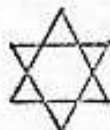


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Both Ladies' Organisations hold regular
meetings and functions throughout the year.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 5th November

Ladies Guild Meeting,
15, Chartley,
The Avenue, 10.30 a.m.

Thursday 6th November

B.Z.S. 8.00 p.m.
27, Reedley Road

Friday 7th - 9th November

B.U.J.A.I.S., Cardiff

Tuesday 11th November

W.I.Z.O. Meeting 2.00 p.m.
37, Long Eaton Drive

Sunday 16th November

A.J.E.X. Remembrance Parade

Tuesday 18th November

Council Meeting 8.00 p.m.

Thursday 20th November

B.Z.S. Annual General Meeting
32, Downs Park East. 8.00 p.m.

Sunday 23rd November

OPEN DAY and Sale of Work 3.00 p.m.

Sunday 23rd November

8 for 8. 58, Sunnymead, Nailsea

Tuesday 25th November

W.I.Z.O. Meeting 8.00 p.m.
27, Reedley Road

Sunday 30th November

Chanukah Service and Party 3.00 p.m.

Sunday 7th December

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 3.00 P.M.

P.T.O.

YAHREZEITS

Saturday November 15th.	Messrs. Myers Bros.	KISLEV 11
Friday November 21st.	Mrs. N. Silverman	KISLEV 17
Saturday November 18th.	Mr. M. Garcia	KISLEV 18
Wednesday November 22nd.	Messrs. Myers Bros.	KISLEV 22
Friday November 28th.	Mr. G. Geller	KISLEV 24

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

LOTTERY

This month's Lottery Prize has (again) been won by Miss J. Geller.

A.G.M.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HAS NOW BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL DECEMBER 7TH.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting will be on Tuesday November 18th, at 8.00 p.m.

TALMUD TORAH

There will be a Chanukah Service on Sunday, 30th November at 3.00 p.m., followed by a children's party at the Synagogue Hall.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

We understand that Mrs. B. Coburg is now resident at the Jewish Home for the Aged at Cardiff. We wish her good luck.

Our sincere condolences to Thelma and Sidney Malin on the loss of their darling Daughter, Rosalind. On behalf of the Community we wish them Long Life, and freedom from further troubles.

A rather belated farewell to Keith and Valerie Shaw and Family (see Life with the Londoners 2.), who have left us for pastures old. We wish them every happiness in their new home, and good wishes from their many friends.

Congratulations to more Ex-Bristolians Henry and Orah Steinberg on the birth of a Son on September 20th, and proud Grandparents Alf and Ann Steinberg (their first Grandchild), also Golda Steinberg of Haifa, who is now a Great Aunt.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL (continued)

Mazeltov to Marcia Gee on passing her Driving Test at the first attempt.

Sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to Rosina Smith who recently underwent an operation at St. Mary's Hospital.

Best wishes to Millie Roberts, whom we hear has been confined to bed with Sciatica. We hope to see her up and about soon.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Fay Fishman in Brighton, and take this opportunity of wishing Mr. Al Fishman and Family, Long Life, and freedom from further troubles.

We regret the resignation of Dr. Timothy David, who has left our midst to reside in Taunton.

Mr. Bill Shlesinger has recently been confined to bed. We trust that he is now feeling better, and back in harness.

Our Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Freda Winberg who is regrettably, back in Southmead Hospital, and has been operated on for a fractured hip. For the time being Freda is not allowed visitors.

Mrs. Lily Blake is now convalescing in Clevedon after a second operation. We hope that she will continue to make progress towards a complete recovery.

Mrs. Rosina Smith would like to thank all her Friends and Relatives for their cards and messages during her stay in Hospital.

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 will be WINSTON CHURCHILL, M.P. Tickets £2.00 and £1.50.

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

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

All enquiries to MR. GERALD GEE, Tel:- 684013.

Arrangements are being made among A.J.E.X. members to pool a number of cars for the trip to London on November 16th. If you would like a ride, or care to volunteer seats in your own car, please contact Gerald. A few members are travelling for the weekend, with their families. We hope to see them on parade.

CHARITY SHOP

Don't forget to visit Golda's Shop in North View. Many items for sale at Bargain Prices. Golda will also be pleased to receive anything you may care to donate in the way of goods, and is also willing to sell things for you on a commission basis. Don't forget Golda's Charity Shop (C.M. Lea) in North View. Tell your friends.

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BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

A well attended meeting took place on Monday evening, October 6th, at the home of Mrs. Gee.

The next meeting will be a Coffee Morning on Wednesday, November 5th, at 15, Chartley, The Avenue, Sneyd Park, at 10.30 a.m. The hostess will be Mrs. Roydon.

The Card Evening which took place on Sunday, October 12th, was very successful, both financially and socially, about £35 having been raised towards Guild Funds. Our thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Greenwood for so kindly having this at their home, also the two hostesses Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Greenwood for providing such enjoyable refreshments. Our thanks also to Mr. Greenwood and Mr. Nat Smith for all their help, and to everyone who supported this function and helped to make it a success, including our anonymous washer up, Mrs. Ruth Curwen.

Sunday, November 23rd.

Another reminder of the "Open Day" and Sale of Work being held at the Synagogue Hall at 3.00 p.m.

(see separate announcement)

Please make a special effort to come along and support us, as we want this to be a great financial success. You are invited to bring along friends and neighbours of other denominations, who will be very welcome.

C. Culank.
(Hon. Sec.)

The Bristol Jewish Women's Guild and Wizo

cordially invite you and your friends

to our "OPEN DAY" and SALE OF WORK

at the Synagogue Hall on Sunday, November 23rd,

at 3.00 p.m.

Miss Daphne Hubbard (Evening Post) has kindly
consented to perform the opening ceremony.

Various Stalls

Groceries, Cakes, Arts
and Crafts, Plants,
Fancy Goods, Bric-a-Brac.

Tea:

Refreshments

Lucky Dip etc., etc.

ADMISSION FREE!

PLEASE NOTE

All goods, with the exception of cakes, plants and garden produce, to be taken to the Synagogue Hall on Thursday evening, November 20th, at 7.30 p.m.

Cakes, plants, and perishable goods to be taken on day of Sale between 12 and 1.00 p.m.

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BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

A meeting was held on Tuesday 14th October in the home of Mrs. R. Curwen. 19 Members were present.

The Jumble Sale, held on Wednesday 22nd. October raised £78. Many thanks to Mrs. K. Lever and all her helpers for their hard work to make this such a financial success.

Please remember 23rd. November as the date of the Sale of Work to be held in the Synagogue Hall. Please make every effort to contribute to this event. There will be various stalls, e.g. cake, plant, bottle, bric-a-brac, etc. All contributions, however small, will be very much appreciated.

Many thanks to Mrs. R. Gould and Mrs. R. Curwen, who so ably organised the New Year Brochure. They raised £54 even though printing costs have greatly increased.

Would members please note that because of the rising costs for postage it may be necessary in the near future to stop sending postcards to notify members of meetings. If any member has any strong feelings either way would they please contact the Secretary.

Future Meetings:-

11th November at 2.00 p.m.

Mrs. M. Kushner, 37, Long Eaton Dr.

25th November at 8.00 p.m.

Mrs. K. Lever, 27, Reedley Road.

S. Tobias,
(Hon. Sec.)

LETTER FROM THE CITY ARCHIVIST TO MR. S. BLOOM, IN CONNECTION WITH
ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS NOW IN PROGRESS.

Dear Mr. Bloom,

Thank you for your enquiry concerning the history of the Bristol Jewry in the Wine Street area.

For background reading you may like to note that the Rev. M. Adler has written "The Jews of Bristol in Pre-Expulsion Days". This was printed in volume 12 of the Transactions of the Jewish Historical Society, pages 117-186, published in 1931, and there is a copy at the Reference Section of the Central Library. Admirable as this is, Mr. Adler did not consult local documentary sources which confirm every time that the Jewish residential area was always at the East end of Wine Street, that is, from sometime after 1066, until the expulsion of Jews in 1290. The location, outside the Norman walled town and close under the royal supervision of the Castle is, if course, significant. It should be added, however, that it was not occupied exclusively by Jews.

That the Bristol Jewry was never large is indicated by a survey of Jewish property taken in 1290 after the expulsion. This lists six houses, four of which were in Wine Street, one near the Castle and the sixth unlocated, and four vacant plots, including two in Wine Street. Of the six houses one was in need of repair and another was described as almost ruinous; two of the plots had been rebuilt by the Constable and were worth 25s. a year, which was high for the time.

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LETTER FROM THE CITY ARCHIVIST (continued)

One of the four houses in Wine Street was also the home of the synagogue or "Schole Judeorum", and it stood alongside the two vacant plots rebuilt by the Constable. This was burnt in anti-semitic riots in 1275. It was rebuilt by 1285 when it was held on lease from a non-Jewish lady. This house may well have also included the archa, or bonds office, which was burnt in anti-semitic riots of 1266. It is not clear whether the synagogue, and a great stone house called, in a deed of about 1240, the school near St. Peter's Church, were one and the same, for there also existed in the vicinity in the 12th and 13th centuries a "Domus Conversorum", which was a mission school for the conversion of Jews said to have been founded by Robert, Earl of Gloucester and Robert Fitz Harding. Tradition locates one or other on a corner of Church Lane and Narrow Wine Street, but there is no documentary evidence, so that all hopes now are pinned on the archaeologists. Out of curiosity may I ask whether you think it likely that the "Schole Judeorum" and the "Domus Conversorum" could have been located in the same building?

I hope these notes are helpful. In writing them I must acknowledge the information supplied by Mrs. Frances Neale, who is engaged on a full scale research project into the medieval topography of Bristol, the result of which will be published, in a single volume, by the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society.

BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY

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The Bristol Zionist Society starts a new season wishing everyone a happy, and above all, peaceful, New Year.

The Committee has been hard at work drafting a programme which it is hoped will have appeal in some part to everyone interested in Israel. As always, please feel quite free to join us at any meeting; there is no obligation at all to join the Society, ANYBODY is most welcome without prior notice.

Thursday, 6th November 1975 at 8.00 p.m.

Hayam Corney, Editor of the troubled and most controversial magazine, The Jewish Observer and Middle East Review, has most kindly agreed to come to Bristol to talk to us about an area in which several members of the Society have expressed an interest recently. I am sure that a lively discussion will be held and ALL are urged to give publicity to this meeting amongst friends and associates. We are often critical of our information sources and services and I am certain this will be a valuable evening. Mr. Corney's talk will be entitled:-

"The Jewish World"

KATE AND ERNEST LEVER, 27, REEDLEY ROAD, STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL 9.

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BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY (continued)

Thursday, 20th November at 8.00 p.m. A.G.M.

This is a most important evening for the future of the Society. Nominations for the incoming Committee are welcomed at any time up to and including the meeting; and resolutions will be accepted from the floor. PLEASE CONSIDER standing for the Committee; please COME and voice your opinion. There will also be a NEW FILM from ISRAEL.

HILARY AND ARCHIE KAY: 32, DOWNS PARK EAST, (off NORTH VIEW), HENLEAZE, BRISTOL 9.

IVRIT & ALIYAH: We hope to run an IVEIT CLASS using the latest AUDIO method from Israel. The cost will be minimal, the class small but dedicated. CONTACT THE SECRETARY or our NEW ALIYAH OFFICER on the COMMITTEE Dr. Gerry Fraser.

BOOKS: We have a good collection of books and pamphlets on various topics including ALIYAH: HISTORY OF ISRAEL: JEWISH HISTORY: PALESTINE: ARAB PROPAGANDA: from the Ministry of Information Jerusalem, from Len Hart, who kindly donated a quantity of material to the Society, and from other sources. Contact the Secretary.

B.U.J.I.S. The Bristol University Jewish and Israel Society is affiliated to the B.Z.S. and a member of their Committee is also on that of the Zionist Society. Reciprocal arrangements are in force so members of B.Z.S. may attend any B.U.J.I.S. function in the UNION or elsewhere.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY JEWISH AND ISRAEL SOCIETY

NOVEMBER

Thursday 6th N.Z.S. meeting. Hyam Corney, Editor of Jewish Observer and Middle East Review will talk and lead a discussion on "The Jewish World" at Kate and Ernest Lever's, 27, Reedley Road, Stoke Bishop, BS 9.

8.00 p.m.

Friday 7th to Cardiff Weekend School. Theme: "Jewish Exorcism and Sunday 9th Mysticism".

LIFE WITH THE LONDONERS Part 2

If you hear about the 'Gypsies of Croyley Green' that is us! Life is very difficult although the children have both settled happily in their schools.

Keith and I spent a whole week painting and decorating. There is no hot water, so washing is difficult, and the front and back gardens resemble the Lawrence Weston tip, when the refuse collectors were on strike.

We have had a wasps' nest in the dining room and Neil shut himself in his bedroom. That was O.K. except there was no handle on the door. We are still living in the caravan, which is parked in front of the garage together with our two cars - on the front lawn - but luckily it is not too hot as there is no fridge.

I must return to scrubbing the floor boards before all impetus finally leaves me. I THINK I am still sane. Whether or not I stay that way remains to be seen.

All good wishes and love from

Valerie Shaw.

Continued.....P.T.O.

The foregoing was an extract from a long letter received from Valerie Shaw, who has moved to London with her family.

MESSAGE FOR CHANUKAH 1975/5736

When Nature seems to be darkened by the cold Winter season the Jewish People are celebrating the Festival of Chanukah. We are familiar with the historical background of this Festival which Jews are celebrating for over twenty-one centuries. It brings back to our mind how ruthless Antiochus Epiphanes, the ruler of the Syrians desecrated the Temple and forced the Jewish People to abandon their religion by worshipping to the Greek gods and how Judah, the Maccabees triumphantly defeated the mighty army of the enemy and finally how one cruse of oil miraculously lasted for eight days. We are always thrilled with the dramatic account of the struggles and the victories of the Maccabees.

This brings us to the question which our Rabbis are asking in the Talmud. MAI CHANUKAH? What is Chanukah? Why do we celebrate the miracle of the lights and not the heroic victories of the Maccabees? Because the battles of the Maccabees were not for the purpose of conquering territories, but to fight for the preserving of the ideals of Judaism. We are saying that history repeats itself. It is a coincidence that it is again the Syrians who have become the troublemakers with the purpose to undermine the peace arrangements in the Middle East. The Nations of the world will have to learn that the State of Israel can't be isolated by Anti-Zionist conviction as a new type of Anti-semitism or by any other type of condemnation. They will have to realise that Israel is a land which has been promised already to the Jewish People by Divine mission to Abraham.

The Chanukahlights which we are kindling in our Synagogues and in our homes will give a testimony to the Nations that the world can't be ruled by chaotic terrorist actions, but by the illumination of the spirit of the teaching of Judaism for the freedom of Religion and freedom of humanity. Our Chanukah message goes out to our brethren in Soviet Russia and those Jews who are living in the Arab States to appeal to the authorities to give the Jewish People the full freedom for observing their Jewish Religion and also to give them their freedom to emigrate to Israel or to any other part of the world to be re-united with their families. This will be the great miracle of Chanukah in our time. It will be fulfilled what we are saying in the AL HANISIM prayer.

"UL'AMCHA YISRAEL ASITA T'SHUAH G'DOLAH UFARKAN K'HAYOM HAZE"

"And for Thy People Israel thou didst work a great deliverance and redemption as at this day".

WITH CHAG SAMEYACH

Rev. & Mrs. Modell,
Susan and Sidney.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTICES

Members of the Congregation are reminded that the Festival of Chanukah will be celebrated from Saturday, 29th November until Saturday, 6th December.

The first Chanukahlight should be kindled on Friday, 28th November at 3.30 p.m. before the Sabbathlights.
