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

Hon. Sec.

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

Tel: 93412831

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

Hon. Sec. Mrs. M. Kushner,
37, Long Eaton Drive,
Whitchurch,
BRISTOL 4.

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: 93412831

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

FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 1st December

Ladies' Guild 8.00 p.m. - 36, Oakdale
Court

Jewish & Israel Society - Students
Union

Thursday, 5th December

Bristol Zionist Society

Friday, 6th December

Jewish & Israel Society Oneg Shabbat

Sunday, 8th December

W.I.Z.O. Sherry Morning - 12, Great
Bokeridge - 11.00 a.m.

Tuesday, 10th December

W.I.Z.O. Bring and Buy - 36, Oakdale
Court 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday, 11th December

Sale of the Century

Thursday, 12th December

Bristol Zionist Society

Friday, 13th December

Ladies' Guild - Evening Kiddush

Sunday, 15th December

Chanukah Party - 3.00 p.m.

Monday, 16th December

Ladies' Guild - Evening Meeting

YAHREZITS

Sunday	1st December	Mrs. N. Silverman	Kislev 17
Monday	2nd December	Mr. M. Garcia	Kislev 18
Friday	6th December	Messrs. Myers Bros.	Kislev 22
Sunday	8th December	Mr. G. Geller	Kislev 24
Thursday	19th December	Mrs. Tuchband	Teveth 5
Saturday	21st December	Mrs. Tuchband	Teveth 7
Thursday	26th December	Mr. G. Geller	Teveth 12
Thursday	2nd January	Mr. D. Cohen	Teveth 19
Monday	6th January	Mrs. B. Rosenberg	Teveth 23

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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.

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COMMUNAL NOTICES

Members of the Congregation are reminded that the Festival of Chanukah will be celebrated from Monday, 9th December until Monday, 16th December. The first Chanukah light should be kindled on Sunday evening, 8th December.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS:

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

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LOTTERY:

The November Lottery was won by Mr. C. Epstein.

The £50. bi-annual Lottery was won by Mr. S. Nirenberg.

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TALMUD TORAH:

The Chanukah Party will be held on Sunday, 15th December at 3.00.p.m. There will be a Tea for the children and a Play by the Talmud Torah. The Bristol Hebrew Amateur Dramatic Society will present:-

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

At the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, 25th November, the following were elected to Office:-

PRESIDENT:	S. Bloom Esq.
VICE PRESIDENT:	Dr. S. Curwen, C.B.E., T.D.
HON. SECRETARY:	A. Tobias Esq.
HON. TREASURER	A. Greenwood Esq.
COUNCIL:	Mrs. J. Dysch, Messrs. L. Gould, H. Seymour, C. Berkovitch, N. Smith, G. Gee, A. Holt, D. Goldnan, I. Kushner, R. Emmanuel.
EX-OFFICIO:	S. Silverman Esq. (Talmud Torah) N. Nirenberg Esq. (Chevra Kedusha)
LIFE MEMBER:	A.E. Morris Esq.
BOARD OF DEPUTIES:	M. Malin Esq. (London)
HON. AUDITORS:	E. Lever Esq., L. Caplan Esq.

As you will have seen from the Accounts circulated with the November Recorder, we still have a substantial overdraft. With inflation we have no real prospect of getting 'in the black' at the current level of our income.

With regret, I had to propose at the A.G.M., that all subscriptions be increased. It was agreed that as from the 1st January, 1975, the minimum contribution will be £40. membership. Reduced rates will apply to Lady Members and students of £16. and £20. respectively.

Individual notifications and revised Banker's Order Forms will be sent when your next subscription is due.

Arnold Greenwood
Hon. Treasurer.

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Sale of the Century:

We are not asking for money - Salt or Sugar ! - just your help and your cast offs. Have you recently changed to the new length ? Put on weight ? Slimmed down ? Using duvets instead of sheets and blankets. All these items use good storage space, so why not throw them our way.

This 'Sale of the Century' is in aid of "The Synagogue Building Fund". The hall is booked for 11th December - only ten days in which to fill a very large hall, so please, please - help - don't wait for a reminder - or 'phone call, these things take time and money.

Goods can be left at 59. The Dell or St. John's Hall 7.30. Tuesday, 10th December.

BRITISH LEGION-POLACK BRANCH/BRISTOL ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH EX-SERVICEMEN

The Annual Remembrance Service and Parade for Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women, took place on Sunday, 17th November, 1974 at the Cenotaph Whitehall. At the March Passed the Horse Guards Parade, the salute was taken by the Reviewing Officer, Major General Sir Francis W. de Guingand, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O. Some 10,000 Ex-Servicemen and women paraded this year. Bristol's small but select contingent was led by Dr. S. Curwen, C.B.E., T.D.

The impressive Service at the Cenotaph was led by the Chief Rabbi, Dr. I. Jakobovits, B.A., and the Rev. Dr. I. Levy, O.B.E., T.D., B.A.

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Can you spare two hours to help in the B.R.I. on Christmas Day? The position is desperate as the Unions will not allow the domestic staff to work over the Christmas Period.

Jewish communities all over the country will be working in hospitals during the holiday period. Let's see the Bristol Community do their bit as well.

Please telephone Gerald Gee at 684013 with your offer of help, not later than the 7th December.

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Letter received from The District Voluntary Services Co-ordinator, Avon Area Health Authority (Teaching), Bristol Health District (Teaching), District Headquarters, 10, Marlborough Street, Bristol, BS1 3NU.

Mr. G. Gee,
10, Oakhurst Road,
Bristol 9.

31st October, 1974

Dear Mr. Gee,

First of all I would like to apologise for not introducing myself to you when I wrote on the 17th September. This was a complete oversight on my part - I thought I had sent you a letter introducing myself.

I am the District Voluntary Services Co-ordinator for the Bristol Health District (Teaching). This is a new appointment in the re-organised Health Service and my objective is to provide a voluntary service of help to patients and staff in hospitals, health centres and patients' homes.

I understand from Mr. Yeomans that it has been the practice over the years that the Jewish Community Association has very kindly offered their services over Christmas within the hospitals and as our staffing problem will be very acute because of the extended Bank Holiday entitlement, I am enquiring whether we can look forward to any assistance from your members again this year. Arrangements are being made for volunteers to be aware of free transport pick-up places and we are also providing lunch and supper, if required, for the volunteers who are with us over this period.

I can assure you that these services are very much appreciated by

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Mr. V. Shlesinger has been appointed as a member of the Jewellers Advisory Council for 1975.

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We are pleased to report that Miss Sharon Gee, at present in Winford Orthopedic Hospital is making very good progress after her operation, your reporter can testify that she has been a very brave young lady, and a model patient.

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Marcia and Gerald Gee would like to express their sincere thanks to Rev. Modell, all their friends and members of the Community, for all the good wishes, moral support, and many other kind deeds shown during our daughter Sharon's hospitalisation. We are pleased to say that Sharon is now over her operation and well on the way to a complete recovery.

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Sharon Vanessa Gee (C/o. Winford Hospital) thanks Rev. Modell, her Mummy and Daddy's friends, her friends, W.I.Z.O, Ladies' Guild, and all the other kind people for making her stay in hospital almost pleasurable. The kindness and generosity you have all shown me will be something I will always remember. Please forgive me for not answering you all individually.

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We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Betty Cohen, wife of the late Mr. Newman Cohen, and Mother of Frank, at the age of 80, in the Rokefield Home for the Blind. Although Mrs. Cohen has not resided in Bristol in the past few years, she will be well remembered by most old Bristolians for her stoicism and rare good humour in coping with her disability. We take this opportunity of wishing Frank 'Long Life' and Freedom from further troubles.

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Mr. Frank Cohen would like to thank Rev. Modell, the Bristol Chevra Kedusha, Relatives, friends and members of the Community, for their help and kindnesses, and expressions of sympathy, on the death of his Mother, Mrs. Betty Cohen.

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A warm welcome is extended to New Members:-

Mr. & Mrs. G.G. Balint-Kurti (Kitty & Gabriel),
44, Kewstoke Road, Stoke Bishop, Bristol.9.

Mr. H. Newman (Hubert),
1, Cotham Lawn House, Cotham Lawn Road, Bristol.6.

We look forward to meeting them at future Religious and Social occasions.

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Future Meetings:

Tuesday, 10th December

36, Oakdale Court,
Downend.

Hostess, Mrs. S. Silverman.
'Bring and Buy'.

Sheila Tobias
Hon.Sec.

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BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY

The recent atrocity at Bet She'an, demonstrated how far Israel is from gaining peace. Unfortunately, the T.V. coverage may well have obscured the true horror of the incident by emphasising the reactions of the townsfolk the majority of whom are new immigrants from North Africa and elsewhere. At our last Meeting, a letter drafted by Joe Garratt, was signed and has been sent to the Mayor of the town.

"We write to you as fellow Jews and friends of Israel in order to express our profound grief and outrage at the save and callous murders of civilians in their homes in your town. We beg you to convey our most heart-felt sympathies to the families involved.

Our motive in writing to you, is to affirm our unshakeable solidarity with you all, and our hope that in spite of the distance between us, this letter, in some small way, can bring comfort to you. For although we are scattered, we are still one people: your grief is our grief, and when you are hurt, we are hurt. While we live in the Diaspora and go about our normal daily work with our Gentile colleagues and friends, the hard-pressed situation in which our people now finds itself, is never far from our minds, and gives us no peace. For if you do not prosper, we also cannot do so. What you have done in Israel by your courage and nobility of spirit in bringing to fulfilment our national self-determination, has straightened our backs here and all over the world".

Israel's case is often ignored and unheard by those not directly involved in Zionist affairs. She has frequently been criticised for not publicising her viewpoint. However, it can be argued that much of the failure of Israel to get publicity is OUR failure to gain it for her. Perhaps NOW is the time for the people of the Diaspora who want to see Israel prosper in peace, to unite, to speak out to the world in general, and to let the people in Israel know that we can what happens, that we desire peace and will act to promote peace. It is demonstrably false to fear that by speaking out on behalf of one's fellows one will provoke a negative reaction. Appeasement does not work: rational discussion of our true needs may do better.

We hope that the Society will approve a resolution at the next Meeting expressing our views on the recent U.N. debate on the Middle East. These views we hope to convey on behalf of the B.Z.S. to many organisations and to the Press. We hope YOU will be able to attend the Meeting on the 6th December and participate in

MRS. GERTIE ROYDON, THE PENTHOUSE SUITE, CHARTLEY, THE AVENUE, SNEYD PARK, BRISTOL.9.

THURSDAY, 12TH DECEMBER AT 8.00.P.M.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the B.Z.S. Election of Officers, Chairman's Report, Treasurer's Report, discussion. Proposals may be submitted at any time prior to or at the Meeting. This Meeting is of the greatest importance for the future of the Society. ALSO MARTIN SUGARMAN will give a talk to the Society on his aliyah experiences (on tape - we could not pay his return fare !) AND FILMS.

HILARY & ARCHIE KAY, 32, DOWNS PARK EAST, HENRIEZE ROAD, BRISTOL.6.

SATURDAY, 14TH DECEMBER AT 8.00.P.M. "A Musical Evening"

Social Evening for all members and friends. If you play an instrument bring it along, if not, bring your voice.

BETTE AND HARRY ZEFFERT, 27, WATERSIDE PARK, REDCLIFFE BAY, PORTISHEAD

(Directions: Over Clifton Bridge: right at main road signposted "Motorway" "Portishead": continue along main road straight across M/way intersection on to Portishead By-Pass: Cross Portishead High Street up to Cab Stand: straight on MORE ROAD: right at junction More Road and Hillside Road into Hillside Road: continue along Hillside Road, which winds, until a sharp right turn with a cul-de-sac (Halleswelle Road) on left. Waterside Park is very soon after the right turn, on the RIGHT of Hillside Road. IF LOST, please 'phone Portishead 843248).

All our activities are open to all interested.

Arnold Levin
Hon.Sec.

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WOMEN'S PAGE

All of us who are Mothers, can remember vividly I am sure, the days while bringing up their children, when the frustrations, the tiredness and the all absorbing family demands were almost more than could be borne. I am sure there were others, like me, who threatened on more than one occasion, to just drop everything and walk out.

It is not, by any means, only these events which come to memory. There were of course, many more happy days to remember, but recently when I have recalled the times of trial and my threats of desertion, I realise how hard it is when your family are young, to imagine the time when your real rewards will appear. This is, truly brought home when your grandchildren are here. Not only do you have the joy without the work and responsibility, but the pleasure of seeing your child as a parent, and of watching your teaching coming to maturity to mould another generation. Surely a most satisfying experience.

I would like to think, when some of the younger readers of Women's Page face their days of frustration, they will try to look to the future, when all their work will prove worthwhile. It may seem rather a long while before their grandchildren are due, and their young ones are enough to think about, but time passes quickly and it's nice to know when the hard work is done, the rewards may keep coming for a long while.

MESSAGE FOR CHANUKAH 1974/5735

In the midst of the Winter season, when nature around us appears in complete darkness, we Jewish People are celebrating the beautiful Festival of CHANUKAH. We are illuminating our Synagogues and our homes with the Chanukah Lights, and we are singing the old traditional melody of "MAOZ TZUR".

Looking at the text of this famous Chanukah hymn, will give us a great message for our present situation. First we hear that the Jews, in spite of being enslaved by the Egyptian dictators of the Pharaohs, never lost their Jewish identity, and finally, in a miraculous way under the leadership of Moses and Aaron, saw the defeat of their enemies and left Egypt in a triumphant mood.

The same happened during the Babylousian Exile, when the Jewish Nation never gave up hope and finally returned to their homeland under the leadership of Zerubbabel.

Even Haman when he made his decree to exterminate the Jewish Nation of Persia, brought calamity to himself and his followers by the great effort of the personalities of ESTHER AND MORDECAI. Lastly, it was the determination of the MACABEES to fight a heroic battle against idolatry worship of the Greek gods under the Syrian domination which brought the complete destruction of the Syrian armies, the Re-dedication of the Temple, and the celebration of the Chanukah Festival.

The brief description of our past history in the text of our Chanukah Hymn "MAOZ TZUR" should be an encouragement for our modern MACCABEES in Israel to follow the example of the heroes of past history and to stand firm in the belief that they will succeed in their critical situation. With the help of the Almighty, they will illuminate the world with their spiritual light for a complete redemption for Israel and humanity, as we find it expressed in the words of the prophet Isaiah:-

"ARISE, SHINE, FOR THEY LIGHT IS COME AND THE GLORY
OF THE LORD IS RISEN UPON THEE, AND THE GENTILES SHALL
COME TO THY LIGHT AND KINGS TO THE BRIGHTNESS OF THY
RISING".

With Chag Sameyach

Rev. & Mrs. Moddel,
Susan and Sidney.
