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#### Synagogue Services:

Friday Evenings 7.30 p.m.

Saturday Mornings 10.0 a.m.

#### Minister:

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## FOR YOUR DIARY -----

### Thursday, 3rd March.

B.Z.S. Purim Party. 8.p.m.  
15 Charley, The Avenue.

### Sunday, 6th March

The President Entertains. 3 p.m.  
Committee Room.

### Sunday, 6th March.

Talmud Torah, Purim Party. 3.p.m.  
Synagogue Hall.

### Tuesday, 8th March.

W.I.Z.O. Meeting 2.p.m.  
10 Oakhurst Road.

### Thursday 10th March

B.Z.S. Meeting 8.p.m.  
48 Russell Grove.

### Monday, 14th March

Ladies Guild. 7.45 p.m.  
15, Charley, The Avenue.

### Tuesday, 15th March

BUJAIS Meeting. 3.p.m.  
Student's Union.

### Sunday, 20th March.

Council Meeting 10.00 a.m.

### Sunday, 20th March.

S.O.S. House Party. 8.p.m.  
16 Caswell Lane.



YAHZRITES

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| Wednesday March 2nd.  | Mesdames E. Fox (Bournemouth)<br>B. Coburg (Cardiff) | ADAR 12                      |
| Thursday March 3rd.   | Mrs. M. Gee (London)                                 | ADAR 13                      |
| Sunday March 6th      | Miss Lazarus.  | ADAR 16                      |
| Monday March 7th      | Mr. A. Glick   | ADAR 17                      |
| Tuesday March 8th     | Rev. M. Moddel                                       | ADAR 18                      |
| Wednesday March 9th   | Mesdames Nirenberg & Geller.                         | ADAR 19                      |
| Friday March 11th     | Messrs. N. & I. Sacof.                               | ADAR 21                      |
| Wednesday March 16th  | Messrs. J. Burke & C. Berkovitch.                    | ADAR 26                      |
| Wednesday March 23rd. | Mr. G.Cole & H. Heber (London)                       | NISAN 4                      |
| Sunday March 27th     | Mr. S. Bloom   | NISAN 8                      |
| Friday April 1st.     | Mr. P. Winberg                                       | NISAN 13                     |
| Sunday April 3rd      | Mr. H. Seymour                                       | NISAN 15<br>(Pesach 1st day) |

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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 PURIM 1977/5737.

There is no other event in our Jewish Calendar which has become so popular than the celebration of the Festival of PURIM. One of the reasons is because on this occasion we are reading the Book of ESTHER in the evening and in the morning which describes in an illustrated way the famous dramatic event of the Jewish People in Persia. Our Commentators are telling us that we should be in a joyful spirit not only on PURIM but already with the beginning of the month of ADAR as we find it in the Code of Jewish Laws "As soon as the month of ADAR arrives our joys increase". How do we explain this statement in our present time? In spite that the name of G'd is not mentioned in the Book of ESTHER it appears very clearly that the Jewish People have been saved in a miraculous way when Haman decided to exterminate the whole Jewish population of Persia on the 13th ADAR.

Of course Queen ESTHER and her uncle MORDECAI will always be remembered as the great heroes of the Purim story who were prepared to sacrifice their life in time of great danger.

The MIDRASH tells us that MORDECAI saw a group of children coming out from the gate of a Synagogue. What have you learned today? MORDECAI asked one of the children. We learned the verse: "Be not afraid of sudden terror, neither of the destruction of the wicked, when it comes". We also learned another verse, continued the child "Take Council together, and it shall be brought to nought, speak the word and it shall not stand, for G'd is with us".



It was in these passages, learned by the Jewish boy of the Talmud Torah, that Mordecai again found the spiritual balance which he had lost for a time. It gave him the moral power to turn the day that was to be one catastrophe into a day of salvation to save his people from the danger that had threatened it.

Let us hope that we will be able to look forward for the time when the Jewish People in Israel and all over the world will be able to celebrate this beautiful Festival of PURIM in Joy and Gladness, Security and Peace as we find it stated in the Book of ESTHER Chapter 9 Verse 38.

"V-HAYAMIN HAEYLE NIZKARIM V-NA-ASIM B-CHOL DOR VADOR MISHPACHAH  
M-DINAH UMDINAH V-IR VA-IR VIMEY HAPURIM HAEYLE LO YA-AVRIL MITOCH  
HA-JHUDIM V-ZICHRAM LO YASUF MIZAR-AM".

"THESE DAYS SHOULD BE REMEMBERED AND KEPT THROUGHOUT EVERY GENERATION,  
EVERY FAMILY, EVERY PROVINCE, AND EVERY CITY; AND THAT THESE DAYS  
OF PURIM SHOULD NOT FAIL FROM AMONG THE JEWS, NOR THE MEMORIAL  
OF THEM PERISH FROM THEIR SEED".

WITH CHAG SAMAYACH

REV. & MRS. MODDEL & FAMILY.

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COMMUNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of the Congregation are reminded that the FAST of ESTHER will be observed on Thursday 3rd March, terminating at 6.40 p.m.

The Festival of PURIM will be celebrated on Friday 4th March.

Evening Service, followed by the Reading of the Book of ESTHER will commence on Thursday 3rd March at 7.00 p.m.

TOMBSTONE CONSECRATION. The Consecration of the Tombstone for Mr. Frank Roberts will take place on Sunday, March 20th at 3.p.m. at the Ridgeway Cemetary.

COUNCIL MEETING. The next Council Meeting will take place on Sunday, March 20th at 10.00 a.m.

LOTTERY. This month's Lottery Prize was won by Mr. L.Dambo.

P.T.O.



COMMUNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

NEW MEMBERS.

We are pleased to welcome new members:

Dr. Jeffery & Bernice Boss & family.  
3, Alma Road Avenue, Clifton. Bristol. BS8 2D4.

and.

Mr. Bert & Adele Leffman & family.  
1 Canynge Square, Clifton. Bristol. 8.

S.O.S.

Please note the Annual Sports Day at Whitchurch Stadium will take place on  
May 8th, NOT May 1st.

BUILDING SUB COMMITTEE

We are indebted to Mr. A.E. Morris for most generously defraying the cost  
of bricking up the cellar windows of the Shul house, and to Mr. H. Springer  
for similarly attending to the renewal of the power cable to the Committee Room.

TALMUD TORAH.

There will be a Children's Purim Party in 'fancy dress' on Sunday 6th March  
at 3 p.m. in the Synagogue Hall.

There will be no Talmud Torah classes from 3rd to 17th April inclusive. Classes  
resume on the 24th April.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Rev. & Mrs. Moddel would like to thank the President, Officers, Council, and all  
the members of the Bristol Community for their good wishes on the arrival of our  
first grandchild.

At the same time Susan and Sidney Sacks would like to take the opportunity to  
thank the Bristol Congregation for their good wishes on the birth of their first  
child.

Mazeltov to Jacqueline Avril (Jackie) Geller, on her engagement to Mr. Alan  
Jeremy Marks B.Sc. of Hull. Mazeltov also to her parents George and Hilda,  
19 Rockside Drive, Henleaze.

Congratulations to Mr. Alex Schlesinger B.A. who has been awarded the Diploma  
and Associationship of the Museums Association (A.M.A.) Mr. Schlesinger is  
at present with the North West Museum & Art Gallery, Blackburn.



SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A happy (sort of) holiday to Mrs. Betty Barnett, who unfortunately broke her arm the day before starting her holiday in Benidorm. We hope it didn't spoil the fun!!

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The Memorial Stone Consecration in loving memory of my dearest husband Frank, will take place on Sunday, 20th March at 3.p.m.

Millie Roberts.

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We would like to extend a warm welcome to Dr. & Mrs. Jeffery Boss and family and Mr. & Mrs. Bert Leffman and family and look forward to meeting them on future Religious and Social Occasions.

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12, Great Bockeridge.

I am this month resigning as co-Editor of the Recorder, but before I hand over to my successor I would like to say "Thank you" to the many people who have helped me in the job.

It is about 10 years ago that I attended my first Recorder meeting with Harold Seymour and Sam Silverman, who were to initiate me into the mysteries of such words as 'copy' and 'deadline'. I would like to thank them both for their instruction and, above all, patience.

And then, of course, Nat Smith joined me and we've been together now for, well it only seems like 40 years! His inspiration and support have been most invaluable.

We certainly enjoyed our meetings, sometimes becoming quite distraught in trying to establish either what was said at a highly controversial Council Meeting, or the sex of a newborn baby. As you can imagine with the Bristol Hebrew Community, there is never a dull moment. But, of course, our main headache was the deadline, trying to obtain all the material and assemble it into some sort of order for the printers.

And here I must say my biggest "thank you" of all. I think we often tend to take for granted the work done by Ernie Morris and his Secretaries in their printing and despatching of the Recorder and so I would like to put on record our appreciation of all their hard work and the high standard of printing which, I know, has entailed the missing of many lunch hours.

Last, but by no means least, my thanks to you, our readers. Nat and I know how much you enjoy reading the Recorder. Sometimes we have been quite overwhelmed by your warm encouraging words, such as "Why haven't I had my Recorder for the past two months? !!"

Seriously though, I shall, in many ways, miss the hectic "24th of the month" and all the fun that went with it. So "Good Luck" to the next co-Editor and happy reading.

B.B.

P.T.O.



THE PRESIDENT AND HIS LADY WILL BE

"AT HOME"

TO THE CONGREGATION

ON

SUNDAY MARCH 6TH. FROM 3.P.M.

IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

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N.B. THE CHILDRENS PURIM PARTY WILL BE HELD IN THE  
SYNAGOGUE HALL AT THE SAME TIME.

BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY.

THURSDAY 3rd MARCH. at 8.00 p.m.

A PURIM PARTY has been arranged at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Royden. You are all invited to partake of the traditional Hamantaschen, other dishes, and Israeli wine. Bring your friends! The cost will be fl.

Mrs. Gertrude Royden. Chartley The Avenue. Sneyd Park.

THURSDAY 10th MARCH. at 8.00 p.m.

Dr. Gerry Fraser, his wife Drora, and their two daughters are leaving Bristol in August to settle in Israel at Be'ersheva. We were curious about their reasons for Aliyah and so we have asked them to explain "WHY I WISH TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL". This they are willing to do at their home.

Drora & Gerry Fraser, 48 Russell Grove, Westbury Park. Bristol.6.

TUESDAY MARCH 15th at 8.00 p.m.

Jewish Thoughts in the Gospels.

This is a meeting arranged at the University Students' Union, which we think deserves and will attract wide interest.

DR. HYAM MACCOBY, a graduate of Oxford, is at present Librarian and Lecturer in Jewish History at Leo Baeck College, London, and Lecturer at Imperial College, University of London, in the Philosophy of Science. He is the author of 'Revolution in Judea' and two more of Dr.Maccoby's books are 'The Day God Laughed' and 'Jewish/Christian Mediaeval Disputations', are about to be published. EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME at

MEETING ROOM 2, The Students' Union, Queens Road, Clifton. Bristol.8.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT - ISRAEL'S 29TH ANIVERSARY.

We are planning to celebrate this day in style! At the end of APRIL Bristol Zionists will be holding a special event! DETAILS WILL BE SENT SOON.



BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY.

MEMBERSHIP: £2.00 single. £3.00 couple.

Please send membership payments to Arnold Greenwood,  
6, Chardstock Avenue, Coombe Dingle, Bristol.9.

STUDENTS: Join our Mailing list. We ask for only  
25p a year (minimum!)

Mr. Archie Kay  
Hon. Sec.  
32, Downs Park East..  
BRISTOL.6.

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(some more) POETRY SOCIETY

Sing a song of sixpence, and what it used to buy,  
is so terribly depressing, it makes one want to cry.  
Nowadays, if you're lucky, with inflation at it's peak,  
you've got that much left over at the end of just one week!

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Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, Bakers' man  
Bake me a loaf as fast as you can,  
A brown bread, a chollah, a cob or a slice,  
before there's another big increase in price!

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Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
Moisha's bought a brand new car.  
It sometimes goes in fits and starts,  
and sometimes he can get spare parts.  
Sometimes he can afford to drive it  
and sometimes doubts if he'll survive it.  
Insurance, service, tax, and oil -  
is it worth the extra toil?  
It don't surprise the likes of us,  
to see him queueing for the bus!

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Simple Simon, met a Pieman - going to the 'fair  
Said Simple Simon to the Pieman, "How do I get there?"  
Said the Pieman to our Simon - "have you bike, or horse?"  
"No" said Simon "none of those, I have a car of course."  
"In that case" said the Pieman - "no use for us to talk,  
if I were you, forget it, start out now - and walk!"  
The moral of this story can be summed up on the whole,  
if you're considering going shopping, stick to Gloucester Road or Knowle.

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GAZINK.