfortunately, owing to only being allowed 6 hours heating and lighting per week in the Synagogue Premises, we had to postpone our "Old Tyme Evening" which was to have taken place on the 13th January. However, would you please retain your tickets, as we certainly intend to hold this function as soon as the ban is lifted - failing this, it will take place during the Summer months.

If you would like to play cards, or just come along for a chat, why not join our hostesses, Mesdames Goldman, Springer and Caplan, on Sunday, 10th February between 7.30 and 8.00.p.m. at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Goldman, 11, Glen Drive, Stoke Bishop. Price £1.00. per head.

At our Meeting held on the 7th January at the home of Mrs. Gee, only 10 members were present.

We are fortunate in having Alderman Mrs. Helen Bloom give us a Talk on her "Year of Office", which will take place on Monday, 25th February at 8.00.p.m, again, at the home of Mrs. Goldman, 11, Glen Drive, Stoke Bishop. This should prove to be a most interesting evening, so please make every effort to attend.

I. BERKOVITCH
Hon.Secretary.

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* BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD *
* "CARD EVENING" *
* ON *
* SUNDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1974 *
* at the home of Mr. & Mrs. *
* Goldman, 11, Glen Drive, *
* Stoke Bishop - 7.30 for 8.00.p.m. *
* £1.00. per head Refreshments will *
* be served. *
* IN AID OF GUILD FUNDS. *
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BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY

Secretary:

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BRISTOL,
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Everyone is most welcome to participate in the Bristol Zionist Society's activities and we hope that you will join us for any part of the Programme that interests you and your friends.

On Thursday, 14th February at 8.00.p.m. Ralph Hadani, Deputy Director of the Zionist Federation, will be Guest Speaker. The venue will be Arnold Greenwood's, 6, Chardstock Avenue, Coombe Dingle, Bristol.9.

The Bristol University Jewish and Israel Society invites everyone to join them for the following meetings which should be of interest:-

On Wednesday, 20th February at 7.30.p.m. in the Gramophone Room of the University Union, Queen's Road, Barry Jaffe, an experienced young Speaker who has recently visited both Israel and Jordan, will talk on his travels.

On Sunday, 24th February at 4.30.p.m. in Meeting Room 1 of the University Union, Professor Mordecai Gichon of Tel Aviv University, will give an illustrated Talk. Professor Gichon organised the Tamara Archaeological dig in Israel and is in Bristol as part of a world tour.

Sunday, 4th March sees the Students' Israeli Cultural Evening, starting at 4.00.p.m. in the University Union. Israeli food, drink and music will be provided, and Benjamin Tammuz, Cultural Attaché at the Israeli Embassy, London, will lead a discussion when questions and exchanges of views on all aspects of the Middle East will be welcomed. In addition, the musical film, 'BON VOYAGE' is to be shown. There will be a small charge. We hope many will wish to attend, but to help the students to prepare appropriate quantities of food, please let the Secretary know in advance if you are going. (Tel:628985).

The Zionist Society continues its programme of socials, and we are inviting all members, friends, and anyone who has some interest in Israel to join us.

Our Ivrit class starts on 31st January, and if you are interested in learning or improving your Modern Hebrew, please join us. Details may be obtained from Mrs. Ora Steinberg (651834).

Plans are in hand to send toys and books to families and kibbutzim in Israel. We hope to have full details next month.

Finally, please contact us if you have any ideas for future activities we could include in our programme, and if you wish to be included on our mailing list.

Arnold Levin
(Hon. Secretary).

BUJAIS
BRISTOL JEWISH AND ISRAEL SOCIETY (UNIVERSITY)

INVITES YOU THE COMMUNITY
ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY
AT 7.30.p.m. GRAMOPHONE ROOM,
UNIVERSITY UNION, QUEEN'S ROAD

"THE JEWISH IDENTITY CRISIS"

A Talk by Rabbi Cyril Harris, National Director of Hillel Foundation; a modern, forward-thinking Leader who works with Jewish students. Come and identify, or explain to a sympathetic expert, why you don't.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY 7.30.p.m. GRAMOPHONE ROOM, UNIVERSITY UNION, QUEENS ROAD.

"ISRAEL AND JORDAN"

A Talk by BARRY JAFFE from I.U.J.F., H.Q., London, an experienced young Speaker who has recently visited both countries. This should be fascinating, and a chance to find out what is really going on.

SUNDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 4.30.p.m. MEETING ROOM1, UNIVERSITY UNION, QUEENS ROAD.

SPECIAL LECTURER: PROFESSOR MORDECHAI GICHON of Tel Aviv University, organiser of the famous TAMARA archaeological dig in Israel, speaking to our Society as part of a world lecturing tour - this is a MUST !

THE COMMUNITY ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ALL THESE MEETINGS

Geoff. Hunitz
P.R.O. BRISTOL UNIVERSITY JEWISH
& ISRAEL SOCIETY.

THE BRISTOL CAMPAIGN FOR SOVIET JEWRY

1973 IN RETROSPECT:

The Campaign's first full year was extremely successful. In January, 1973, its list of proteges contained the names of eighteen Jews who wished to leave the Soviet Union. Of these, eight (along with their families) have left, including Dr. Vladimir Mash and Benyamin Shapira. (More proteges have now been added to the list, including Dr. Marc Azbel, a Moscow scientist, and two teachers from Bendery, Yosef Wishener and Yaakov Suslensky, who are now serving long sentences in prison camps).

Last year saw the ending of the iniquitous 'diploma tax', whereby emigrants had been fined enormous sums for having educational qualifications.

Such achievements undoubtedly prove that sustained pressure and publicity really are effective as part of a nationwide effort.

Apart from regular letter-writing and telephoning, greetings cards for Rosh Hashanah and Chanukah were sent, as well as protest telegrams to Soviet officials. Local people met visiting Russians to protest about their country's treatment of Jews who wished to leave - at Avonmouth docks, at the University, at the Chess Championships in Bath, and at an international table-tennis match in Cheltenham. Raiza Palatnik visited Bristol and told of her experiences in a Soviet prison camp; and a two-day Prison Exhibition was held at the Victoria Methodist Church. The newly opened Clifton Cathedral had a Campaign display on the theme 'Let my people go', which was also seen at the University Union. (The

University Newman Circle and Horfield Baptist Church also held major meetings on the subject of Soviet Jewry).

The year ended with what was perhaps the most moving event, the ceremony for Human Rights Day on the 10th December, in which representatives of all the major denominations and political parties, as well as British Amnesty, participated. Much sympathy has been generated among the public, and the Campaign's patrons have not just been figureheads but have generously given of their time on behalf of their proteges. Throughout the year, the Campaign received coverage on the BBC (radio and tv), HTV, in various local newspapers (in 'The Times' and 'The Sunday Express' also), and of course, in 'The Jewish Chronicle'.

Martin Sugarman, Chairman of the Campaign, writes:-

"Ironically, the more successful we are, the more work there is to be done. We urgently need more people to help us with what one Russian Jew, now in Israel, called 'this holy work'. No one can seriously doubt the value of our work or its effectiveness. If you are interested but have so far not been actively involved, please complete the form overleaf and send it to me. The work is not arduous or complicated, but it does demand a certain amount of time, a humanitarian feeling, and a sense of responsibility. It can be frustrating - but also very rewarding. Soviet Jews will be grateful for your help."

The Exhibition of Soviet Art was cancelled and so no action on the part of campaigners for Soviet Jewry was called for.

To: M. Sugarman, C/o the Synagogue, 9, Park Row, Bristol.1.

- I would like to (a) correspond regularly
(b) attend a telephone call
(c) help to organise Meetings etc.
(please tick).

Name:.....

Address:.....

Telephone:.....

WOMEN'S PAGE

Well, after another month of dim, chilly shops, dismal news, and is it possible, even more dismal weather, here we are still able to enjoy the 'simple' things of life. Like the heat coming on when you turn a switch, being able to cook on a hot stove, and even more surprising, the car still runs on petrol, and if you have the patience to wait, a bus will still take you on your way, so perhaps things are not as bad as we thought they might be.

One outcome of the energy troubles is that Cadena have decided to bake chollas on selective days, probably Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. I was surprised to hear they have had bread left over on some days, I always thought the demand for chollas exceeded supply. However, if you have difficulty, the staff are most helpful and will put bread aside for you, if you order it.

'Doing out' the cupboards as I have this week, is not my idea of an afternoon's entertainment, but it can be interesting at times. Remembering as I stood on tip-toe to retrieve a rather squashed bundle out of the darkest corner, that this was the hat I searched for footslogging hours, to match up with my outfit for my niece's wedding, and I hated it ever since, and a tatty blouse I just could not throw away because it always 'went' with everything, and that dress ! I bought it for 'our David's' wedding, and I will never forget the look on the face of his well-to-do sister-in-law when we met at the reception in identical gowns. It has been out of fashion for years, and this time it definitely goes into the Jumble. It seemed to have taken longer than ever to do my wardrobe, but I ALMOST enjoyed it.

I hope as you go around your daily routine you will jot down anything interesting or amusing that happens. It is surprising how much humour there is in an ordinary day, if you look for it, then pass it on to Betty Burke, Nat Smith, or myself, heading it 'Womans Page'.

MIN-KS
