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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 6.
Tel:- 40615

Talmud Torah Classes:- Sunday Mornings.

10.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

Hon. Sec. Mrs. K. Balint-Kurti,
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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,
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Chiltern Park,
Thornbury,
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Both Ladies Organisations hold regular meetings and
functions throughout the year.

FOR YOUR DIARY -----

Sunday, 5th September.

Talmud Torah commences.

Monday, 6th September.

Ladies Guild Opening Meeting

18 Belgrave Road.

Tuesday, 14th September.

W.I.Z.O. A.G.M. 8.p.m.

Tuesday, 21st September.

Council Meeting 8.p.m.

Friday, 24th September

Erev Yom Tov.

Evening Service 7.p.m.

Saturday, 25th September

ROSH HASHANAH FIRST DAY.

Sunday, 26th September

ROSH HASHANAH SECOND DAY.

YAHZIZITES

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Thursday September 2nd.	Mrs. B.Meisbiser	ELLUL 7
Monday September 6th.	Dr. H.I.Howard	ELLUL 11
Wednesday September 15th	Miss H.Campbell	ELLUL 20
Saturday September 25th	Mr. L.Dembo	TISHRI I (Rosh Hashanah)
Sunday October 3rd.	Mrs. C.Culank	TISHRI 9
Monday October 4th	Messrs. Garcia Bros.	TISHRI 10

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

It was not so long ago that my feelings as to the apathy of the Community were the same as Mrs. Greenwood's, but at least I tried physically to bring a revival back. It is much easier to write a letter than to go to Shul. This situation has repeated itself over the twenty years that I have personally been in Bristol. Communities are led by a person or persons, and the leaders are the only incentive to bringing the Community back to life.

: If others feel as strongly as I am sure Mrs. Greenwood does, I would suggest that they should be given the opportunity to state whether or not they want to be part of a Religious Community, and the only way one can establish this is by asking each and every one for a show of hands, or a note as to whether they wish to take part. It is useless and aggravating to read every now and again an individuals version of our ability to maintain our Community. It would be very nice once and for all for EVERYBODY interested to get together and decide how to do it. Then we would know if it is worthwhile - if it is not, then put a lock on the door and throw away the key.

I am personally a part and acting member, also Treasurer of the Chevra Kaddisha, there are three or four other Officers and quite a number of workers, our duties are mapped out and connected to a leader, this leader is the guide when the work is to be done, he organise's us and we all follow. WHY can't this be the same in our Community. It should be easier to deal with the living than the dead.

So come forward all you moaners and groaners and those who sit back so complacently. Let our leaders arrange a date for us all to get together in our BEAUTIFUL Synagogue and thrash this out once and for all.

Henry Springer

Continued.....

Dear Editor,

I am pleased to see that at last there are a few people in the Congregation who are getting upset and annoyed about the state of the Ministers house and the Congregation in general.

My own interest is mainly in the Shul attendance, and I would like to hear from a few members on their view of increasing attendances on Saturday mornings.

Many people have brilliant ideas but are never willing to let me or other members of the Council know just what they are.

I am willing to try out any scheme put forward, but please don't write any of the cliches about giving Green Shield Stamps. This is a serious plea to try to keep the Shul active.

Last Saturday there were only three members of the Community present when a visitor from Leeds came in. This does not give a very good impression of the Bristol Community.

There is a lot of hard work going on behind the scenes all the year round even though some people do not realise it, and for WHAT. Perhaps the time has come to call it a day and cut our losses. This would save us a lot of time and money and a considerable amount of worry.

Last year we spent a lot of money on replacing a few Sefer Torahs. Since that time they have been hidden away in the Ark and have not been used because the last time we had a minyan was Pesach (April).

Had the Shul closed down three months ago, who would be the wiser? You all pay your Shul subscriptions (I hope) so why not get your monies worth. If you paid a membership to a country club or other organisation I feel sure you would avail yourself of the facilities more than just once a year when conscience pricks. Please consider this very deeply OR, when that day comes next year there may not be a Shul in Bristol for you to have your annual worship.

Sam Silverman.

To the Editors,

We, the undersigned, take exception to the remarks made in a letter in your last Recorder, about the Ladies Guild functions not being a success. As the writer of that letter was not at the function in question how can he make such a statement?

Signed on behalf of the Ladies Guild Committee.

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Well folks it's a start! Keep them coming, constructive if you can, controversial if you like, but remember that we are trying to help each other. Eds.

COMMUNAL NOTICES

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COUNCIL MEETING

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21st, at 8 p.m.

The next Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September

Continued.....

LOTTERY This months Lottery Prize was won by Dr. S. Curwen C.B.E.,
..... Dr. Curwen has generously donated his prize to the New Synagogue Building Fund.

TALMUD TORAH Classes resume on Sunday September 5th. at 10 a.m.
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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Mazeltov to Val and Theo Goldberg on the birth of a son Joseph Daniel, a brother for Alexander Mazeltov and Best Wishes to Grandparents, Nancy and Mark Silverman.
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We regret to advise the death of the Father of Mrs. Linda Stein of Keevil, Nr. Trowbridge, and take this opportunity of offering our sincere condolences and "Long Life" to Mrs. Stein and her Mother.
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Congratulations and Felicitations to Harold and Golda Seymour who shortly will celebrate their PEARL Wedding Anniversary.
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Colin & Irene Berkovitch are shortly moving to:
17 Abbey Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol BS9 3QN.
Telephone No. 627213 (to be confirmed)
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KRAZY KORNER

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Who said there ain't no Justice? Here's a brief case (sorry), of double jeopardy. In recent months many of our members have been called for Jury service - coincidence in all probability - but add a page to the history of Jurisprudence - Mrs. Marcia Gee and Mr. Henry Springer, who have been called to serve on the SAME Jury, on the SAME day October 4th....
YOM KIPPUR!

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

Hon. Secretary

Mrs. I. Springer.

Telephone No. Keynsham 3343.

The opening meeting of the new Season will be held on Monday evening 6th September at the home of Mrs. Dysch, 18 Belgrave Road, Clifton at 7.45 for 8 p.m.

Will all members of the Guild please be present and try and bring along one other lady guest as our new Chairman Mrs. Ann Handel is anxious that all the ladies of Bristol should be invited to become members and take an active part in the social life and work of the Guild.

If any lady is unable to come to meetings because of transport problems would they please contact me at Keynsham 3343 and I will do my best to arrange this.

BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY

Programme September 1976

THURSDAY 16th September 1976 8.00 p.m.

One of our members, TONY SMYTH, has just returned from a prolonged visit to Kibbutz Mizra in Israel, and has agreed to give us a talk entitled "FOUR MONTHS IN ISRAEL." He will illustrate his talk with slides he has made himself. This should be both illuminating and interesting for he served as an officer during the War in the P.A.F. under General Orde Wingate. He is now on the staff of King's School, Bruton, Somerset.

Drs. AGGIE & RONNIE GREENBAUM, THE LITTLE HOUSE, THE RIDGEWAY, (off Falcondale Road), WESTBURY ON TRYM, BRISTOL.

THURSDAY 30th September 1976 8.00 p.m.

A visitor from London, EVE KOLMAN, is giving a talk on "ISRAEL TODAY" based on first-hand information obtained in a recent intensive study and lecture tour. We are informed by Rex House that Eve is very active in the British Aliyah Movement and in W.I.Z.O. She is also very interested in the effects of Arab propaganda in this country.

DR. SIDNEY & RUTH CURWEN, 77 PARRY'S LANE. BRISTOL 9.

As a full programme of activities is planned for coming months, everyone with an interest in Israel is most welcome.

The Society wishes all a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Archie Kay, Hon. Sec.

32 Downs Park East,
BRISTOL 6.

Telephone 624276.

• BRISTOL WIZO GROUP
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The Annual General Meeting of the B.W.G. will be held on TUESDAY 14th September at 8.00 p.m. in the Synagogue Hall.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting. We need your support!

Sheila Tobias
Hon. Sec.

NEW YEAR 1976/5737

MESSAGE FROM THE REVEREND M. MODDEL

With the approaching of the month of ELUL we are getting ready to greet the New Year which is the beginning of the Solemn Season of the YAMIM NORAIM.

We often hear of people who are said to carry out their task with M'SIRUT NEFESH, speaking of the faithful Jew who will be prepared even to sacrifice his life in the service of G'd and in obedience with his duty to M'DINAT YISRAEL.

The year 5736 has brought chaotic conditions in many parts of the world by civil wars and earthquakes, but the year 5736 was distinguished by the miraculous rescue operation of 100 Jewish hostages by the Israeli Airforce at the Entebbe Airport. This outstanding event has shown to the Nations of the world that in time of danger Israel is always protected by the Supreme Power of the Almighty.

From Russia we have witness that the spirit of M'SIRUT NEFESH is very much alive by many of the brethren who are not afraid to show their Jewish identity under very difficult circumstances.

But what of Jews like ourselves wherein do we have the opportunity of M'SIRUT NEFESH? It is the M'SIRUT NEFESH for one who no matter what chances of fortune or career will not profane Sabbaths and Festivals nor abandon his trust in the Almighty.

We will hear again the sound of the SHOFAR, challenging us to alertness regarding our Religious and Moral behaviour. We will be reminded of our sacred duties towards our G'd, our people and of our obligation to the past and responsibility for the future.

An important and honoured place in our prayers on the Solemn Days is occupied with Zion and Jerusalem, with our Holy Land always in our thoughts we begin the prayers on Rosh Hashanah.

"U'VCHEYN TEYN HASHEM SIMCHAH
L'ARTZECHA V'SASON L'IRECHA".

"OH LORD GRANT JOY UNTO THY LAND,
GLADNESS UNTO THY CITY".

May these days of T'SHUVAH RETURN bring us back to the Golden Path of our Torah and Tradition, leading us to our Land, the Land of G'd.

May the New Year 5737 bring to the Land of Israel, Peace, Security and Safety and to the people of Israel Faith, Unity and Happiness.

In this way I would like to extend to the Hon. Officers and Members of the Bristol Community our Best Wishes for a New Year of Good Health, Happiness and Success.

L'SHANAH TOVAH TIKATEY VU

Rev. & Mrs. Moddel, Susan and Sidney.