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BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION THE SYNAGOGUE, PARK ROW, BRISTOL.

Synagogue Services:

Friday Evenings 7.20 p.m.
Saturday Mornings 10.0 a.m.

Minister:

Rev. M. Meddel,
65 Harcourt Road,
Bristol, 6.
Tel. 40015

Hon. Sec.

Mr. A. Tobias,
12, Meadowside,
Thornbury,
BRISTOL.

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

Hon. Sec. Mrs. N. Kushner,
37, Long Eaton Drive,
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BRISTOL 4.
Tel: Whitchurch 3576

Bristol Jewish Ladies' Guild:

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

Bristol W.I.Z.O. Group:

Hon. Sec. Mrs. S. Tobias,
12, Meadowside,
Thornbury,
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FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 1st September

Eight for Eight

Monday, 9th September

A.G.M. Ladies Guild

Sunday, 15th September

Talmud Torah recommences

Sunday, 22nd September

Council Meeting

Sunday, 29th September

Eight for Eight - 6, Ellesmere,
Thornbury.

YAHREZITS

Saturday	7th September	Miss H. Campbell	ELLUL 20
Tuesday	17th September	Mr. L. Dembo	TISHRI 1
Wednesday	25th September (Kol Nidrei)	Mrs. C. Culank	TISHRI 9
Thursday	26th September (Yom Kippur)	Messrs. Garcia Bros.	TISHRI 10
Thursday	3rd October	Mrs. Ball	TISHRI 17

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.

COMMUNAL NOTICES

Memorial Service will be held at Ridgeway Cemetery on Sunday, 15th September from 2.30.p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting will take place on Sunday, 22nd September at 10.00.a.m.

LOTTERY

This month's Lottery prize was won by Mr. L. Gould.

TALMUD TORAH

Hebrew Classes will recommence on Sunday, 15th September at 10.00.a.m.

STUDENT HOSPITALITY

During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, there are usually a number of students attending Shul services. Anyone willing to extend hospitality to students during these Yom Tavim, please telephone A. Tobias (Thornbury 412831).

Anyone interested in this, please contact A. Tobias (Thornbury 412831).

SEFER TORAH

Thanks are due to the Manchester Central Hebrew Congregation for donating a Sefer Torah to the Bristol Hebrew Congregation. Thanks are also due to Mr. I. Kushner who brought the Sefer Torah to Bristol and to Mr. and Mrs. S. Bloom who defrayed the cost of the re-conditioning.

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

As in previous years, we are happy to welcome relatives and friends of members to the High Holy Day Services.

Bearing in mind our critical financial situation, it is to be hoped that members and friends will be particularly generous in remembering the Synagogue at this time.

Any member requiring specific seating arrangements should contact:

Mr. Arnold Greenwood, Treasurer,
6, Chardstock Avenue,
Bristol, BS9 2RY

Tel: No. 683954.

before the 16th September.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mazeltov to Paul and Shelly Blackstein on the birth of their first child, a boy, Simon Alfred, and congratulations to Minnie and Ike Kushner on becoming Grandparents again. Those of us who attended the Bris, agree that the baby bears a strong resemblance to the Kushstein family.... that should settle the argument !

Congratulations to Henry and Irene Springer, who celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary this month. Best wishes from all their many friends.

Best Wishes also to Phil and Freda Winberg, if a little belatedly, who also celebrated 25 years of married bliss in June.

Paul and Michelle Blackstein would very much like to thank all those people who have been so good to us on the occasion of the birth of our

The consecration of the Memorial Stone for the late Mrs. Bella Cohen will take place on Sunday, 1st September, at 2.00.p.m.

We understand that Mr. Joe Malik is now out of hospital and convalescing after his accident. We wish him a speedy recovery and a return to full health.

ROSINA TELLS ALL

The Blackstein and Kushner Families would very much like to thank Rosina Smith for telling the entire Bristol, Liverpool, Manchester and London Societies of the birth of Simon Blackstein, just ten minutes before the occasion. Min Kushner would particularly like to thank Rosina for her race with the Labour Ward Sister. Rosina won, and got the news to Min first.

Mr. Len Gould has kindly consented for the following letter to be published:-

Allenswood,
20A, Flax Bourton Road,
Failand,
Bristol.

To Mr. Arnold Greenwood,
Treasurer.

Dear Arnold,

I enclose cheque for £25.00 as a further donation to the Synagogue Re-building Fund.

I know I say this each time, but I'm hoping that the idea will begin to catch on and others will follow my modest example. The long term solution of our ever increasing insolvency problems will, as I see it, only come about when we have a new Synagogue more suitable to the needs of the Community and much more economical to maintain.

Sincerely,

Len.

Editor's Note:

For the benefit of interested parties, the special re-building fund stands currently at £264.

77, Parry's Lane,
BRISTOL, BS9 1AN

come amiss, but let me assure you that you may be unpaid, but you are not unloved. Your efforts are very much appreciated and I think I speak for all, when I say that at least one of you is lovely.

Compliments apart, I know that you need material, so I will make a few observations. Having been an Editor myself, I realise that you have the power of the pencil and eraser; also that controversial subjects can sometimes escalate into open war (viz: S - TH v. N-W-AN) in the mid 60's.

Be that as it may, I will launch my first arrow, by observing that the Community has settled down into a pleasant apathetic rut, with infrequent rounds of various charitable efforts for a number of worthy causes. Religion plays very little part in the lives of the members, but soon the yearly effort will fill up the large spaces in the Synagogue. Old friends and relatives will renew acquaintance with each other, and with the Liturgy. It will be a time for penitence, prayer, resolution and rejoicing. It is good that at this time, we remind ourselves of the binding faith (the cement) that has kept our people together in spite of centuries of oppression and strife. Perhaps between the prayers and the casual conversation, we could spare a moment's thought for the future of the Bristol Hebrew Congregation.

It is neither my province nor my intention to preach. We all know how the good people strive to keep our Synagogue not only beautiful, but intact, and how there is now serious effort starting to re-house the congregation in a building which, please God, will be a thing of beauty and a joy forever. But who will use it? Who will pray there? Will there be a Bristol Hebrew Congregation? I am told there are some twenty children in the Talmud Torah and yet on a Shabbas morning, only two boys of pre-Barmitzvah age attend and only one post-Barmitzvah boy (one other attends when he can). Yet those twenty children in the Talmud Torah are the congregants who will one day form a nucleus around which the congregation of the future will survive. I fully realise the difficulties with regard to education liabilities, but not all the children have to attend school on Saturday. I know this is an old cry, but parents, the future is in your hands. Either we are to have a living vibrant community, or the Bristol Hebrew Community will become ancient history, buried in stories of the past, of minyans three times a day and overflow services during the Yom Tovim.

I have been deliberately controversial, and I hope that what I have written will stimulate others to feed your starving columns, dear and dearest Editors.

Yours sincerely,

Sydney Surwen.

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MESSAGE FOR NEW YEAR 1974/5735

We are again standing on the threshold of a New Year. We are looking back to the past year of 5734, which will be remembered as the year of the Yom Kippur war. We should have expected that such a tragical event would have influenced the members of our Community to find their way to the house of worship during the year, but like a magical wand, we are always waiting until

the YAMIM NORAIM the High Festivals of ROSH HASHANAH AND YOM KIPPUR are approaching us when Synagogues are again crowded with worshippers.

This penitential solemn season of our Calendar is essentially a time of Prayers. In addition to the Congregational form of worship, there should be personal outpouring of the heart, the individual prayer, as the Psalmist summed up in the wellknown words:-

'KAROV HASHEM L'CHOL KOR'AV
L'CHOL ASHER YIKRA-UHU BE'EMET'

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him,
to all who call upon Him in truth.

But it is well for us to know what to pray for and how to pray for it. To pray feelingly with concentration of mind, which never meets with disappointment.

We are listening to the sound of the SHOFAR on Rosh Hashanah, but let the sound penetrate to our hearts to be aware of our responsibilities towards our children to bring them up in the Jewish way of our Torah.

Let us hope that the Year 5735 will bring freedom to our brethren in Russia and Syria and Security and Permanent Peace to the State of Israel and humanity.

I would like to conclude my message for the New Year with our best wishes for Good Health, Happiness and Success to the Hon. Officers and Members of the Bristol Community.

LESHANAH TOVA TIKATEYVU

Rev. & Mrs. Moddel
Susan and Sidney.
