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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. Modell,
66, Harcourt Road,
Bristol 5.

Tel:- 40515

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. K. Balint-Kurti,
42, Kewstoke Road,
Bristol 9. Tel:- 681714

Bristol Jewish Ladies' Guild:-

Hon. Sec. Mrs. C. Culank,
113, Nags Head Hill,
St. George,
Bristol 5.

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 6th January

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

Thursday 8th January

B.Z.S. 8.00 p.m.
66a, Hill View, Henleaze.

Monday 12th January

Ladies Guild 2.00 p.m.
59, The Dell.

Tuesday 20th January

W.I.Z.O. Meeting 8.00 p.m.
20 Downs Cote Avenue.

Wednesday 21st January

Council Meeting 8.00 p.m.

Thursday 22nd. January

B.Z.S. 8.00 p.m.
The Little House, The Ridgeway.

Sunday 25th January

Ladies Guild and W.I.Z.O.
Sherman Hall, Cardiff. 2.45 p.m.

YAHRTZEITS

Thursday 1st. January	Mr. N. Smith	TEVETH 28
Saturday 3rd. January	Mr. S. Bloom	SHEVAT 1
Tuesday 6th January	Messrs. C. Epstein, A. Glick, G. Cole, Dr. G. Culank	SHEVAT 4
Wednesday 7th January	Mr. M. Zimmerman	SHEVAT 5
Friday 15th January	Mr. M. Zimmerman	SHEVAT 14
Tuesday 20th January	Mr. P. Winberg	SHEVAT 18
Thursday 22nd January	Mesdames Lazarus Sisters	SHEVAT 20
Friday 23rd January	Mr. S. Silverman	SHEVAT 21
Saturday 24th January	Dr. H.I. Howard	SHEVAT 22
Tuesday 27th January	Family of Mr. A.E. Old	SHEVAT 25
Wednesday 28th January	Mesdames Lazarus Sisters	SHEVAT 26
Thursday 29th January	Mrs. Coburg	SHEVAT 27
Sunday 1st February	Mesdames Lazarus Sisters	ADAR 1

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 NOTES

A.G.M.

At the Annual General Meeting held on December 7th, Mr. L. Gould was elected unanimously to become a Life Member of Council in recognition of his long service to the Bristol Hebrew Congregation.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday January 21st, at 8.00 p.m.

LOTTERY

The December £5 Lottery Prize was won by Mr. E. Lever.

The half-yearly £50 prize was won by Mrs. R. Gould.

TALMUD TORAH

Classes will resume on January 11th, 1976.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Our Best Wishes to Mr. Gershon Fine, who is now a resident of the Jewish Old Age home, Penylan, Cardiff.

Mazel tov to the parents of Eve Levy who recently celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION

On December 7th, 1975, I was elected as President of the Bristol Hebrew Congregation and I feel honoured that once again you have placed your trust in me.

On December 13th, there was no minyan at Sabbath morning service and on December 20th, there was a minyan only after the completion of the token reading of the Law from the Chumash. So I find myself a President, but without a Congregation. I assume it is the wish of members to have a congregation, otherwise why have a Minister, President, Vice-President, officers and council. But the congregation and, in fact, whole structure of the Orthodox community in Bristol will only survive if more members (and these do exist) will make a point of attending, at least, Sabbath morning service and, if not, Service on Friday evenings.

May I remind you that the Reading of the Law commences at about 10.15 a.m. and that the service lasts roughly an hour and a quarter from that time. Until we have a minyan, we cannot take a Sefer from the Ark. I mention this for the benefit of those members who feel that they are doing their duty if they arrive at the Synagogue at 10.45 or 11 a.m. While it is realised that some youngsters have to attend school on Saturday mornings, this does not apply in school holidays. Furthermore there are many children who attend the Talmud Torah, who could come to Services if they were brought there by one of their parents - or even are old enough to come alone. As a teacher in the Talmud Torah, I am appalled by the variety of occupations in which the children (the future Bristol Hebrew Congregation) are engaged on Sabbath mornings.

Now, please do not get the impression that it is my wish to dictate to families where their duty lies, but as your President, I should be failing in my duty (for which you elected me) if I did not point out the hard truth that the time for make-belief is fast coming to an end. Either you want a congregation or you do not. I hope that at the completion of my year of office I will be able to report a resurgence of interest in the religion which has ensured our survival and without which, even in its most token form, Judaism will lapse into oblivion.

Sydney Curwen.

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BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

An evening meeting took place on Monday, December 1st, at 11, Glen Drive. The Hostess was Mrs. Goldman.

The next meeting will be a Bring & Buy on Monday afternoon, January 12th, 2.00p.m. at 59, The Dell. The Hostess will be Mrs. Seymour.

An invitation has been received from the Cardiff Ladies' Guild and Women's Mizrahi Group, for members of our Guild and Wizo to visit Cardiff on Sunday afternoon, January 25th, to meet Mrs. Amelie Jacobovits, the wife of the Chief Rabbi.

Mrs. Jacobovits has expressed the wish to meet as many ladies as possible from the Cardiff and surrounding Jewish communities.

The meeting will take place at the Sherman Hall, Penylan, commencing at 2.45p.m. prompt (doors will close at 3.00 p.m.), followed by a Tea given by the Cardiff Groups. Admission by ticket only - price of tickets 50p. (There will be no appeal, nor fund-raising).

If any ladies would like tickets for this, would you please telephone our Chairman, Mrs. Caplan, Tel:- 684260, or Secretary, Mrs. Culank, Tel:- 673725, immediately, as the organisers would like to know the numbers attending as soon as possible, in order to know for how many to cater for the Tea.

C. Culank.
(Hon. Sec.)

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

A Tupperware demonstration was held on Tuesday, 25th November at the home of Mrs. K. Lever. £6.00 was raised for our funds.

A morning meeting was held on Tuesday, 9th December at the home of Mrs. R. Curwen. Mrs. R. Gould has very kindly made a donation to the Group's funds.

Future Meetings:

Tuesday, 6th January at 8.00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. M. Goldman, 11, Glen Drive.

Tuesday, 20th January at 8.00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. R. Gold, 20 Downs Cote Avenue.

Postcards will not be sent out this month, so please put these dates in your diary.

Sheila Tobias
(Hon. Sec.)

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BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY

Programme:- January - February 1976

THURSDAY, 8TH JANUARY AT 8.00 P.M.

BARBARA MILLER, Organising Secretary of the British Aliya Movement, will speak on "PROSPECTS FOR ALIYA". Please note that Barbara will come to Bristol in the afternoon and would be available to would-be emigrants at Ruth Curwen's, 77, Parry's Lane until 7.30 p.m. She will speak at ARNOLD and EVE LEVIN'S, 66a, HILL VIEW, HENLEAZE.

THURSDAY, 22ND. JANUARY AT 8.00 P.M.

A debate will be held on the motion: "That Religion Should Play no Part in the Government of Israel". The proposer will be DR. HENRY HOWARD (General Practitioner) who will be opposed by MR. ROBERT REINER (Lecturer in the Department of Sociology, Bristol University) at RONNIE and AGGIE GREENBAUM, THE LITTLE HOUSE, THE RIDGEWAY (off Falcondale Road), WESTBURY-ON-TRYM.

THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY AT 8.00 P.M.

We will have as our guest speaker NORMAN MORRIS, Executive Secretary of the British Zionist Federation, who will address us on "ZIONISM AND THE UNITED NATIONS" at ARNOLD and AUDRY GREENWOOD, 6 CHARDSTOCK AVENUE, BRISTOL 9.

THURSDAY 26TH. FEBRUARY AT 8.00 P.M.

During August last year, TED and JOY JACOBS attended a seminar in Israel under the auspices of the British Aliya Movement. They travelled the length and breadth of Israel: from Metualla in Northern Galilee to Yamit in Sinai, from Tel Aviv in Sharon to Hericho in the West Bank - and, of course, - Jerusalem. Their impressions are recorded on slides with a tape commentary, which they call "Two Pairs of Eyes". Ted is a Jew, Joy is a Christian - hence the title. Produce with the view of presentation to Jewish and non-Jewish audiences, it lasts two hours, but they hope you won't be bored!, at THE SYNAGOGUE HALL, PARK ROW, BRISTOL 1 (opposite National Car Park).

IVRIT CLASSES

The first Ivrit class will be held at DR. GERRY FRAZER'S, 48 Russell Grove, HENLEAZE. (Phone:- 421693) on Wednesday, January 14th at 8.00 p.m. Everyone interested will be welcome to attend.

Committee:- (1975/6)

Chairman:- Mrs. Ruth Curwen, 77, Parry's Lane, Bristol 9. (Phone 683033)
Secretary:- Mr. Archie Kay, 32, Downs Park East, Bristol 6. (Phone 624276)
Treasurer:- Mr. Arnold Greenwood, 6, Chardstock Avenue, Bristol 9. (Phone 683954)
Aliyah Officer:- Dr. Gerry Fisher, 48, Russell Grove, Henleaze, Bristol 6.
Committee:- Dr. Joe Gerratt; Mr. Arnold Levin; Mr. Robert Reiner.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

These are now due for the coming year. The cost is a mere £1.50 per member. Considering postage costs (not to mention the services provided) CHEAP at the price! STUDENTS in full time education pay ONLY 25p per year. PLEASE send to Arnold Greenwood, Treasurer, or pay at a meeting.

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The following is a report printed in the Jewish Chronicle, December 26th.

BRISTOL'S S.O.S. FOR FUNDS

A "Save our Synagogue" campaign has been launched by the Bristol Hebrew Congregation to raise much needed funds.

Under the Chairmanship of Mr. Isaac Kushner, assisted by the Treasurer, Mr. Arnold Greenwood and a committee, an "S.O.S." buffet and ball held at the Clifton Suite, Arnes Court Hotel, Bristol raised over £900.

A brochure containing a history of the Jews of Bristol from 1100 to the present day - researched and written by Mr. Alex Schlesinger - contributed considerably to the funds raised.

By way of comment on the above, without detracting from the magnificent effort and hard work involved, it should be pointed out that this is a "drop in the bucket" in relation to our future financial problems. The campaign is not over, and will continue in one form or another. All concerned hope that future efforts will be as well supported.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Bristol Hebrew Congregation held on Sunday December 7th, at the Synagogue, Park Row, the following were elected to Office:

Hon. Officers

PRESIDENT	Dr. S. Curwen O.B.E.
VICE PRESIDENT	S. Silverman Esq.
HON. TREASURER	A. Greenwood Esq.
HON. SECRETARY	A. Tobias Esq.

Committee

Messrs. A.E. Morris and L. Gould (Life Members).
Mr. S. Nirenberg (Ex-officio Chevra Kedusha), Dr. R. Greenbaum (Ex-officio Talmud Torah). Mrs. J. Dysch. Messrs. S. Bloom, I. Kushner, A. Gordon, G. Gee, C. Berkovitch, N. Smith, R. Emmanuel, A. Holt, H. Seymour, D. Goldman.

Hon. Auditors

Messrs. E. Lever and L. Caplan

Hon. Trustees

Messrs. A.W. Morris, S. Bloom, H. Seymour

Representative to the Board of Deputies

Mr. M. Malin

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12, Great Brookeridge,
Westbury-on-Trym.

Hi folks!

Having just spent a wonderful fortnight in America, it is interesting to look back and see how it all started.

Just over a year ago, I plucked up courage to audition for the 'small choir' - the entrepiece of the Fairfield School choirs. I was accepted, never dreaming what this would lead to.

Our music teacher, who had spent the previous year at Hall High School, West Hartford, Connecticut on an exchange, had put out feelers for an exchange of music students between our two schools. In April 1975, the superb Jazz Band, complete with dancers and singers, spent three days in Bristol, performing with us.

After many months of rehearsing eight times a week and doing concerts to raise money for the return visit, October 18th eventually arrived, along with frenzied last-minute shopping and packing.

Arriving in London by coach very early in the morning, we boarded the plane for New York, but due to hitches at the airport we did not get into the beds provided for us by Hall High students until 6 o'clock the following morning, English time.

Work began early! That same morning, after only six hours' sleep, we appeared in our first concert, and this set the pace for the next fortnight - nineteen appearances in fourteen days. During this time I got to know the two families with whom I stayed - incidentally both Jewish - and took part in life at High Hall - a huge, bewildering, gleaming building, with an auditorium to seat 900, a studio for recording video tapes, a television in each room, and an abundance of superb equipment. Every day was packed full with concerts and visits to places like Mark Twain's house and New Haven to see Yale University. There was non-stop entertainment for us; a pizza party, a make-your-own-sundae party, a swimming party, 10-pin bowling, a jazz concert and many others.

Too soon the last day came and we sadly waved goodbye to all our friends who had come to see us off. However, this was not the last we would see of America, for our next stop was New York. This was one of the most exciting days of the visit. We saw Central Park (from the outside!), the MET., the Empire State Building, the U.N. Building and Broadway.

That evening we boarded the plane for home and with the Statue of Liberty receding in the distance, we said goodbyeto America, taking with us memories to last a lifetime.

Terry Burke.
