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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. Meddal,  
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### Hon. Sec.

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12, Meadowside,  
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BRISTOL.  
Tel: 93412831

Talmud Torah Classes: Sunday  
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Hon. Sec. Mrs. M. Kushner,  
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Tel: Whitchurch 3576

### Bristol Jewish Ladies' Guild:

Hon. Sec. Mrs. C. Culank,  
113, Nags Head Hill,  
St. George,  
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### 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.....

### Tuesday, 4th February

W.I.Z.O. 10.30 a.m.  
10, Oakhurst Road.

### Thursday, 6th February

Zionist Society. 8.00 p.m.  
77 Parry's Lane.

### Monday, 10th February

Ladies Guild. 8.00 p.m.  
27, Roadley Road.

### Tuesday, 18th February

W.I.Z.O. 8.00 p.m.  
11, Glen Drive

### Wednesday, 19th February

Council Meeting. 8.00 p.m.

### Sunday, 23rd, February

Zionist Society. 8.00 p.m.  
16, Caswell Lane.

### Sunday, 2nd. March

Ladies Guild. 8.00 p.m.  
11, Glen Drive.

### Monday, 10th March

Ladies Guild. 2.00 p.m.  
77, Parry's Lane

### Sunday, 16th March

Extraordinary Gen. Meeting 10.00 a.m.

YAHREZEITS

Saturday	1st. February	Mesdames. Lazarus Sisters	Shevat 20
Sunday	2nd. February	Mr. Sam Silverman	Shevat 21
Monday	3rd. February	Dr. H.I. Howard	Shevat 22
Friday	7th. February	Mesdames. Lazarus Sisters	Shevat 26
Wednesday	12th. February	Mesdames. Lazarus Sisters	Adar 1
Saturday	15th. February	Mrs. G. Seymour	Adar 4
Thursday	20th. February	Mr. A.E. Morris Mr. H. Seymour, Mrs. J. Dysch	Adar 9
Friday	21st. February	Mr. D. Goldman	Adar 10
Sunday	23rd. February	Mesdames. E. Fox & B. Coburg	Adar 12
Monday	24th. February	Mrs. M. Gee	Adar 13
Thursday	27th. February	Mesdames. Lazarus Sisters	Adar 16
Friday	28th February	Mr. A. Glick	Adar 17
Saturday	1st. March	Rev. M. Moddel	Adar 18
Sunday	2nd. March	Mesdames. A. Nirenberg & H.Geller	Adar 19
Tuesday	4th. March	Messrs. N. & I. Sacof	Adar 21

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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.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

I cannot resist your plaintive appeal for comments on the Jewish Recorder. I must confess that I am amongst those who offer little appreciation of your efforts - shame on me!! Believe me, I am grateful that you do such a splendid job and keep us informed of what goes on in our Jewish Community. Month after month, you produce a lively news-sheet and I read it avidly - sometimes with a chuckle or two - and often with a nostalgic sigh..... On the serious side, it's important to know that we are active and surviving - albeit that we are a mere handful, in the midst of many....? So don't despair please - and above all PLEASE continue.....

With Good Wishes and Many Thanks,

Yours Fraternally,

Berta Sacof.

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Dear Mrs. Sacof,

Such compliments!!! We blush!! When you put it THAT way, we've just GOT to carry on!!! Seriously though, you have, in a way, struck the right note - I think we DO want to know what goes on in our Community, but we, as Editors, are simply the "means to an end", the "News" is provided by you out there. Whatever it is, if you want it made known fact, opinion AND criticism, as well as items and events of a social nature (it's what goes to make up your "Recorder" - without it the pages stay blank), then TELL US about it.

Eds.

Dear Editors,

I was thrilled to read in last month's edition of the Recorder, that the President and future Presidents of the Bristol Hebrew Congregation will be included amongst the Members of the University Court. What is the University Court?

Paul Blackstein.

Dear Paul,

To tell you the truth.....we don't know, but we will certainly find out and have the answer for you in next month's edition.

Eds.

#### BRISTOL JEWISH BURIAL SOCIETY SCHEME 1975

Arising from enquiries by a number of Members of the Congregation, the Bristol Jewish Burial Society have drawn up the following scheme.

(Any person joining the scheme in this year will pay the undermentioned fees for the entire time they reside in Bristol. Fees will be revised yearly to keep in line with inflation for new Members).

#### Members under the age of 55 next birthday

Annual fee of £10 payable quarterly, half-yearly or yearly.

This will cover the member, his wife and all children under the age of 21.

#### Benefit

Funeral	in 1st. year only	£50
"	" 2nd. year only	£40
"	" 3rd. year only	£30
"	" 4th. year only	£20
"	" 5th. year only	£15
"	" 6th. year and after	- NO CHARGE

#### Members over the age of 55, but under 60 next birthday

A late entrance fee of £50  
Rates as above.

Members over the age of 60 will be catered for, but they will have to apply for details of membership.

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Any person interested in any of the foregoing schemes may contact me at 36, Oakdale Court, Downend, Bristol. Tel:- 560700 for further details.

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT DOES NOT REFER TO CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Sam Silverman.

Hon. Sec.

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COMMUNAL NOTICES

LOTTERY - This month's Lottery Prize was won by Mr. Cyril Epstein.

COUNCIL MEETING - The next Council Meeting will be on Wednesday February 19th, at 8.00 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING - An extraordinary General Meeting will take place on Sunday March 16th, at 10.00 a.m. Subject "Appointment of Trustees".

TALMUD TORAH - Teachers are urgently required to teach at Bristol Talmud Torah. Both present teachers are leaving in June and the situation will be very serious if substitutes cannot be found.

Please contact S. Silverman. Tel:- 560700.

KOSHER MEAT SUPPLY FROM READING - The Kosher Butcher Shop in Reading, run by Mr. Tschulak ceased trading on Wednesday, 15th January 1975.

Members of the congregation still interested in obtaining kosher meat from Reading, please note the following.

A new kosher butcher shop will be opened in Reading in the next month or two, and will be run by Mr. Fachler, who presently runs the Luton Kosher Food Supplies, 1, Albert Road, Luton (Tel:- Luton 23501).

Until this shop is opened, meat can be ordered through Mrs. Kay at Reading Synagogue (Tel:- Reading 583832) on Monday or Tuesday mornings 9.30 - 12.30. When Mr. Fachler brings his meat to Reading later that week for distribution, orders for Bristol will be placed on the train as in the past.

It is understood that prices will be very similar if not identical to those of Mr. Tschulak. It is also anticipated that the new shop will open five days a week.

If anyone has any further questions regarding this, please contact me.

Alan Tobias (Hon. Sec.)  
Tel:- Thornbury 412831

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Minnie Kushner has left Hospital after a successful operation and is now recuperating at home.

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Min Kushner would like to thank Rev. Moddel, W.I.Z.O., the Ladies Guild, the Council and friends for their many visits, letters and cards during my recent stay in Hospital. I am happy to say that I am now recovering well and enjoying all the fussing. Thanks also for offers of help to Ike during his busy time while I was in St. Mary's.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL (continued)

Best wishes to Mrs. Gertie Roydon whom we learn is feeling much better after a recent illness.

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Dr. Leslie Culank, who is at present Senior Registrar in the Clinical Pathology Department of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, has now been admitted Member of the Royal College of Pathologists (M.R.C.Path). Also he recently obtained an M.Sc. Degree in Clinical Biochemistry at the University of Birmingham.

(Congratulations to Leslie, also to Dr. Geoffery and Cis Culank - who must be very proud and our thanks for sending us this information about another of our "local boys" making good. We would like to hear more news of the "Sons and Daughters" of the Community, not now resident in Bristol)

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The Consecration of the Memorial Stone for the late Mrs. Bertha Silverman will take place on Sunday March 9th, at 3.00 p.m. at the Ridgeway Cemetery.

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Dr. J. Lever has moved to Bath.

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We are very pleased and at the same time deeply sorry, to learn that Mr. (ex-Dr.) Mark Ornstein has obtained an appointment as Registrar at Northwich Park Hospital, Harrow, Middlesex, which he takes up on March 1st. We take this opportunity of wishing Mark every success in his new post, as well as wishing he, Gil and Zilla every Happiness in what will be their new environment. We shall miss them, but hope perhaps to receive their impressions through the Recorder, at some later date.

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We regret to announce the death of Mr. Morris Levene, Father of Mr. Bennie Levene and take this opportunity of wishing Bennie, Lillian and Family "Long Life" and freedom from further troubles.

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We send Best Wishes to Clara Campbell, recovering at home after a spell in Manor Park Hospital and to her Sister Hetty, whom we are pleased to say is also much better.

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Mazeltoz and very Best Wishes to our President and his Lady, Mr. Sydney and Ald. Helen Bloom, who recently celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

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Mazeltoz to Jeannie Dysch on the forthcoming Barmitzvah of her second Grandson Michael, and to Joe and Daughter Pauline Finkleman of Croydon, London.

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BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE FOR MAINTENANCE OF SYNAGOGUE PREMISES

There has been a gratifying response to our appeal for physical aid in the work of redecorating the Committee Room. A lot of work has been done on the floor in levelling boards etc., to receive the new carpet. The next task will be the improvement of the heating and power points, and the redecoration of ceiling and walls. Curtains have been promised and will enable us to make the room pleasant to be in. NOT so gratifying is the state of the Fund itself. We have received help from the Ladies Guild and from the recent "Sale" and have had a further generous donation from a persistent admirer who continues to give us monetary aid which is very welcome so that leaves us with the last word-almost- if you can't help physically, please help by giving - we have much more to do yet and we urgently need cash to do necessary work at the Minister's house, which as you all know, is Synagogue property and our responsibility.

We as a Committee are doing everything in our power to keep the Building and Maintenance Fund IN funds and to avoid drain on the General Synagogue Fund, from which emergency repair bills and general maintenance monies would have to be found - it is no secret that the General Fund is, these days, almost continuously deeply in the red. Our only source of revenue, Membership Fees, do not cover the general expenses of the Community and any sudden emergency cash requirement could be very serious indeed.

We seek to keep our properties dry, warm, secure, clean and as reasonably comfortable - for the good of all concerned and we hope, with co-operation in any way possible, from as many of you as possible. THANK YOU.

H.S., H.S. & N.S.

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IN THE NEWS

Amongst items in the local Press just recently was a "thank you" on behalf of the Homeopathic Hospital to "Paul & Gerry" for their help there on Christmas Day and a very nice write up on Miss Rosie Jacobs on her retirement from the Production side of Amateur Dramatics in Bristol, where she is very well known inside and outside of the Community. The Recorder would be very interested, as would the Evening Post, in hearing from anyone who recalls the days of the Bristol JEWISH Dramatic Society, during the period when Miss Jacobs was active with it.

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BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

An afternoon meeting took place on Monday, January 13th, at the home of Mrs. G. Sacof, which was well attended.

Future Programme

Monday, February 10th.  
8 p.m.

Evening Meeting at the home of Mrs. K. Lever,  
27, Reedley Road, Westbury-on-Trym.

An informal talk will be given by Mr. Harry Weiss on his recent Far East Tour. This should be most interesting and we hope to see a good number of members there.

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Future Programme (continued)

Sunday, March 2nd.  
8 p.m.  
(see separate  
announcement)

A Card and Games Evening at the home of Mr. & Mrs.  
David Goldman, 11, Glen Drive, Stoke Bishop.  
The three hostesses will be:- Mrs. M. Gee, Mrs. H.  
Caplan and Mrs. M. Goldman.

We look forward to seeing a good crowd there.  
Please let one of the hostesses know by February 20th,  
if you will be coming.

Monday, March 10th.  
2 p.m.

Afternoon meeting and "Bring & Buy" at the home of  
Mrs. R. Curwen, 77, Parry's Lane, Stoke Bishop.

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Would members who have not paid their Guild subscription for 1974/75 please note  
that this is now due. Owing to the soaring costs of postage, after Marsh 1st. we  
shall only send cards for meetings to members who have paid their subscriptions.

C. Culank.  
Hon. Sec.

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The Bristol Jewish Women's Guild

invite you to a

Card and Games Evening

on

Sunday, March 2nd, at 8.00 p.m.

At the home of Mrs. and Mrs. D. Goldman,

11, Glen Drive, Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

£1.00 per person (inclusive of refreshments)

Proceeds in aid of Guild Funds. R.S.V.P. by  
February 20th.

BRISTOL HEALTH DISTRICT (TEACHING)

Dear Mr. Gee,

I would like to thank you and your Association for the help you so kindly provided  
for us on Christmas Day.

With the ever growing desire of our own staff not to work on Christmas Day, the help  
so readily given by your Association becomes more and more a most valuable contribution.  
I hope that all concerned enjoyed their spell with us and found the task rewarding.  
I can assure you that their services were very much appreciated by the patients and  
staff.

Please convey our most grateful thanks to your members and I would like to take this  
opportunity of wishing you all a Very Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Joyce Parker (Mrs.)  
District Voluntary Services Co-ordinator. Cont/

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

An afternoon meeting was held on Tuesday, 7th January at the home of Mrs. G. Ornstein.

An evening meeting was held on Tuesday, 21st. January at the home of Mrs. R. Curwen. Mrs. S. Hart gave a most interesting talk about her recent trip to Israel.

Future Meetings

4th, February.	at 10, Oakhurst Road, Hostess Mrs. M. Gee at 10.30 a.m. Bring and Buy.
18th, February.	at 11, Glen Drive, Hostess Mrs. M. Goldman at 8.00 p.m.

Sheila Tobias.  
Hon. Sec.

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BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY

The Society welcomes all with an interest in any of it's activities to come without any commitment to any meeting in our programme. Perhaps our first meeting this month may appeal to those of you who are not interested in Zionist matters, but feel that you are a member of a minority in Britain, and that this minority matters.

THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY. at 8.00 p.m.

DR. JACOB GEWIRTZ, Executive Director, Defence and Community Relations at the Board of Deputies, London, will talk on "ANTI-SEMITISM, DEFENCE, and THE PRESS". Dr. Gewirtz is a most experienced speaker, with hostile as well as friendly audiences. His task is possibly one of the most important ones in the British Jewish Communities. We feel sure that his topic is of widespread interest and concern and we hope everyone will feel free to attend this meeting and to inform others interested of the details above.

RUTH & SYDNEY CURWEN, 77, PARRY'S LANE, STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL 9.

SUNDAY 23RD. FEBRUARY 1975. at 8.00 p.m. PURIM PLATE-PINT PARTY

Disguised, please come after dark to perch at

BEGGARS' ROOST, 16, CASWELL LANE, PORTBURY, AVON, where live our hosts, TONY AND ANGELA.

We ask that you bring something to drink or eat (disguised if you wish!) and if it be food that you intend to bring, please phone Angela in advance of the evening so that she may prevent too many identical items arriving. (Telephone PILL (881) 2030.

ANGELA AND TONY HOLT, BEGGARS ROOST, 16, CASWELL LANE, PORTBURY, AVON.  
(Over Clifton Suspension Bridge: right at the main road towards MOTORWAY/PORTISHEAD: carry on the main road for about four miles until you can see the MOTORWAY ROUNDABOUT: just before this on the left is a small sign to PORTBURY: turn left along a narrow lane for about 1 mile into PORTBURY VILLAGE. At the junction with a bollard in the middle of the road, carry straight across and a couple of hundred yards further on the left (as the main road bears right) is a narrow, dark lane. This is CASWELL LANE and number 16 is on the right a hundred yards down this lane.

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BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY (continued)

Our March programme promises to be as interesting as this month's and your new Committee is planning far ahead.

To make our plans come true, those who have not paid their subs of a modest £1.50 per head, are invited to do so to our Hon. Treasurer, Arnold Greenwood, 6, Chardstock Avenue, Coombe Dingle, Bristol 9.

Arnold Levin,  
Hon. Sec.

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MESSAGE FOR PURIM 1975/5735

There is no other book in our Jewish Literature which has become so popular than the book of Esther, which brings back to our mind the great event of the celebration of the Festival of PURIM.

We are living in a world where the fundamental principles of democratic society seems to be completely uprooted where life in private and public premises has become the danger of bomb explosions, hijacking or other kinds of terrorism. In this turbulent world our HAMAN agitators continue to persecute our Jewish brethren in Russia to deprive them of their freedom. They are also helping the Arab States and their terrorist allies with their plan for the destruction of the Jewish State in Israel by supplying them with the most modern military weapons.

What is our challenge in this difficult situation? When Israel was faced with the battle of AMALEK, an ancestor of HAMAN, in REPHIDIM Moses has been ordered to lift up his hands so that Israel should prevail. The Talmud remarks hereby that as long as the Jewish people remained faithful to God by fulfilling their obligations they were able to defeat their enemies. The great heroes of the Purim story Queen Esther and Mordecai have shown their great ability to challenge their adversaries by inspiring the Jews of Persia in their great effort to remind them of their obligations to be loyal to the principles of the Torah.

Let us therefore celebrate our Purim festival in the great belief that as in the past history we will be able to see the Redemption of the Jewish people in our present time as we find it expressed in the beautiful prayer of:-

SHOSHANAT YA-AKOV  
T'SHU-ATAM HAYITAH LANETZACH  
V'TIKVATAM B'CHOL DOR VADOR

THOU HAS EVER BEEN ISRAEL'S SALVATION  
AND THEIR HOPE IN EVERY GENERATION

With CHAG SAMEYACH

Rev. & Mrs. Moddel,  
Susan & Sidney.

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COMMUNAL NOTICE

Members of the Congregation are reminded that the Fast of ESTHER will be observed on Monday, 24th February, terminating at 6.25 p.m.

The Festival of Purim will be celebrated on Tuesday 25th March.

Evening Service followed by the reading of the Megillah will commence on Monday, 24th, February at 7.00 p.m.