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

FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, 2nd April

W.I.Z.O. Evening Meeting -
27, Reedley Road.

Saturday, 20th April

Eight for Eight - 23, Lacey
Rd, Stockwood

Sunday, 21st April

Talmud Torah begins.

Monday, 22nd April.

Council Meeting 8.00 p.m.

Wednesday, 24th April

B.Z.S. & W.I.Z.O. Dance at
the Dragonara Hotel.

Monday, 29th April.

Ladies Guild Evening Meeting -
63, High Street, Keynsham.

Sunday, 5th May

Ladies Guild Sherry Morning -
2, Clevedale, Downend.

Thursday, 9th May.

Bristol Zionist Society 8.00 p.m.
The Little House, The Ridgeway.

YAHREZITS

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| Sunday | 7th April | Mr. H. Seymour | Nisan 15 |
| Saturday | 13th April | Mr. M.B. Silverman | Nisan 21 |
| Sunday | 14th April | Mr. L.G. Gould | Nisan 22 |
| Thursday | 18th April | Messrs. W. & I. Sacof | Nisan 26 |
| Saturday | 20th April | Mesdames Lazarus Sisters | Nisan 28 |
| Tuesday | 23rd April | Mesdames Lazarus Sisters Mr. H. Springer | Iyar 1 |
| Sunday | 28th April | Mr. L. Caplan | Iyar 6 |
| Tuesday | 7th May | Mrs. C. Culank | Iyar 15 |

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.

THE BRISTOL TALMUD TORAH

The Purim Party for the Children was a great success, and the Chaida children acquitted themselves very well. The fancy dress was delightful, this was judged charmingly by Gillian and Mark Ornstein, very ably assisted by Ziela. The first Prize was won jointly by Denise Gee and David Silverman. The second Prize went to Saul & Justine Berkovitch and the third Prize to Tal & Shai Pasternak of Haifa.

The play which was followed by the Tea, was written and produced by Jeffrey Munitz, who has been teaching at the Talmud Torah these last few months, and this was well presented by the Boys and Girls, Adults and Children enjoyed it all very much. Our thanks to Jeffrey for all his work, cheerfully carried out through all the trials and tribulations.

The present term at the Talmud Torah will end after lessons on Sunday, 31st March. Summer Term will begin on Sunday 21st April.

M. Kushner. (Hon. Sec.)

COMMUNAL NOTICES

COUNCIL MEETING:

The next Council Meeting will take place on Monday, 22nd April at 8.00.p.m.

Apologies to Mr. & Mrs. H. Seymour, Mr. D. Goldman, Mrs. J. Dysch and Mr. A. Glick for the omission of their Yahrzeit dates in last month's Recorder. This was due to some confusion between Adar Rishon and Adar Shani on the part of the Editors.

The Bristol North West Federation of Townswomens Guild Focus International, are giving an Exhibition at the Students Union, Queens Road, on the 18th April. The Horfield Branch of this organisation are entering an exhibit of Israeli Culture and Art. This Exhibition is highly recommended.

Admission is 10p. The Exhibition will be open:-

10.50.a.m. - 11.30.a.m.
12.30.p.m. - 2.00.p.m.
3.00.p.m. - 3.30.p.m.
4.00.p.m. - 5.30.p.m.

Gee's Delicatessen of 73, Pershore Road, Birmingham 5, would be willing to arrange delivery of Pesach orders to Bristol, providing that sufficient orders are received.

The Festival of PASSOVER commences on Saturday, 6th April, 1974 in the evening and terminates on Sunday, 14th April, 1974.

TIMETABLE FOR PASSOVER

Thursday, 4th April, 1974

Fest of the First Born
Search for Chametz at nightfall.

Friday, 5th April, 1974

EREV SHABBAT

7.30.p.m. MINCHAH-MA-ARIV SERVICE

Saturday, 6th April, 1974

EREV PESACH

9.30.a.m. MORNING SERVICE

EATING OF CHAMETZ IS FORBIDDEN AFTER 10.15.a.m.

7.00.p.m. MINCHAH-MA-ARIV SERVICE

Sunday, 7th April, 1974

FIRST DAY

9.30.a.m. MORNING SERVICE

7.00.p.m. MINCHAH MA-ARIV SERVICE

Monday, 8th April, 1974

SECOND DAY

9.30.a.m. MORNING SERVICE

Friday, 12th April, 1974

EREV YOMTOV

7.30.p.m. MINCHAH MA-ARIV SERVICE

Saturday, 13th April, 1974

SEVENTH DAY

9.30.a.m. MORNING SERVICE

7.30.p.m. MINCHAH MA-ARIV SERVICE

Sunday, 14th April, 1974

LAST DAY OF PESACH

9.30.a.m. MORNING SERVICE (YIZKOR)

The Festival of Passover terminates on Sunday, 14th April, 1974
at 8.55.p.m.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

June and Julian Charles and Family wish to thank the Executive and Members of the Bristol Hebrew Congregation for their kind message of sympathy received on the death of June's Father, Mr. Les Morris of York.

We regret to learn of the serious indisposition of Miss Rose Coburg, who is at present in Southmead Hospital, and take this opportunity of sending our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery.

This month's Lottery Prize was won by Mr. R. Meisbiser.

We extend a hearty Welcome to new Members Henry and Ora Steinberg of 9, Wickham View, Stapleton, Bristol. Henry is probably wellknown to many of you, more recently perhaps in connection with the Bristol Zionist Society, and his wife Ora, who is now on the Teaching Staff of the Talmud Torah, and also taking adult classes in Hebrew. We hope to see lots of them in the future.

Minnie and Ike Kushner cordially invite all Members of the Community to Kiddush after the Barmitzvah of their son Barry Simon, on Saturday, 20th April, 1974.

Mazel tov to Eve and Tony Gordon of 6, Westover Close, on the birth of their first child, a Daughter on Saturday, 16th March. She is being named Miriam.

Nancy and Mark Silverman would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, fruit, and Good Wishes received on their move to Durdham Court from The Dell.

The Consecration of the Memorial Stone for the late Sid Dysch will take place on Sunday, 28th April at 3.30.p.m. at Ridgeway, Relatives and friends are invited to return to 18, Belgrave Road, Clifton.

The Consecration of the Memorial Stone for the late Mrs. "Dolly" Malin, the Mother of Mr. Myer Malin, took place on Sunday, 24th March.

We regret to announce the death of Beatrice Cohen, Sister of Dave Cohen at the age of 86. We apologise to Dave for the omission of this announcement which should have been made in January, and take this opportunity of wishing him Long Life, and freedom from further trouble.

We are pleased to tell you that Mr. David Goldman is feeling somewhat better, after being struck by a car a few weeks ago. He received severe lacerations and extensive bruising to his back, but fortunately, nothing more serious. There is no report on the condition of the car.

We have just learned that Mrs. Anne Ornstein has been admitted to Hospital. We take this opportunity of sending her our Best Wishes. Get Well soon.

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

An afternoon Meeting was held on Tuesday, 5th March at the home of Mrs. I. Berkovitch. Mrs. Kushner read a very interesting article about Israel just after the Yom Kippur War and Mrs. Dembo spoke about her experiences and feelings during her recent trip to Israel.

The Spring Jumble Sale, held on the 20th March, raised £56.00 for our funds. Thanks are given to Mrs. K. Lever who organised the Jumble Sale, and also to all her helpers.

Future Meetings:-

An evening Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2nd April at the home of Mrs. K. Lever, 27, Reedley Road, Bristol.9.

A Yom Ha'tzmaut Buffet and Dance will be held, in conjunction with the Bristol Zionist Society, on 24th April at the Dragonara Hotel from 8.00.p.m. Tickets £1.75 per head.

Tickets are available from Mrs. Curwen or myself, or any member of the B.Z.S. Committee.

An Arts and Handicrafts Show will be held on Sunday, 9th June at the Synagogue Hall. This will be held in conjunction with the Ladies Guild.

Please think about what YOUR contribution will be NOW!

SHEILA TOBIAS
Hon. Secretary

BRISTOL JEWISH LADIES' GUILD

On the 25th February, we had the pleasure of hearing Ald. Mrs. Helen Bloom talking about her "Year of Office". This was certainly most interesting and amusing and opened our eyes to what a lot of hard work goes into being a Lord Mayor. Those members who did not come along missed a most enjoyable evening. Many thanks to our Hostess, Mrs. M. Goldman and of course, the Speaker, Ald. Mrs. Helen Bloom.

Our next Meeting is to take place on Monday, 29th April at the home of Mrs. I. Springer, 63, High Street, Keynsham at 8.00.p.m.

I. Berkovitch (Hon.Secretary)

BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY

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On Thursday, 9th May, Professor YEHOSHUA ARIELI, Professor of History at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and Be'ersheba University, will be our guest Speaker 8.00.p.m. at AGGIE & RONNIE GREENBAUM, The Little House, The Ridgeway, (off Falcondale Road), Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

Our toy collection for Migdal Ha'Emek is now growing steadily and we shall be sending our first parcel very soon. Money is also needed for the purchase in Israel of larger items for the kindergarten. Can you help?

Please save used postage stamps for Youth Aliyah. We will collect them from you and send them in bulk to the office in London where they can be sold for cash for Israel.

Our Ivrit classes seem to grow larger every week! Some fifteen students of all ages attend. If you wish to join them, please come. There is a beginners' section and an advanced conversation class, with expert teaching. There is no charge. Phone the Secretary for latest details.

Everyone is welcome to all our Meetings.

Arnold Levin (Secretary).

BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY

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INDEPENDENCE DAY DANCE WEDNESDAY, 24TH APRIL, 1974

8.00.p.m. 'TIL LATE

Our first Yom Ha'tzmaut Dance will be held in
conjunction with W.I.Z.O.

BAR BAND BUFFET

AT THE

D R A G O A R A H O T E L

Tickets available soon from Mrs. Ruth Curwen
(Tel: 683033)

Arnold Levin (Tel: 628985) or any Committee
Member.

Tickets: £1.75 per person Students £3.00
(Double)

CAMPAIGN FOR SOVIET JEWRY

Members are sincerely asked to send Pesach Greetings (a very great
moral booster) to the following:-

FAMILY POLTNIKOV
USSR
NOVOSIDIRSK, 102
VOSKHOD 1, Kv.12

BORIS RUBINSHTEIN
GAYRSKAYA 11-81
LENINGRAD, USSR

YOSSEF MISHNER
P.O.P. 5110/1-V5
MOSCOW, USSR

YAAKOV SUSLENSKY
P.O.B. 5110/1-V5
MOSCOW, USSR.

You are reminded that these letters or cards go Normal Airmail
with a 5½p stamp. Thank you.

NEWS ITEMS.

23rd February. Demonstration by 40 campaigners outside the Students Union in Clifton, when 25 Soviet Students came to Bristol. We presented them with a letter and literature, and made certain they saw our banners of the blow-up photos of our adoptees.

10th March. Talk by Gerald Lang and Gabe Marks of Southgate A.J.E. on their experiences in Russia just before Chanukah on a Thompsons Package Tour, when they tried to lay a wreath at the grave of Soviet Jewish Soldiers in Moscow. They made contact with several Soviet families, and brought back some quite vivid and moving photographs.

Their description of their visit to the "Great" Moscow Synagogue, visits to the houses of activists and their friends, and encounters with officialdom on entering and leaving the Soviet Union, were indeed amazing and straight from 'the horse's mouth' as it were. It was sad that so few of the Jews in Bristol who have not helped the Campaign up till now, were not present, for they would have had all their doubts dispelled about the value and importance of the work we do for these people in the USSR.

EDITORIAL NOTE: Coincidentally, the wife of Mr. Gabe Marks, who came with her husband, as did Mrs. Lang, was born in Bristol. Her maiden name was Kleinhart (Kay).

On Tuesday, 26th March, at the home of Mrs. N. Dembo, the Bristol Campaign for Soviet Jewry organised a Prison Fare Exhibition. The guests were presented with the rations which prisoners receive during the day, to sustain them for a nine hours stint of hard labour.

The menu consisted of:-

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| Breakfast: | 1 oz. Salt Herring 14 oz. black bread, this to last the day. 1 cup hot water. |
| Lunch: | Soup, made with some vegetable. Half a Potato. |
| Supper: | 4 oz. Potato. |

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY JEWISH AND ISRAEL
SOCIETY

On Sunday, 10th March, Mr. Gerald Lang and Mr. Gabe Marks from Southgate, gave a very interesting Talk to the Bristol University Jewish and Israel Society, together with many members of local Jewish communities, at the Student's Union.

They had both just returned from Moscow, which they had visited over Human Rights Day, to lay a wreath and to meet some Russian Jews who are trying to emigrate. They took two wreaths with them, one of which custom's officials found and confiscated; later, having obtained permission to lay the remaining wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Warrior, they were forcibly prevented from doing so by armed guards.

For the rest of their three day stay, they distributed British clothes which they had taken with them. The welcome accorded them by people whom they had never seen before was fraternal and so genuine that Mr. Marks was several times almost reduced to tears.

They left several hours late, because one of their party was detained at the Airport, but they eventually departed, carrying many letters for relatives in the West.

The trip was such a success, they felt that more should be organised; anyone interested should contact Martin Sugarman.

MESSAGE FOR PASSOVER 1974/5734

With the commencement of the month of NISAN, we are always looking forward to celebrating Passover, which is regarded as the most popular among the Festivals of the Jewish Calendar. Parents and children are sitting round the glittering Sedertable with all the traditional symbolic dishes which are bringing back to our minds the great event of the redemption of the Jewish People from Egyptian slavery.

Before the hour of liberation was striking, the command has been given to the Israel Nation to eat the PASCHAL LAMB in the following manner:-

"MOSNEYCHEM CHAGURIM NA-ALEYCHEM
B'RAGLEYCHEM U'MAKELCHEM B'YEDCHEM"

"YOUR LOINS GIRDED, YOUR SHOES ON YOUR
FEET, AND YOUR STAFF IN YOUR HAND"

This famous statement in our Biblical Scripture was not only an instruction for the Israelites in Egypt, but it has a very important meaning for us in our present time. The EXODUS from

Egypt has brought us the Freedom but it was a Freedom for which Israel had to fight for generations, but our Freedom is dedicated with the principles given to us by the fundamental Laws of the Torah. We have been endowed with this special gift to distinguish to choose our life in the right direction and to reject that which brings evil and crime.

We have been witnessing in our time, that a Freedom which is not under ethical control, can bring destruction and chaos to the individual and to the community at large. Judaism has taught us that if we want to exist as Jews, we have to fight for our Freedom, to fight for the ideals of our great heritage.

We live in a generation where the Jewish People in Soviet Russia are deprived of their Freedom to live as Jews. They are fighting for their Freedom. We will carry on to show our solidarity with our unfortunate brethren in Russia. We will think about them when we are reciting in our HAGGADAH at our Sederservice the famous words:-

"HOTZIANU MEY-AVDUD L'CHEYRUT
MIYAGON L'SIMCHAH MEY-EYVEL L'YOMTOV
UMEY-AFEYLAH L'OR GADOL UMISHIBUD LIG'ULAH"

"HE TOOK US OUT FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM,
FROM SORROW TO JOY, FROM MOURNING TO
A FESTIVAL, FROM DARKNESS TO GREAT LIGHT
AND FROM BONDAGE TO REDEMPTION".

Let us hope that the peace negotiations which are still in progress in the Middle East, shall lead to a complete peace for the Jewish People in Israel and in the world at large.

With this important message go our best wishes for a HAPPY AND PLEASANT YOMTOV to the Hon.Officers and all the members of the Bristol Congregation.

WITH CHAG SAMEYACH
REV. & MRS. MODDEL
SUSAN & SIDNEY

WOMENS' PAGE

I am finding difficulty this month in harnessing my mind to the Womens Page. This is perhaps understandable to anyone who has arranged any large gathering entailing many catering problems in Bristol. To tackle these difficulties, with Pasach obscuring the view, is a good way of encouraging a big headache. To achieve a nervous breakdown, one only has to spend months of arranging in an atmosphere of National crisis, with dire warnings of no heat, no light, food shortage and enormous costs coming nicely to the boil on approximately the date when you hope everything will be 'right'. Having escaped the nervous breakdown by a hairsbreadth, and armed with my 10th bottle of Aspirins to cure the headache, the warnings and the crisis having receded somewhat, I hope to greet the days of Simcha with equanimity, joy and pleasure, in a job successfully completed. One thing is sure, only you who have shared my secret thoughts will know what went on before.

The signs of Spring in the garden are always a tonic after a long Winter, and as I write, I look out of the window to the open gardens of the close opposite, already alive with yellows, blues, purple and white, and everything sprouting, ready to burst into a glory of colour.

For the last week or two, neighbours have been greeting each other over the fences as we moved around the gardens, as if like the flowers, we are all awakening after a long Winter sleep, and it feels after all, that life is full of promise.

Well, I wish you all a happy and plentiful Pasach, no doubt bloated with Matzas, but with the Spring cleaning thankfully behind.

Min-Ks
