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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. Mendel,  
65, Harcourt Road,  
Bristol 6.

Tel:- 40515

#### Hon. Sec.

Mr. A. Tobias,  
23, Pentland Ave,  
Chiltern Park,  
Thornbury,  
BRISTOL.

#### Talmud Torah Classes:- Sunday Mornings

10.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

Hon. Sec. Mrs. K. Balint-Kurti,  
42, Chewstock Road,  
Bristol 9. Tel:- 681714

#### Bristol Jewish Ladies Guild:-

Hon. Sec. Mrs. H. Springer,  
63, High Street,  
Keynsham,  
Bristol.

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

Hon. Sec. Mrs. S. Tobias,  
23, Pentland Ave,  
Chiltern Park,  
Thornbury,  
Bristol. Tel:- 93412831

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

## FOR YOUR DIARY .....

### Monday, 15th August

Council Meeting 8.00 p.m.

### Sunday, 29th August

S.O.S. Barbeque 8.00 p.m.  
8, Chardstock Avenue

### Sunday, 5th September

Talmud Torah commences

### Monday, 6th September

Ladies Guild Opening Meeting  
18, Belgrave Road 8.00 p.m.

### Tuesday, 14th September

W.I.Z.O. A.G.M. 8.00 p.m.  
Synagogue Hall

# Yahrzeits

Friday July 30th	Mrs. N. Silverman	AV 3
Thursday August 5th	Mrs. G. Meyers	AV 9
Sunday August 8th	Mr. A. Glass	AV 12
Wednesday August 12th	Dr. G. Culank	AV 15
Monday August 16th	Mr. F. Cohen	AV 20
Tuesday August 17th	Mr. P. Winberg	AV 21
Thursday September 2nd	Mrs. Meisbiser	ELLUL 7

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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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## COMMUNAL NOTICES

### COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting will take place on Monday, August 16th, at 8.00 p.m.

### LOTTERY

This month's Lottery Prize was won by Mr. J. Charles.

Councillor Mrs. H. Bloom has kindly donated £10 out of the Lottery Prize to Shul funds.

The £50 bi-annual prize was won by Councillor Mrs. H. Bloom.

### TALMUD TORAH

Classes will re-start on Sunday September 5th at 10.00 a.m.

### FAST OF AV

Members are reminded that the Fast of AV will be observed on Thursday, 5th, August 1976.

A service will be held in the Synagogue on Wednesday evening, 4th August, 1976 at 9.00 p.m., when the Book of Lamentations will be read after the Maariv Service.

The Fast commences on Wednesday evening at 8.50 p.m. and terminates on Thursday night at 9.45 p.m.

Rev. M. Modell.

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COMMUNAL NOTICES (continued)

Dear Readers,

As one of the Editors of the "Recorder", I have always felt that it would appear to be taking an unfair advantage to express my opinion, either personally, or editorially, through it's pages.

However, as a Member of the Community, I need have no such "hang up" and it is in this capacity that I write to the "Recorder".

Many fears have been expressed over the years as to the future of this Community, from points of view Religious, Social, Financial and what-have-you. It is possible, not only to quote you exhortations from Ministers and Presidents past, through the pages of the Recorder of a quarter of a century ago, but probably, through the recorded Minutes of the Council and General Meetings of 60 years ago and the themes would be much the same.

Aha! you may think, but we're still here. The Shool is still there. We have a President, a Minister, a Council, a Talmud Torah, a Ladies Guild, a W.I.Z.O., et al-we pays our money and we takes our choice! Somebody is keeping things going. NOT necessarily so!! It is time that voices were heard. Somewhere out there is the general body of the Community. I would like to "hear" those voices, through the pages of the "Recorder", expressing opinion, criticism, ideas and suggestions. Let it BE controversial if you like, but lets start the "dialogue" NOW - before it's too late.

N.H.B.

LETTER FROM MR. D. COHEN

Dear Nat,

I would be gratefull if you would publish the enclosed letter in your next issue of the Recorder.

On Sunday July 11th., I was notified in your July Recorder, that my Tombstone Setting was taking place. I am the oldest member of the congregation but I am sorry to say I was the only one in attendance for the setting of my Dear Sister.

As a member of the congregation it does not show respect and I am disgusted and it's a shame on the Bristol Jewish Community as I deserve better than this.

I am sorry I used to attend Services at Shool on a Sabbath but as I have reached the grand age of 82 years I am unable to do so of late but there was barely a minyan only when there was a Barmitzvah and then they all attended.

In conclusion I would like to thank Mr. Nirenberg for being so kind and helpful to me and also the Minister.

I remain,  
Yours Sincerely  
David Cohen

98, Northville Rd,  
Bristol BS7 0RL

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COMMUNAL NOTICES (continued)

TO THE CONGREGATION,

What is the matter with you? Apathy is not the name of the game.

Its always easy for someone else to talk, or in this case write.

Since I moved to this area, and joined the orthodox Synagogue I have been surprised by the attitude of the Jewish people here.

We, as a family are not orthodox in the strict sense, but do try to maintain certain standards. I would have thought that as a small community most of you would have wanted to keep up a Jewish atmosphere. The least of all families could do is try to keep Judaism going, by keeping the Synagogue services alive. There is rarely a minyon on Saturday morning. Do the men require a financial incentive or the compulsion of a rota system? When there is a Ladies Guild function for the Synagogue there are more than enough men to form a minyon. Why, if they can go to that and presumably, happily give their time and money, can't they go to Shool in the same way? Does it make everyone feel better because they have given to the funds that shabbat can be swept under the carpet for all but a very few.

The Synagogue needs attention constantly not now and then. The amount that is raised by the Ladies Guild or Good as New, is not nearly sufficient. Where do you think the money is coming from? Next year the subscriptions will probably have to be raised, but not even that will pay the bills. Last year a dance raised a large amount, enough to keep those subs down, but that has to be done on a yearly basis. Unfortunately some like boycotting. Why, when its for the good of all?

There is always a handful of people who will help and do what they can regardless as to time and frustration, but in a small community like this there is something for everyone. Those families that have been here for some time should by only too pleased with new help to maintain the Community, instead of saying "let them get on with it I've done enough". No one has ever done enough no matter what age.

The other day I had an irate woman phone complaining about the state of the fence and garden in Harcourt Road. Presumably most Jews have come across Anti-semitism. Although she didn't appear to be Anti. I was very conscious that I was a Jew and that she was complaining about a house owned by the Community. I went to see if she was exaggerating. She wasn't. The front fence was falling down. The back and front gardens were like a jungle. It is an excellent way to give us a bad name. Property has to be looked after. It should not be necessary for a neighbour to complain. Had anyone bothered to check that it was tidy? The work had to wait, without wasting time I repaired the rotting fence and made a start clearing the garden.

I don't want a putty medal, perhaps I am as guilty as the rest of you in not putting myself out to help a little more. I was once told I was in this world for a purpose. If I am so are you. Why can't we find a little more enthusiasm and pleasure in keeping Judaism alive here?, so that our children will have something to hang on to as they grow up. Why is it that rot and depression has set in? The Community needs all our help as much as Israel does, perhaps more as we seem to lack the spirit of the Israelites.

Audrey Greenwood.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

A hearty Mazeltov to Mike and Berta Sacof who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They were married in the Bristol Synagogue in July 1926. Mrs. Sacof's Parents were married there in 1896 and her Daughter married there in 1949. This is, as far as we know, a record in Bristol Jewish family life. Mike was born in Bristol and with his family, manufactured and traded here over a very long period. "Bert" was active at a very early age within the Community and was for a time organising Secretary of the Jewish Literary and Debating Society, war services etc, etc.

Later she ventured into the sphere of public service, being a City Councillor and amongst Committee work, served for 25 years on Bristol Education Committee. In 1951 she became the first person for many generations to become a Magistrate when honoured with the Appointment of Justice of the Peace. She continues to act as Manager and Governor (sometimes Chairman) of many Educational bodies within Avon, supported by the patience and understanding of her husband, Mike.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Anne Nirenberg has been unwell and confined to her bed for a time. However, at time of going to press, we learn she is much recovered and "out and about".

Mrs. Rosina Smith, in (and out) of Hospital (twice), last month is now thankfully back home and feeling a little better. Rosina thanks all her relatives and friends for their visits, kind thoughts and practical help during what has been a very trying period.

A "Wish You Better" greeting to Mrs. Rene Davidson, who recent indisposition incurred some rather unpleasant Hospital tests. We are pleased to report that she is responding well to treatment and is NOT being taken out of circulation!

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Annie Mason, Sister of Hetty and Clara Cambell, who passed away suddenly at the Jewish Old Age Home, Penylan. We wish Hetty, Clara and Family "Long Life" and freedom from further troubles. L'voya took place on Tuesday July 27th, at Ridgeway Cemetery.

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S. O. S.

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BANK HOLIDAY BUIKE AND BANGER  
BARBEQUE

at

AUDREY'S RESTAURANT

6, CHARDSTOCK AVENUE

on

SUNDAY AUGUST 29TH, AROUND 8.00 P.M.

LITTLE PEOPLE 75p

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S. O. S.

Well, we had our evening at the Tobias Mansion and may I say that all who attended had an enjoyable evening in very pleasant surroundings. The pity was, that apart from the regulars and those members who could not attend, Sheila and Angela had to go to all that expense and trouble for the few that came. May I reveal that in Council Meetings, we have been concerned that the Congregation is socially, as well as religiously moribund. Here was an occasion when the S.O.S. were trying to inject some social life into the Community and we met with all sorts of reasons for not attending. The fact that the Ladies Guild was having an affair the following week, was just an excuse, because that also was not a success. Now we have cancelled a boat trip that we planned to have, and are concentrating on a Barbeque. PLEASE attend. You will have a GUARANTEED good evening, good food, good company and good value for money.

I. Kushner.

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#### BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

The Social Evening which took place at the Synagogue Hall on Sunday, July 4th, was enjoyed by everyone, over £47 having been raised towards Guild funds.

Our grateful thanks to all who contributed to this and made such delicious cakes, sandwiches, etc., also to those who worked so hard to make this such a successful function.

A special "Thank-you" to the Burke family who gave us such a delightful entertainment, which greatly enhanced the enjoyment of the evening.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Guild took place on Monday evening July 12th, at the Synagogue Committee Room.

The Chairman, Mrs. Caplan expressed the regret of all the members that our President, Mrs. Sacof was unfortunately unable to be with us. Mrs. Sacof did, however, send a message congratulating the members on their excellent achievements during the past year and wishing the Guild every success for the coming year.

Mrs. Caplan, in her report, thanked her Officers, Committee and Members for their loyal support and hard work during her term of office.

The Secretary, Mrs. Culank, reported on the year's activities, after which the Treasurer, Mrs. Rosenberg, presented her Balance Sheet.

#### Guild allocations to Charities for 1975/6 agreed as follows:-

	£
Cardiff Home for the Aged	75.00
Jewish Blind Society	10.00
Bristol Old People's Welfare	5.00
Cancer Research	5.00
Save the Children Fund	3.00

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BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD (continued)

Election of Officers and Committee as follows:-

President	-	Mrs. G. Saco
Vice- Presidents	-	Mrs. G. Roydon Mrs. J. Dysch Mrs. B. Glick
Chairman	-	Mrs. A. Handel
Secretary	-	Mrs. Springer
Treasurer	-	Mrs. M. Gee
Committee	-	Mrs. M. Goldman Mrs. M. Roberts Mrs. S. Silverman Mrs. R. Rosenberg Mrs. R. Curwen (representing W.I.Z.O.) Mrs. H. Caplan (ex officio)

A vote of thanks was given by the Vice-President Mrs. Dysch, on behalf of all the members, to the retiring Chairman, Mrs. Caplan, for the efficient way she had carried out her duties whilst in office.

Votes of thanks were also given to the retiring Secretary, Mrs. Culank, and the retiring Treasurer, Mrs. Rosenberg, for their good and efficient work during their terms of office.

The opening meeting of the new Season will take place on Monday evening, 6th, September, at the home of Mrs. Dysch, 18, Belgrave Road, Clifton, at 8.00 p.m. We look forward to seeing all our members, also to welcoming new members, with new ideas etc.

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BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

A Sherry Morning was held on Sunday 13th June at the home of Mr. & Mrs. C. Berkovitch. This was a most successful function both socially and financially. £20.00 was raised for our funds. Many thanks to Colin and Irene for their hospitality. An Evening Meeting was held on Tuesday, 29th June. This was the last meeting of the season.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th, September at 8.00 p.m. in the Synagogue Hall. Please put this date in your diary now!

Sheila Tobias.  
Hon. Sec.

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JEWISH WOMEN'S WEEK

Jewish Women's Week this year raised £254.00. May we express our appreciation for the response to our appeal.

Min Kushner - Captain  
Marcia Gee - Vice Captain

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