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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,  
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#### Talmud Torah Classes:- Sunday Mornings.

10.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

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#### Bristol Jewish Ladies Guild:-

Hon. Sec. Mrs. I. Springer,  
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Tel: Keynsham 3343

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

Hon. Sec. Mrs. S. Tobias,  
23, Pentland Avenue,  
Chiltern Park,  
Thornbury,  
Bristol.

Tel: 93412831.

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

## FOR YOUR DIARY .....

### Sunday, 5th December

Ladies Guild/WIZO BAZAAR.  
Synagogue Hall. 3 p.m.

### Thursday, 9th December

B.Z.S. 8 p.m.  
42 Kewstoke Road.

### Tuesday, 14th December

W.I.Z.O. 10.30 a.m.  
18 Knoll Hill.

### Sunday, 19th December

Chanukah Service and Party.  
3 p.m.

### Tuesday, 21st December

B.Z.S. 8.00 p.m.  
12 Great Brockeridge.

Yahrzeites.

Friday December 3rd.	Messrs. Meyers Bros.	KISLEV 11
Thursday December 9th.	Mrs. N. Silverman.	KISLEV 17
Friday December 10th.	Mr. M. Garcia	KISLEV 18
Tuesday December 14th.	Messrs. Meyers Bros.	KISLEV 22
Thursday December 16th.	Mrs. G. Geller.	KISLEV 24
Monday December 20th.	Mr. A. Elliman (Sheffield)	KISLEV 28
Sunday December 26th.	Mrs. L. Tuchband	TEVETH 5
Tuesday December 28th.	Mrs. L. Tuchband	TEVETH 7
Sunday January 2nd.	Mr. G. Geller	TEVETH 12
Sunday January 9th.	Mr. D. Cohen	TEVETH 19

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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.

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Message for CHANUKAH 1976/5757

When we are surrounded by the darkness of the winter season we are always looking forward to celebrate the beautiful Festival of CHANUKAH.

It is more than two thousand years that we are placing the MENORAH year by year at a window or at the table of our home and lighting the lamp to demonstrate the victory of light over darkness at the time it was first performed by the sons of MITTITYAHU in the year 105 B.C.E. when they restored the altar and liberated Jerusalem and the whole land from the Syrian invaders.

However we are not celebrating the military victories of YEHUDA MACCABI. Instead of soldiers and military equipment, the symbol of CHANUKAH is the remnants of oil that succeeded in producing more light than they could have done under normal circumstances. Our Rabbis are saying YISRAEL NIMSH'LU L'ZAYIS. We have always been like the olive oil. We never lost the belief that the whole purpose of man's life is to identify himself with the lamp that produces light. Ever since the flood threatened the world with total destruction, we considered the olive branch in the beak of the dove as the symbol of salvation.

The holy ark with the scrolls always was the target of the enemy's anger. Nebuchadnezzar burnt it. Titus struck his sword into the Torah. Hitler burnt stakes of the holy places in all the countries he conquered. All these men believed they had succeeded in plunging mankind in darkness. All of them were mistaken because there always remained NOTAR KANKANIM a miraculous lamp. The miracle always repeated itself. That modest lamp, succeeded in re-lighting the flame and it's torch became even mightier than it had been before.

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When we are kindling our Chanukahlights in our homes we will remember our brethren in Russia who continue to fight under the provocative measures of the Russian authorities to keep the flame of Jewishness burning to be able to get permission to join their families in Israel. We are also associating ourselves with our brethren in Israel who miraculously have survived all the happenings in the Middle East in the past and who are looking forward to live in permanent peace with their Arab neighbours in the future. It will then be fulfilled what we are saying in our daily prayers.

OR CHADASH AL ZION TA-IR V'NIZKE CHULANU M'HEYRAH L'ORO

O CAUSE A NEW LIGHT TO SHINE UPON ZION AND MAY WE ALL BE WORTHY SOON TO ENJOY IT'S BRIGHTNESS.

WITH CHAG SAMEYACH

REV. & MRS. MODDEL, SUSAN & SIDNEY.

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JOINT LADIES GUILD/WIZO BAZAAR

5th DECEMBER 1976 AT 3.p.m.

We urgently need gifts for the following stalls:

HOME MADE CAKES & PRESERVES, JARS, TINS, BOTTLES, FOOD, etc.  
HANDICRAFTS, JEWELLERY, ORNAMENTS, CROQUET WORK, ANTIQUES,  
BOOKS, GAMES & RECORDS, PLANTS.

UNWANTED NEARLY NEW ( ANYTHING SALEABLE ACCEPTED FROM A BALL OF WOOL  
TO A VAN GOGH OR PICASSO).

HOMES CLEARED!

Goods can be left with:-

Audrey Greenwood, 6 Chardstock Avenue, Coombe Dingle.

Miriam Goldman, 11 Glen Drive, Stoke Bishop.

Golda Seymour, 59 The Dell, Westbury on Trym.

or

Taken to the Synagogue, Thursday December 2nd. 7.30 - 8. 30.

or

Perishable goods, cakes and plants, Sunday December 5th. 10 - 11.a.m.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT ON THE DAY, AND PLEASE  
BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

DECEMBER 5TH. 3.p.m.

REFRESHMENTS

ADMISSION: 5p ADULTS.  
2p CHILDREN.

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P.T.O.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Congratulations to Stuart A. Smith B.Sc. on achieving the Degree of Master of Science at the University of Newcastle.

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Congratulations to David Curwen who has recently passed Part 2 of the Law Society Examinations in all six subjects. David is at present articled to a firm of Solicitors in Norwich.

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Mazel tov to Anthony Goldman on his "21st" in November. We hope that the "Key" opens up lots of new "Doors", but we're sure Miriam and David will never change their locks!

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In the absence of any first hand news of Members indisposed etc, the Editors take this opportunity of wishing you and yours well, and have a Happy Chanukah.

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COMMUNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Members of the Congregation are reminded that the Festival of CHANUKAH will be celebrated from Friday, 17th December until Friday, 24th December. The first Chanukchlight should be kindled on Thursday, 16th December at nightfall.

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

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COUNCIL MEETING. The date of the next Council Meeting will be arranged after the A.G.M. on November 28th.

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TALMUD TORAH. The Committee of the Talmud Torah would like to thank Ruth and Sidney Curwen for their excellent and devoted teaching during the past year and wish them all the very best in Birmingham.

We desperately need an adult member of the Community to teach the older group of children on Sunday mornings. Anyone interested should please contact the Chairman, Dr. R. Greenbaum, Tel: 503106.

There will be a Chanukah Service on Sunday, 19th December at 3.p.m. followed by a Childrens Party in the Synagogue Hall.

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BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

Dear Members,

The Guild will not be having another meeting until January, but we will let you know the date and time in the next issue of the Recorder.

Will all members note that due to high prices of postage, cards are not now sent, so please look in your Recorder for all details of future activities.

For those ladies who have not yet paid their subscriptions for this year, would you please send remittance to our treasurer Mrs. M. Gee, 10 Oakhurst Road, Stoke Bishop.

DON'T FORGET. DECEMBER 5TH. Joint Guild & W.I.Z.O. Bazaar, your help and support are urgently needed.

Irene Springer. Hon. Sec.

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BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP

November has been a most successful month for the Group. The Jumble Sale raised £123 for our funds, which is a record. Many thanks to all the ladies, and their husbands, who helped in the organisation of the Jumble Sale.

On November 16th we had a most interesting talk by Mr. T. Smythe, in the home of Mrs. M. Roberts. Mr. Smythe brought slides to show, and the group found it most interesting seeing the places in Israel he was discussing.

We are also delighted to know that Mrs. M. Goldman has agreed to become our new Chairman, and I know that all our members welcome Mrs. Goldman in this capacity and wish her every success.

The Bazaar, to be held on December 5th, in conjunction with the Ladies Guild, needs YOUR support! Any contributions for any of the many stalls will be greatly appreciated. Please make every effort to attend.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th December at 10.30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. H. Caplan, 18 Knoll Hill, Sneyd Park. This meeting will be a "Bring & Buy".

Sheila Tobias. Hon. Sec.

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S.O.S.

That was the night that was!

Thanks to Mr. Benjamin, the hardworking Manager of the Mayfair Suite, the decor, the food, and arrangements were well nigh perfect. Thanks to "The Checkmates" the dance floor was rarely empty. Thanks to all who attended and joined in everything, the atmosphere was marvellous. Finally, thanks to our M.C. Tony Gordon. The tea set, so kindly donated by Mr. Leslie Dembo, raised £100 in a Dutch Auction. Tony sold not only the sea set, but himself, and epitomised the enthusiasm of the S.O.S. Committee. In short, the Ball was a tremendous success and, as important, VALUE FOR MONEY.

The Tombola, so ably run by Mr. Springer, taking over at the last minute, was also a great success. This being the last S.O.S. Campaign I shall chair, I would like to thank the S.O.S. Committee for their unflagging support and enthusiasm. Although we did not reach our target, we broke all records, with special mention of the Brochure, which raised almost £1,000, due to the cheek and hard work of Tony Gordon,

P.T.O.



Tony Holt, Shelagh Tobias, and last, but not least, the indefatigable Arnold Greenwood - what will he do in the months ahead without his bits of paper and jottings of figures!

In all we raised nearly £1,800 (gross). I hope that the next Chairman will have the same support, the same optimism, and even greater success.

Ike Kishner,

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BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY.

THURSDAY 9th DECEMBER. at 8.00 p.m.      AN ISRAELI LAWYER

Michael Shine is an English barrister, as well as an Israeli advocate. He has been practicing in Israel for over six years, first in the Legal Department of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem and thereafter in private practice. He is currently in London in the process of establishing a branch office here of his Jerusalem practice. Mr. Shine is calling his talk THE LEGAL PROFESSION IN ISRAEL. This should be an interesting evening for all Members and Friends.

Kitty & Gabriel Balint-Kurti, 42 Kewstoke Rd. Stoke Bishop.

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TUESDAY 21st DECEMBER at 8.00 p.m.      LATKES & WINE

The CHANUKAH SOCIAL is with us again. You and ALL your friends are cordially invited to share in the festive fare, the traditional ceremony of lighting the Chanukah lights and singing the age-old melodies.

In past years this has been one of the most pleasant evenings we have held, and we promise this year will be no exception. (£1 per head).

Bette & Julius Burke, 12 Great Brokeridge, Stoke Bishop.

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REMEMBRANCE PARADE AND RALLY. 1976.

Once again members of the Polak Branch of the British Legion/A.J.E.X. have maintained their unbroken record of support for the Annual Remembrance Service and Parade for Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women.

Six members represented the not inconsiderable number of the Jewish Ex-servicemen and women residents in Bristol, some of whom are members of our old established Branch, some probably not.

Some, through age or infirmity, no longer feel able to make the journey, others have passed on - a few have prior commitments on the day. There is a school of thought that believes Remembrance Services to be obsolescent, many have no feeling for this form of Remembrance per se, and there are of course, the apathetics.

This year the Parade coincided with a massive Anti-Racist Rally organised by the T.U.C, supported by some 15,000 people. During the rally, as you may have read, or seen on T.V, the crowd observed two minutes silence as a mark of respect to the 2,500 Jewish Ex-Service men and women, gathered virtually around the corner.

The irony of the disparity in these numbers made me think. Are we burying our heads in the sand again? Are we hoping that all the nastiness in the world will go away if we don't look? Are we thinking that there is always some other group to fight our battles? Or that the attention isn't really focussed on US right now? HAVE WE FORGOTTEN SO SOON?

I can do no better than quote the National Chairman writing in the recent issue of AJEX Journal.

#### THE REASONS.

THE REASONS FOR THE PARADE SHOULD NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. FIRST AND FOREMOST THE PARADE IS A TOKEN OF HOMAGE AND REMEMBRANCE, AN ANNUAL YAHREZEIT; IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECREATE A FEELING OF CAMARADERIE AND DEDICATION; IT IS A REMINDER TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY OF THE LOYALTY OF JEWISH CITIZENS, IT IS A WARNING TO EXTREMISTS THAT THERE IS A DISCIPLINED JEWISH ORGANISATION READY TO COMBAT RACIALISM, AND IT IS A COMFORT TO ELDERLEY JEWISH EX-SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN, WHO CAN NO LONGER MARCH, THAT THEIR WELFARE WILL BE LOOKED AFTER FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

No further comment seems necessary.

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#### POETRY SHMOETY

Hickery Dickery Dock,  
The mouse ran up the clock  
To make that steep climb,  
Just to find out the time,  
He must be some kind of a shmuck.

Jack and Jill  
Went up the hill .....  
By the time they came down, their families had arranged the  
Shiddack.

Tom, Tom the pipers son  
Stole a worsht from Blooms,  
and away he run,  
Obviously he was mistaken,  
his father played hell with him for not bringing home the bacon.

Old Mother Hubbard  
Went to the cupboard  
(her freezer was empty you see).  
Visualise it y ourself,  
There was nowt on the shelf  
So she went to Grodzinski's for tea.

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe  
Well ... if you had that many Mishpocha, what else would you do?

P.T.O.

Little Jack Horner  
Bought up a corner  
from Charlie, or Isaac, or Harry.  
He had it in mind,  
(if the Council were kind),  
to open a large "Cash and Carry".  
Planning refused,  
he became quite bemused -  
(not exactly a member of M.E.N.S.A.).  
But mazel air hot,  
he got out of the spot,  
by selling to Marks and to Spencer.

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BRUSH UP YOUR YIDDISH (3) .....

VOS HOT ICH DOS GEDARFT.	You know I'm always delighted to have your Mother stay with us.
DREY NISHT MINE KOP.	Short back and sides please, and I'm sure the Rovers <u>will</u> go up next season.
OY VEY'S MEER	I do beg your pardon, I thought it was the "Ladies".
HOCKEN A TCHANICK	This little mink jacket was such a bargain, I say to Morrie, why don't we sell the Mini, I can always go to the Guild meetings in a taxi.... so I can wait to have the stones re-set ..... we'll only go out twice a week to supper .... and Sheldon will have finished school in September anyway.....?
KLOPPEN KOPIN VANT	Mrs. Bayswater-Mainwaring-Cohen, I would appreciate it if you could persuade your children to turn their Hi-Fi down just a little after 3.a.m. just while my husband is on late shift at the Bus Depot?
ZUG MEER EFFUS	So, he went mechulla for four million quid - you should see my last quarters telephone bill!
SHOYN VITER AMOL	Are you sure? Do you know how much baby sitters are charging an hour these days?