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BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION THE SYNAGOGUE, PARK ROW, BRISTOL.

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Bristol W.I.Z.O. Group:

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 5th May

Ladies Guild Sherry Morning
- 2, Clevedale, Downend.

Thursday, 9th May

Bristol Zionist Society -
The Little House, The Ridgeway.

Monday, 20th May

Council Meeting

Monday, 27th May

SPECIAL KIDDUSH

Thursday, 30th May

Bristol Zionist Society

Tuesday, 7th May

Meeting: Ladies of the
Community - Synagogue Hall 8 p.m.

Monday, 20th May

Ladies Guild Morning Meeting -
4, Rockleaze.

Tuesday, 14th May

Bring & Buy - 4, Rockleaze at
10.30 a.m.

Sunday, 9th June

Sale of Work at Synagogue
Hall - 3.00 p.m.

YAHRTZEITS

Tuesday	7 May	Mrs C Culank	IYAR 15
Saturday	11 May	Mrs G Seymour Mrs M Ginsberg	IYAR 19
Thursday	16 May	Mesdames Lazarus Sisters	IYAR 24
Friday	17 May	Messrs Meisbiser Bros	IYAR 25
Thursday	30 May	Mr L Bloom	SIVAN 9
Saturday	1 June	Mr M B Silverman	SIVAN 11

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

KIDDUSH

There will be a Special Kiddush for Shavuoth on Monday, 27 May, to which all Members are cordially invited to attend. A reminder that this will be Bank Holiday Monday.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting will take place on Monday, 20 May at 8.00 p.m.

NEW SEAT CHARGES

Members who are not yet paying the new increased Seat Charges are urgently requested to do so at the earliest convenient opportunity. Communal funds are once again in the "red" and the Bank Charges thereby incurred on our Overdraft places an additional financial burden on our already overstrained resources. Seat charges are virtually our only source of revenue. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

This Month's Lottery was won by Mr M C Berkovitch

CARETAKERS

We welcome the return of our previous Caretakers, Mr & Mrs Smith, and wish them a happy (and longer) stay with us. Congregants will no doubt have already noticed the improvement, for which Mr & Mrs Smith should receive due credit. All Organizations are reminded when using the Synagogue premises to exercise the usual courtesies on leaving the premises.

The Festival of SHAVUOTH commences on Sunday evening, 26 May 1974 and terminates on Tuesday, 28 May 1974.

TIME TABLE FOR SERVICES IN THE SYNAGOGUE

Sunday, 26 May 1974

EREV SHAVUOTH

7.30 p.m. MINCHAH and MAARIV SERVICE

Monday, 27 May 1974

FIRST DAY

9.30 a.m. Morning Service

7.30 p.m. MINCHAH and MAARIV SERVICE

Tuesday, 28 May 1974

SECOND DAY

9.30 a.m. Morning Service (Yizkor)

The Festival of Shavuoth terminates on Tuesday, 28 May 1974 at 10.15 p.m.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Doreen and Maurice Jackson of "Trimore", Clifton Down, Bristol 8 are pleased to announce on 11 May, the 21st Birthday and Engagement of their only Daughter, Denise Michele, with Mr Roger W Orgee of Worcester.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mrs Anne Ornstein, Mother of Mr Mark and Richard Ornstein. The funeral took place in Liverpool on Friday, 10 April. Although resident in North Wales, Mrs Ornstein had many friends in Bristol by whom she will be sadly missed. We extend our sincere condolences Mark, Richard and Family and wish them "Long Life" and freedom from further troubles.

We regret to report the death of Miss Rose Coburg, at the age of 79. Miss Coburg was born in Bristol, one of the oldest Members of the Community and a keen Member of the Ladies Organisation. For many years she was in business at Christmas Steps, from which she retired only a few years ago. She will be sadly missed by her Nieces and Nephews.

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

Two evening meetings were held during April, both of which were very interesting. On the 2 April Mrs Curwen spoke about her very recent trip to Israel, which was most entertaining.

Plans for the Sale of Work are now well under way, so please give your full support. We cannot have this if all members will not participate. Remember 9 JUNE, SYNAGOGUE HALL, 3.00 p.m. Bring all your family and friends.

A Bring and Buy will be held on Tuesday, 14 May at 10.30 in the home of Mrs G Sacof, 4 Rockleaze, Stoke Bishop.

SHEILA TOBIAS
Hon Secretary

BRISTOL JEWISH LADIES GUILD

On the 27 March a very successful "Bake and Buy" morning took place at the home of Mrs H Caplan when £14.00 was raised towards Guild funds.

I hope a lot of people will make the trek to Downend for our Sherry Morning on 5 May. See separate announcement.

Tuesday, 7 May at 8 p.m. is a must for all the Ladies diaries (please read joint letter from WIZO and Guild).

Our next meeting will be a Coffee Morning at Mrs Sacofs, 4 Rockleaze, at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 20 May.

I hope everyone has retained their tickets for the "Old Time Evening" which was to have taken place in November, as this function is now going to be held on Sunday, 14 July - - so keep this date free!

I Berkovitch
Hon Secretary

LADIES GUILD REPORT

Sunday, 5 May Ladies Guild Sherry Morning, 2 Clevedale, Downend.

Tuesday, 7 May Meeting - Ladies of the Community - Synagogue Hall 8.00 p.m.
Monday, 20 May Ladies Guild Morning Meeting. 4 Rockleaze.
Sunday, 14 July Ladies Guild Old Time Evening. Synagogue Hall.

BRITISH JEWISH LADIES GUILD
Invite you to a Sherry Morning
at the home of
Irene & Colin Berkovitch
2 Clevedale, Downend
on Sunday, 5 May
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. 75p per person
In aid of Guild Funds

When Bristol University recently submitted its Report on the New Constitution and Membership of Court, the Bristol Jewish Community was not included in the list of Religious bodies entitled to be represented there. (My appointment is from Bristol City Council.....)

I am happy to say that my proposed amendment has now been accepted and, in future, the President of 'Bristol Hebrew Congregation' will now be entitled to serve as a Member of Bristol University Court.....

S Sacof JP

Dear Ladies of Bristol Community

On Sunday, 9 June W.I.Z.O. and Ladies Guild are holding a "Sale of Work" in the Synagogue Hall.

We would like this function to be a great success, but for this to happen we desperately need your support!!

Would you be so kind as to attend a meeting on TUESDAY, 7 MAY in the Synagogue Hall at 8 p.m. so that we can arrange what stalls we should have, who should run them, what "work of art" we, ourselves, are going to make, etc, etc.

PLEASE do your utmost to come and support us on 7 May.

Irene Berkovitch, Sec. Ladies Guild
Sheila Tobias, Sec. W.I.Z.O.

BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY

The Honorary Secretary
Arnold Levin
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After our Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations at the Dragonara last month we have a varied programme for May. We hope that you will wish to support us in bringing Israel to the forefront of Jewish consciousness.

THURSDAY, 9 MAY 8.00 p.m.

We have an outstanding guest speaker on this occasion. Professor YEHOASHA ARIELI, History Professor at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem and at Be'ersheba University will address the Society. Professor Arieli has been involved in political affairs in Israel for a number of years, and has strong views on Israel's present and future policies. He has lectured in Europe and the United States, and is at present on a sabbatical year at Wolfson College, Oxford University.

His topic for this evening will include discussion of the Palestinian "problem"

Aggie & Ronnie GREENBAUM, The Little House, The Ridgeway (off Falcondale Road, just above Northover Road), Bristol 10.

SUNDAY 19 MAY

The extremely successful Israeli film "THE POLICEMAN" is coming to Bristol! It has received rave reviews - not only in the Jewish Chronicle - and is showing in the West End, London.

We have booked seats for Sunday night for a party from the Society. Profits will be for charity.

The film is at the EUROPA 2 Cinema, Holiday Inn, Bristol.

RESERVE YOUR SEATS THROUGH THE ZIONIST SOCIETY and help Israel by enjoying an Israeli film! Seats approx 65p.

PHONE Arnold Levin, 628985; Arnold Greenwood, 683954; Henry Steinberg, 651834;
Tony Holt, (881) 2030; or Len Hart, 683627.

THURSDAY, 30 MAY at 8.00 p.m.

Reverend John S SMITH, Vicar of Westbury Park Church, will speak on his view of Israel.

Eve and Arnold LEVIN, 68 Lake Road, Henleaze, Bristol BS10 5JF.

Our Ivrit class has resumed its sessions after the Pesach recess. Up-to-date details from me - 628985 - beginners and advanced sections, no charge.

Toys for Migdal Ha'Emek are still being collected. If you have not already given something please do so now.

Stamps for Youth Aliyah are also still wanted please.

In June we shall have a film show and discussion meeting for everyone to have the opportunity to air his own views on anything to do with the work of a Zionist Society. Details next month.

If you are not on our mailing list and would like to be included, please let me know. If you have been receiving our literature through the post and would like to continue to have information sent to you, why not become a member? The subscription is a mere ONE POUND per year! However, everyone is welcome to any of our meetings.

Arnold Levin
Hon Secretary

MESSAGE FOR SHAVUOTH 1974/5734

The celebration of the Festival of Passover, which has brought the Freedom to the Jewish People from Egyptian slavery, would have been meaningless without commemorating the important Festival of SHAVUOTH with its significant characteristic of the Revelation on Mount Sinai, where the Jewish People received the Torah.

According to the Midrash after the Nations of the World have refused to accept the Ten Commandments as the foundation of the Torah, the Jewish People, by accepting the Torah, have become the founders of civilisation of humanity. The Revelation on Mount Sinai should not be regarded for us as a matter of the past, but it should affect our daily life, as we find it clearly stated in the Book of Joshua, Chapter 1, Verse 8

"LO YAMUSE SEYFER HATORAH
HAZEH MIPICHA V'HAGITAH BO YOMAM
VALAYLAH L'MA-AN TICHEMOR LA'ASOT
K'CHOL HAMATUV BO KI OZ TATZLIACH
ET D'RACHECHA V'OZ TASKIL"

"THIS BOOK OF THE TORAH SHALL NOT
DEPART FROM YOUR MOUTH, BUT YOU
SHALL MEDITATE THEREIN DAY AND NIGHT,
IN ORDER THAT YOU MAY OBSERVE TO DO
ACCORDING TO ALL THAT IS WRITTEN
THEREIN; FOR THEN YOU SHALL MAKE YOUR
WAY PROSPEROUS AND THEN YOU SHALL
HAVE GOOD SUCCESS"

This quotation brings us to the conclusion that the Torah is not like other books of Law, for lawyers and scholars only. It has been given to everyone of us, regardless of our profession, occupation and scholarships. The Torah is written in such a way that each one can take out of it what he needs on his level of understanding.

Our Rabbis are saying there are ten things for which a man is receiving his beneficial blessing in this world, while the capital rewards remain in the world to come. This statement which we are saying at the beginning of our morning prayer is concluding with the following words:

"V'TALMUD TORAH K'NEGED KULAM"

"BUT THE STUDY OF THE TORAH EXCELLS THEM ALL"

Since the Torah is our guide in our daily life, we should spend as much as we can with the study of the Torah.

As we are approaching the Festival of SHAVUOTH, it will be our pledge to live according to the principles of our Torah. In this way we can look forward to the time of peace and security in the State of Israel and for the fulfilment of our Scripture;

"VIR'YITEM LI S'GULAH MIKOL HA-AMIM"

"YOU SHALL BE UNTO ME THE TREASURER AMONG
THE NATIONS".

WITH CHAG SAMEYACH

Rev & Mrs Modell
Susan & Sidney