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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,
42, Kewstoke Road,
BRISTOL 9. Tel: 681714.

Bristol Jewish Ladies Guild:-

Hon. Sec. Mrs. L. Springer.
"Midfields"
Frome Road,
Writhlington. Avon. Tel: Radstock 3440.

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 -----

Monday, September 5th.

Ladies Guild.
Committee Room. 7.45 p.m.

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Letter Writing Group.
7 Westfield Park. 8.00 p.m.

Thursday, September 8th.

Bristol Zionists.
7 Chartley. 8.00 p.m.

Sunday, September 11th.

Memorial Services. Stone Settings
Ridgeway Cemetery. 2.00 p.m.

Sunday, September 25th.

Council Meeting.
Committee Room. 10.00 a.m.

YAHREZITES.

Saturday, September 3rd.	Miss H. Campbell	ELLUL 20
Tuesday, September 15th.	Mr. L. Dembo	TISHRI 1
Wednesday, September 21st	Mrs. C. Culank.	TISHRI 9
Thursday, September 22nd	Messrs. Garcia Bros.	TISHRI 10.
Thursday, September 29th.	Mrs. Ball	TISHRI 17
Wednesday, October 5th.	Mr. D. Cohen.	TISHRI 23

COMMUNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

COUNCIL MEETING.

The next Council Meeting will take place on Sunday, September 25th at 10.a.m.

LOTTERY.

There was no Lottery Draw this month. There will be a double draw next month.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Memorial Services will be held at Ridgeway Cemetery on Sunday, September 11th, from 2.30 p.m.

TOMBSTONE CONSECRATIONS.

Memorial Stones for Miss Jacobs and Mrs. Tonkey will be Consecrated on Sunday, September 11th at 2.p.m.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Sunday October 16th at 3.00 p.m. (See separate notice).

S.O.S. DINNER BALL.

November 12th.

TALMUD TORAH.

Classes will resume on September 11th (a week later than previously agreed at the A.G.M.)

SIMCHAT TORAH.

The honour of Chotan Torah and Chotan Berayshit has been bestowed upon Mr. Alan Tobias and Mr. Gerald Gee.

HIGH HOLYDAYS.

We are once again indebted to Mr. Len Gould who has kindly consented to assist Rev. Moddel in the conducting of the High Holyday Services.

S.O.S.

We are urgently needing articles for our Tombola. If you have anything that requires collection please tell any Committee member.

MESSAGE FOR THE NEW YEAR 1977/5738

With the announcement of the month of ELLUL we are entering the period of the Solemn Season. The year 5737 is coming to an end. We have turned the pages of yet another Chapter in the Book of Life. And now the last month, ELLUL, faces each and every one of us with the question: How have you used the year that is drawing to it's end. Have you spent it's days in the service of a useful purpose,

CHESHBON HANEFESH. A balance sheet of the heart, such is the great significance of the month that links a past which can closely be examined by our own conscience. The month of ELLUL is therefore not an end but also a prelude. It directs our eyes to the future, to the years we are preparing. It becomes a guide to the aim towards which we are directing our steps.

How do we stand with regard CHESHBON HANEFESH with our spiritual balance sheet in our Community here in Bristol, In these Solemn Days we should very much consider our attitude towards the attendance at our Synagogue Services. In addition we should ask ourselves have we done our duty to show our children that Jewish environment at home.

As far as the situation in the Middle East is concerned we find that Israel is again becoming the main centre of future decisions. Let us hope that the new Israeli Government will be successful at the next important Conference in Geneva.

As we are now approaching the High Festivals of ROSH HASHANAH AND YOM KIPPUR let us listen to the Sound of the SHOFAR and pray that the New Year 5738 will bring freedom to our Jewish brethren in Russia and Security, Peace and Happiness to the People of Israel and Mankind, as it is well expressed in the hebrew and english wording of the daily AMIDAH PRAYER

"T'KAH B'SHOFAR GADOL L'CHEYRUTEYNU V'SAH NEYS
L'KABEYTZ GALUYOTEYNU V'KABTZEYNU YACHAD MEY-ARBA
KANFOS HA-ARETZ".

"SOUND THE GREAT HORN FOR OUR FREEDOM. LIFT UP THE
BANNER TO GATHER OUR EXILES, AND GATHER US FROM THE
FOUR CORNERS OF THE EARTH".

I would like to conclude my Message for the New Year with our best wishes for Good Health, Happiness and Success to the Hon. Officers and the Members of the Bristol Community.

L'SHANAH TOVA TIKATEYVU.

REV. & MRS. MODDEL & FAMILY.

I would respectfully appeal to all members to maintain as high a standard of decorum as is possible during the High Holydays while Services are in progress, thus minimising the strain upon those on the Bima.

I. Kushner.
President.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Gertie and Issy Myers are happy to announce the Engagement of their daughter Sandra Geraldine, to Michael Sidney Sedar of London. (We extend a hearty 'mazel tov' to all. Eds).

Miriam, David and Lynne Goldman would like to thank most sincerely all their friends in Bristol for their cards and good wishes on their recent departure to London. Our telephone number is 01-878-6249, and we would be delighted to hear from our friends, and welcome anyone who is visiting London.

The Marriage of Jacqueline Avril Geller to Mr. Allan Jeremy Marks will be solemnized on Sunday, September 4th (Ellul 21) at the Bristol Hebrew Synagogue. We wish Jackie and Allan every happiness, and wish Mazeltov to their parents and family.

Congratulations to Rosalind Elliman (Sheffield) who has received a B.A. in Linguistics at the University of Lancaster.

We wish a speedy recovery to Anne Nirenberg who has recently been indisposed.

Sheila & Alan Tobias, with Marcia & Gerald Gee, your Chotan Torah and Chotan Bereyshit, and their good ladies, invite all Members to join them in Kiddush after Morning Service on Simchat Torah.

Congratulations and Best Wishes for the future to the following who have achieved successful "A" and "O" level results

Gail Elliman. Sharon Gee. Lynne Goldman. Jeffery Handel. Barry Kushner.

Michelle Seymour, Susan Shaw, David Silverman, Stephen Silverman.

Michelle Seymour has been accepted for a place at Salford University.

Congratulations also to any other of our "young adults" whose names we have not yet received, and to those of you who may be accepted for University or Polytechnic places before the next issue of the Recorder. We shall be very pleased to hear from you with your news.

BRISTOL WOMENS GUILD.

As I commence the second year of my Chairmanship of the Bristol Jewish Womens' Guild, I feel the time has come to address a few public words to ALL the Ladies of our Community. The theme of the message is: WE NEED YOU - YOU NEED US!

We (I speak for the Guild as a whole, and the Committee in particular) have had a more than modestly successful year, in all respects, when taking into account the size of our organization, and the aims and purposes for which we stand. These are:

- 1). To serve the Synagogue and the community at large.
- 2). To raise money both for (1) above and for the Charities to which we traditionally donate.
- 3). To provide some social activities and interests for our own pleasure, and for whomsoever may care to join in with us.

It must be emphasised, however, that the band of people upon whom these duties devolve is small, and that without new recruitment from amongst you all I can foresee a time when there will be no-one left willing and able to carry on the functions which we undertake. Who will then see to it that flowers are placed in the Synagogue on suitable occasions? Who will check to make sure that there is enough crockery in the kitchen when you wish to make a Kiddush for your simchas, or for the childrens' Purim parties? Who will raise the money which helps maintain beds in the Home for Aged Jews in Cardiff, so that senior Bristolians may feel that they have a right to apply for a place there,

I appeal to all the ladies, young and no so young, please to join us, and having joined us, don't just pay your subscription, but make the effort to attend our meetings, so that we can double, and even perhaps treble the success of our activities.

BRISTOL WOMENS GUILD. (Continued)

My aim since becoming Chairman, in respect of our regular Guild meetings, has been to try to alternate business meetings with activities which offer some interest, be it amusement, or food for thought. Thus during this past year we have had some very interesting evenings, such as demonstrations (not the Student type!), a most enlightening talk on the subject dear to us all - precious jewels - and an impromptu Speech session, at which no-one was lost for words, since all present were only too glad to help out the speaker, and if no great revolutionary ideas emerged, there were certainly a lot of laughs. So should you decide to come along one evening when we're discussing business and all you get out of it is a headache, please give us another try, or four. You're bound to find something more in your line next time, and before you know where you are, you'll be so involved you'll not be able to stay away. I know. That's how it happened with me. You too can end up being Chairperson of the Bristol Jewish Women's Guild!

Ann Handel.

Ladies Guild wish all Members a very Happy New Year.

The first meeting of the new season will be held on September 5th, in the Synagogue Committee Room at 7.45 p.m. sharp. Please make every effort to attend.

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP.

The Annual General Meeting of the Group was held on Tuesday 26th July in the Synagogue Committee Room. The following were elected:-

CHAIRMAN	Mrs. R. Curwen.
TREASURER	Miss E. Blohm.
SECRETARY	Mrs. S. Tobias.
COMMITTEE	Mrs. A. Handel. Mrs. R. Gillman. Mrs. H. Caplan. Mrs. K. Lever.

The first meeting of the season will be on Tuesday 11th October at 8.p.m. in the home of Mrs. R. Curwen, 77 Parrys Lane.

The Autumn Jumble Sale will be held on Wednesday 19th October.

Sheila Tobias.
Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY.

From: The Honorary Secretary.
Mr. Archie Kay.
32 Downs Park East.
Westbury Park. Bristol 6.
Tel: 0272-624276.

PROGRAMME AUTUMN. 1977

The Committee of the Bristol Zionist Society wishes everyone a Happy and above all Peaceful New Year. At the time of writing political affairs in the Middle East seem as confused as ever, but we hope that this year with a new leadership in Israel, there will indeed be a move towards an established peace.

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BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY.

PROGRAMME AUTUMN. 1977. (Continued).

The Bristol Zionist Society aims to keep Israel in the forefront of our concern about world affairs. ALL our meetings are open to EVERYBODY and there is no obligation to become a Member - although we welcome your support in joining. There are NO restrictions on membership, other than an interest in the wider aims a Zionist Society represents.

We present our Autumn Programme. We hope that you will support the B.Z.S. Tell your friends, bring your neighbours.

THURSDAY. SEPTEMBER 8TH. at 8.00 p.m.

For the opening of our 1977/8 season we are having the privilege of a most distinguished speaker from Manchester. MR. NORMAN FEINGOLD is President of the Manchester and Salford Zionist Central Council; Education Chairman of the Joint Israel Appeal; and founder of the Achdut Movement. He is speaking on "ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH INVOLVEMENT".

NORMAN FEINGOLD is not only one of the top Zionists in England, he is a very fine speaker indeed, and well worth listening to. You can hear him at:-

Mrs. Millie Roberts. Flat 7, Chartley, The Avenue, Sneyd Park. Bristol.

THURSDAY. OCTOBER 13TH at 8.00 p.m.

MR. RALPH EMMANUEL is a Committee Member of the Bristol Zionist Society. He is also a Lecturer in Architecture at the University of Bath, and because of this he has chosen as his subject the rather bizarre title: "BRISTOL & BATH THEIR ARCHITECTURE - THE REASON WHY I AM NOT EMIGRATING TO ISRAEL" which he is illustrating with a fine collection of slides.

Rosemarie & Joseph Gillman, 7 Westfield Park (Top Floor) Off
Whiteladies Road. Redland. Bristol.6.

Dates for your Diary. (Full details will be included in our next circular).

Thursday November. 10th.	Dr. Henry Howard.
Thursday November 24th	Annual General Meeting. "U.S. & Israel at the U.N."
Thursday December 8th.	Mrs. Jane Moonman J.P.

TALKS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS.

We welcome the opportunity to talk about Israel to any group which cares to invite us. Films, Slides, etc. Contact the Secretary.

LETTER WRITING GROUP FOR SOVIET JEWRY.

The second meeting of the above named Group was held on Monday, August 8th. Letters were written to our three adopted families, MOISE KREIDELMAN of ORGEEV LEVI SHAFADON of DERBENT, and WOLF CHUDNOVSKY of KIEV.

We were very concerned to receive the following details of a physical assault on the Chudnovsky family:

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LETTER WRITING GROUP FOR SOVIET JEWRY. (Continued)

"WOLF CHUDNOVSKY, a seventy year old Professor of Building Engineering from Kiev and his wife, a mathematician aged 67, were beaten up in the street near their home by three men and left badly injured. The couple, parents of GRIGORY, aged 30 and DAVID, 25, were walking home in the warm summer evening on the 22nd July, at 10.30 when three men appeared. One of them beat them up and two then stood by laughing. The CHUDNOVSKYS called for help but the police did not arrive until three and a half hours later. No-one was arrested.

Friends of the CHUDNOVSKYS believe that the attack was directly linked with their application to emigrate. GRIGORY, who is a brilliant mathematician had been suffering from myasthenia gravis since his childhood and the family applied to leave the Soviet Union earlier this year because they heard there was treatment in the West which they believe could save GRIGORY's life.

GRIGORY's mathematical papers, which were published in collaboration with his brother DAVID, are well known in scientific circles the world over."

Following Friday's incident, ACADEMICIAN ANDREI SAKHAROV appealed to the World public:

"I appeal to the world public, to all mathematicians and to the leaders of public organizations which support human rights to speak out on behalf of the CHUDNOVSKY family for their right to a quick emigration from the pogrom-makers."

Please show your support for Soviet Jewry by coming to the next letter writing meeting on Monday, September 5th at 8 o'clock at 7 Westfield Park, Redland, or by giving a donation to enable the group to register ALL the letters which are written to our adopted families in the U.S.S.R. Registration of all letters posted to our Jewish friends in Russia has proved the surest way of their being safely received. Registration of each letter costs 83p.

For further details please telephone Rosemary Gillman, Bristol 36119.

15, St. Ronan's Avenue,
Bristol 6.

24th August. 1977.

"The Recorder"

"SO SOON FORGOTTEN"

The 6th September 1961 was a very sad day for the Bristol Jewish Community and for the family of Mr. Simeon Jacobs, as this was the day he was taken from us after innumerable years of loyal and devoted service to the Bristol Hebrew Congregation - a man who has been honoured and held in the highest esteem by one and all who knew him. His time and his home were always available to every person or organisation needing advice, help or action.

As stated in the last Recorder, the Royal British Legion in which he held many high offices, erected for him in 1961 a memorial at Weston-Super-Mare Convalescent Home, Somerset House, in the form of a sun lounge. There is also a heavy hand carved President's chair, in oak, with the Royal British Legion crest, suitably engraved in silver, in memory of Simeon Jacobs. There is also a wall clock inscribed in memory of him. There hardly passes a meeting without his name and activities being mentioned.

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"SO SOON FORGOTTEN" (Continued)

As also stated in the last "Recorder", the sun lounge at Weston-Super-Mare Convalescent Home, badly needs attention and I brought this to the notice of the Council, the various organisations and members of the Bristol Hebrew Congregation (through the Recorder) in the hope that they would show their gratitude to this great man of our Congregation by donating something towards the renovation of this memorial.

It is with my greatest regret that I place on record, through this letter, that only Mr. Ernest Lever made a most generous donation to this fund. All the rest of the congregation, including the Council and the various organisations, let this opportunity slip by without any response and I can only say that I am more than disappointed by the lack of response from his so called many friends and associates during his lifetime.

However, the County Committee of the Royal British Legion is most grateful to his son Dennis, who so kindly came to our help by promising to make up the difference of the amount collected and required. A very great THANK YOU to Dennis Jacobs.

Viliam Schlesinger.
Hon. County Treasurer,
Bristol County Committee,
Royal British Legion.

POETRY SHMOETRY.

I do like my scup with a kneidle
And cream cheese with lox on a beigel
A plate of chopped liver,
sends me all of a quiver
A klop keeps me glued to the table.

Chopped herring on rye,
I can never pass by -
shmetina sends me ecstatic.
I go weak at the knees
for worsht, chips and peas -
take my tzimmas, I become quite traumatic.

A hot lokshon pud,
and I really feel good.
My craving for knishes insatiant.
A dish of fushnog,
and I howl like a dog.
Gefilte fish makes me impatient.

A blintze or two
I can always get through
Milcheka borsht - I just frolic
A final repast,
and then I must Fast
A break for a poor "foodaholic"!

GAZINK.
