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#### Synagogue Services:

Friday Evenings 7.30 p.m.

Saturday Mornings 10.0 a.m.

#### Minister:

Rev. M. Modell,  
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Bristol 6.

Tel:- 40615

Talmud Torah Classes:- Sunday Mornings.

10.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

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#### Bristol Jewish Ladies' Guild:-

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St. George,  
Bristol 5.

#### Bristol W.I.Z.O. Group:-

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

#### Hon. Sec.

Mr. A. Tobias,  
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## FOR YOUR DIARY -----

### Tuesday, 30th September

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

### Monday, 6th October

Ladies Guild. Evening Meeting  
10 Oakhurst Road.

### Sunday, 12th October

Ladies Guild. Card Evening  
6, Chardstock Avenue.

### Tuesday, 14th October

W.I.Z.O. Morning Meeting  
77, Parry's Lane.

### Sunday, 19th October

Council Meeting. 10.00 a.m.

### Wednesday, 22nd. October

W.I.Z.O. Jumble Sale.

### Tuesday, 28th October

W.I.Z.O. Evening Meeting  
63, High Street, Keynsham.

### Saturday, 1st. November

S.O.S. GRAND BUFFET AND BALL

### Sunday, 16th November

A.J.E.X. ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE  
PARADE.

Yahrzeits

Wednesday October 1st.	Mr. S. Bloom	TISHRI 26
Wednesday October 15th.	Mrs. S. Ring	CHESHVAN 10
Friday October 17th.	Mrs. F. White(Bournemouth)	CHESHVAN 12
Friday October 24th.	Mrs. M. Garcia	CHESHVAN 19
Tuesday October 28th.	M'ms. Lazarus Sisters	CHESHVAN 23
Friday October 24th.	Mr. J. Malik	CHESHVAN 26

KADDISH WILL BE SAID THE PREVIOUS EVENING

The Memorial Prayer (El Mole Rachomim) 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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GRAND BUFFET AND BALL

at

THE CLIFTON SUITE

ARNOS COURT HOTEL, BATH ROAD, BRISTOL

on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST. 1975

8.00 P.M. till MIDNIGHT

DANCING TO HARRY GRAHAMS BAND

TICKETS £3 per head

STUDENTS & CHILDREN £2

GRAND TOMBOLA

RAFFLE

LUCKY BROCHURE NUMBER

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Dear Members,

Little did I realise, when the President of our Congregation, Mr. S. Bloom, gave me the task of raising funds for the Shool, how big and how complicated the job would be. I know as members of a small congregation most of you had been asked to dip your hands into your pockets so many times and many of you had already given so much of your time to help in other functions by cooking, baking, making salads and here I was involving you again.

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For this reason, consciously or not, I decided that for once we would be a little more ambitious than before and the focal point of our Campaign would be a Brochure. Nearly everybody was doubtful of its success and in some cases even passively obstructive, but with the drive and hard work of a small enthusiastic Committee, and here I must especially thank Mr. Arnold Greenwood and Mrs. Blackstein, you will see for yourselves what could, can and has been done. Now the time has come when I must approach you all again and appeal to you to make a final effort.

a) to sell the last of the Raffle tickets and

b) to sell and purchase tickets for the Dance.

Please, as much as we want your money for the tickets, we want your presence. My Committee has spent so much time and enthusiasm on this project that they deserve your support in making November 1st. a Gala Night. This is your first Dance for nearly four years, so come, let your hair down and let's make it a ball, with the satisfaction in the knowledge that, in a small way, we are keeping the Community alive for the youngsters and that we are taking a small step towards building a new school.

I. Kushner.

Chairman, Fund Raising Committee.

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#### COMMUNAL NOTICES

##### HIGH HOLYDAYS

Your President and Council, on behalf of the Congregation, sincerely thank Mr. Len Gould for so ably assisting Rev. Modell in the conducting of the High Holyday Services. Thanks are also extended to Stephen Silverman, acting (and active), unpaid Shammash for his help during Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

##### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Advance Notice:- The A.G.M. will be held on Sunday, November 30th, at 3.00 p.m.

##### COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting will take place on Sunday October 19th, at 10.00 a.m.

##### LOTTERY

This month's Lottery Prize was won by Miss I. Geller.

##### NEW BUILDING FUND

We are once again indebted to Mr. Len Gould for a further generous donation to the above fund. Although Mr. Gould shuns the publicity, I am sure he will forgive us for using this announcement to draw your attention to the existence of this fund, and it's future importance.

##### TALMUD TORAH

The Talmud Torah begins on Sunday, 5th October. Classes are held from 10.00 a.m. - 12.45 p.m. For further information please telephone the Chairman, Dr. R. Greenbaum, 526784, or Secretary, Mrs. K. Balint-Kurti, 681714.

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BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

The Season opened on Wednesday, August 27th, with an evening meeting at the home of Mrs. Rosenberg.

Future Programme

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| Monday October 5th,<br>at 8.00 p.m.    | The evening meeting which was to have taken place at Mrs. Seymour's, 59, The Dell, has been transferred to Mrs. Marcia Gee's, 10 Oakhurst Road.                                      |
| Sunday, October 12th,<br>at 8.00 p.m.  | Card evening at the home of Mr. & Mrs. A. Greenwood, 6, Chardstock Avenue, Coombe Dingle.<br>The Hostesses will be Mrs. Greenwood and Mrs. Rosina Smith.                             |
| (see separate<br>announcement)         | As this is the first function of our new season, we look forward to seeing a good crowd here.<br>Please let Mrs. Greenwood know by October 5th, if you will be coming (Tel: 683954). |
| Sunday, November 23rd,<br>at 3.00 p.m. | "Open Day" and Sale of Work at the Synagogue Hall.<br>Full details in the next Recorder.   |

Our grateful thanks to all those who donated gifts of cash, cakes, fruit, etc., for the Succah, and to all who helped with organising and decorating this. Our special thanks and appreciation to Mr. Lionel Caplan and Mr. Julius Burke for all the work and time put in by them in cutting and transporting the greenery to the Synagogue.

In view of the present campaign to "Save the Synagogue", it is a pity that there were not more Members of the Congregation attending the Succoth Services with their families, to be able to appreciate and enjoy all the extra effort put in to make the Festival a happy occasion.

C. Culank.  
(Hon. Sec.)

The Bristol Jewish Women's Guild

invile you to a Card Evening

at the home of Mr. & Mrs. A. Greenwood,

6, Chardstock Avenue, Coombe Dingle, Bristol,

on Sunday, October 12th,

at 8.00 p.m.

£1.00 per person  
(inclusive of  
refreshments)

Proceeds in aid of  
Guild Funds

Hostesses:- Mrs. A. Greenwood  
Mrs. R. Smith

R.S.V.P. by October 5th.  
(Tel:- 683954)

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BHISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, 2nd. September 1975 at the home of Mrs. R. Curwen. 15 Members were present.

Mrs. Curwen, the Chairman, told those present that our quota of £400 had been reached. She reported that the Women's Week Captains, Mrs. Lever and Miss Blohm, had raised a total of £264.00.

Election of Officers:-

	Chairman	-	Mrs. R. Curwen
	Treasurer	-	Miss E. Blohm
	Secretary	-	Mrs. S. Tobias
Cultural	Chairman	-	Mrs. M. Kushner

Committee:-

Mrs. G. Meyer	Mrs. H. Caplan
Mrs. K. Lever	Mrs. M. Goldman
Mrs. E. Gordon	

The following Meetings were arranged:-

Tuesday, 30th September	Mrs. S. Silverman, 36, Oakdale Court. Bring and Buy - 2.00 p.m.
Tuesday, 14th October	Mrs. R. Curwen, 77, Parry's Lane 10.30 a.m.
Tuesday, 28th October	Mrs. I. Springer, 63, High Street, Keynsham. 8.00 p.m.

Jumble Sale:-

The Autumn Jumble Sale has been arranged for Wednesday, 22nd. October.

Please remember the Bazaar to be held on Sunday, 23rd. November at the Synagogue Hall. Please start making your contributions now.

S. Tobias.  
(Hon. Sec.)

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A. J. E. X.

THE ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE PARADE for JEWISH EX-SERVICEMEN and WOMEN, will take place on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, on the HORSE GUARDS PARADE, LONDON.

The REVIEWING OFFICER will be ADMIRAL SIR EDWARD ASHMORE, G.C.G., D.S.C., A.D.C.

Rally and Reunion at the NEW VICTORIA THEATRE. Guest Speaker SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL, M.P. Tickets £2.00 and £1.50.

Tea provided at the SHOWBOAT RESTAURANT, THE STRAND, at 50p per head.

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Annual Remembrance Parade (continued)

TICKETS FOR THE TEA CANNOT BE PROVIDED WITHOUT PURCHASING A TICKET FOR THE RALLY.

All enquiries to MR. GERALD GEE, TEL:- 684013 by OCTOBER 20TH.

Mr. N. Smith  
The Bristol Jewish Recorder

9, Park Row,  
Bristol. BS1 5LP

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Dear Mr. Smith,

May I take this opportunity of thanking most sincerely Rev. Moddel, Mr. Bloom, Council Members and all other official organisations, including all Members of the Bristol Hebrew Congregation, for their very sincere messages of sympathy I received on the death of my dear Husband.

To have been treated as a friend, and not just as an employee, has most certainly helped to sustain and strengthen me.

We both shared very happy days here, and I now live with these memories.

I thank you also for your very kind wishes for my future.

Yours sincerely,

C.M. Smith (Mrs.)

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

A warm welcome to NEW MEMBERS:-

Mr. & Mrs. K. Stein of 4, Hobbs Hill Keovil, Wilts.

Mr. & Mrs. R.J. Rayner of 9, Blackmore Road, Melksham, Wilts.  
SN12 7HS.

We take this opportunity of greeting Mr. & Mrs. Stein and Mr. & Mrs. Rayner and look forward to meeting them at future Religious and Social occasions.

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Mrs. Jennie Dysch would like to thank the Rev. Moddel and all Members of the Community for their attendance at the Consecration of a Sefer Torah Mantle, in memory of her late Husband, Mr. Syd Dysch.

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Good wishes and a belated Happy New Year to Mr. G. Fine, who was recently transferred from Manor Park Hospital to the B.R.I. for an operation and is now recuperating at home.

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We regret the resignation of Mr. Bernard Chill of 39, Downs Park Road, Clifton, who has now left Bristol.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL (continued)

A hearty "Mazel Tov" to Mr. & Mrs. Alf Glick, who recently celebrated their PEARL Anniversary.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Larry Glick has now recovered from his bout of glandular fever, and is now in the U.S.A. on holiday.

Nice to see so many of the "Scas and Daughters" of the Community in School over the Tom Tovim, although many of them have families of their own now and no longer reside among us, we are always pleased to hear of their progress through the "Recorder".

We regret to announce the death of Miss Rosetta Cohen, Sister of Mr. Dave Cohen, at the age of 95. The L'voya took place on Monday, September 22nd., at the Ridgeway Cemetery.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Lily Blake (nee Winberg) has been admitted to Frenchay Hospital, and has undergone an operation. We send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Best wishes also to Mrs. Freda Winberg at present in Southmead Hospital for observation and tests. Greetings from all your friends Freda - hope they won't keep you too long.

We hear that Miss Clara Campbell is in Manor Park Hospital, and take this opportunity of sending her a late L'shona Tovah with our best wishes.

Mazel Tov to our new Members Linda and Keith Stein on the Birth of their son, Jonathan.

LIFE WITH THE LONDONERS (cautionary tale)

One large brown suitcase. There it was when I left to do my shopping. On my return, half an hour later, it was still there. In the gutter. Outside of the house. What could be in it? Jewels? Money perhaps - loot from a robbery? Important papers? A bomb--- A BOMB!!!

I flew into the house and dialled the police faster than greased lightning. I breathlessly told the Officer that somebody had better get to 57, Elms Lane, before there wasn't anything left of 57, Elms Lane to get to! (no advertising please Ed.) (Why should anyone want to plant a bomb outside OUR house? A good question. Perhaps our neighbours decided at last to do something about our failure to cut the front lawn). (I know the feeling Ed.)

After an eternity - at least an hour (was I platzing!), I opened the door to a very pleasant, brisk constable who waltzed past me into the lounge. "O.K. Miss, where is it then?", he enquired efficiently. I proceeded to lead this hawk-eyed budding Maigret back down the path, and pointed to the case which was bang in front of his carefully parked Panda car.

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# LIFE WITH THE LONDONERS (continued)

Slowly and gingerly he walked round the case, speaking rapidly all the while into his Bleep ( this being British Omnibus Company and technical and medical jargon for a Bleep) (This is too clever for words! Ed.)

I couldn't swear to it, but with the aid of my knowledge of lip reading (gained solely by my practice over the years of trying to understand what the ladies opposite in Shool are saying), he appeared to be saying " 'ello, 'ello, 'ello, what have we 'ere" (Oh really!! Ed.) At last, with bated breath he opened the case.....He raised his eyes uncertainly. We exchanged a meaningful glance. He shut the case firmly, nodded to me, and declared his intention of taking the object into custody, transferring it gingerly into the boot of his Panda car.

In three weeks and two days time, if I am lucky, and nobody lays prior claim, the case, and it's contents will be mine - all mine.....

One large battered brown suitcase (pre-war and I'm not sure WHICH war at that!), with it's contents of .....three rolls of dirty white wallpaper! What luck! What riches! What a shame!!

G.P.O.

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## THE JEWS AND EDUCATION - A SNIPPET OF HISTORY

The Chachem, the Sage, the Scholar. A figure revered amongst Jews through the ages, and exalted above princes, priests, wealth, power.....well, anything. Why should this be? Why should Leo Rosten be able to say of the Sage that "he stood atop the Jewish pyramid of respect"? The answer, of course, is not too difficult to grasp. The Sage stands as the symbol of the respect that Jews hold for learning. Not the rote learning of cheder and school (remember, the Melamed is often a derisory figure) but the pursuit of those special delicacies of truth and insight that are summed up in the word 'wisdom'. The Sage was, simply, the wise man.

This respect has manifested itself in many guises. The one we would all recognise today is the 'education as a meal-ticket to self-respect and material security' attitude, to fully appreciate which you certainly do have to be Jewish. (The proud mother introduces her newly born twins - "Chaim, the brain surgeon and Avrum the accountant!!!) But this can too easily be attributed to fears of rejection by the surrounding non-Jewish community. It does go very much deeper than that. Witness the persistence with which the tiniest community will maintain a cheder, and Rabbis in the past have forbidden Jews to live where no Hebrew teacher was available. In the darkest hours of Jewry, in the Ghetto Period of the Middle Ages, and "at a time when the overwhelming majority of mankind was illiterate," Leo Rosten tells us, "there was hardly a Jew over the age of five who could not read and write". And it goes further than this. The fervour with which the Jews pursued the educational ideal led to as great a sophistication in educational provision as the English have only just managed to achieve in the last 50 years, but as long ago as 70 C.E. at which time it has been recorded that Jewish communities commonly had established a tertiary system of education; this including universal and free elementary education; had institutionalised teacher-training; and mainly under the influence of Hillel had gone some way to offering free, comprehensive higher education. Some achievement for the so frequently persecuted minority, so often stripped to the barest resources for survival!

The answer is, I believe, that education and learning - Torah - is the very source of life for the Jews. The spirit to survive is coupled with the need to advance. Merely to live is not sufficient for the Jews who have also to be ALIVE!

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THE JEWS AND EDUCATION (continued)

And this they achieve through learning. And so that the world of learning is kept always within the reach of the whole community, that all can benefit from its radiance, the standard-bearer, the symbol is a 'folkemensch'. He is, once more, the Sage. He is not a professor or a politician. He is probably an artisan, a poor man, a dirty man, an itinerant. But his soul is the purest. Said Jose ben Joezer of Zerodah

"Let thy house be a meeting-house for the Sages, and sit in the dust at their feet and drink in their words with thirst."

He suspicious of the learned, he is the professional who teaches behind the closed doors of the cheder and who confines himself, moreover, to the education of the ignorant (the child). But welcome the Sage who is a man like yourself, living in your world, who has risen to the peaks of understanding from the same ledge upon which you are perched now.

The Sage is not unique to the Jewish culture. He is not unlike the Uddah, for example. But how unlike the communities amongst which we live now. The people who enjoy wealth, power, position and privilege would not recognise the Sage; would not bask in the warmth of understanding that comes when the mouth talks of the Chachem. The individual who raises his sword to defend himself would not understand the strength and security of a nation that has produced a Sage.

S.I.N.

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