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Friday Evenings 7.30 p.m.

Saturday Mornings 10.0 a.m.

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

FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday, March 6th.

Council Meeting. 8.p.m.

Tuesday, March 7th.

W.I.Z.O. Meeting. 8.p.m.

Wednesday, March 8th.

B.U.J.A.I.S. Meeting.

Thursday, March 9th.

Bristol Zionist Society. 8.p.m.

Monday, March 13th.

Bristol Ladies Guild. 7.45.p.m.

Wednesday, March 22nd.

Jumble Sale.

Thursday, March 23rd.

Childrens Party. 10.a.m.

Sunday, March 26th.

Stone Setting. Ridgway Cemetery. 2pm

Sunday, 2nd April.

B.Z.S. Sherry Morning. 11.a.m.

Thursday, 6th April.

Bristol Zionists. 8.p.m.

Saturday, 15th April.

Ladies Guild Meeting.

MESSAGE FOR PURIM 1978/5738.

We find in the Book of DEUTERONOMY, Chapter 32, Verse 7 the following famous quotation:

"Z'CHOR YEMOT OLAM BINU SH'NOT DOR VADOR"

"Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations".

There is hardly any occurrence in our past history which has become so popular than the great event of our PURIM Festival which took place over two thousand years ago. Its popularity is not only described in the Talmud and Midrash and in modern literature of the famous Yiddish writers of Sholem Aleichem and in the works of Agnon in Israel, but we also find the spirit of Purim in music, drama and folk-songs. The Reading of the Megillah on PURIM has not lost its vitality to us in our present time. We always admire the characters of Queen Esther and Mordecai who were risking their lives to safeguard the future of the Jewish people. They have been an inspiration not only for the Jewish people of Persia but they are still a shining example to the Jewish people in our present time. They were successful because when the situation for the Jews in Persia became very dangerous they took the initiative to appeal to them to change their attitude and to be aware of their obligations as Jews.

Our message for PURIM in our present time is to follow the example of our great heroes. It will be our duty to bring up our children in the way Mordecai did when he brought thousands of children together to encourage them to study the Torah and have faith in G'd and not to be afraid about the future. As we are reading on PURIM about the defeat of AMALEK, the arch enemy of the Jewish people and his descendant Haman, having also in mind the downfall of Hitler and his associates, so we may look with confidence in the future in our present time that our adversaries in Russia and in the Arab States will realise that the State of Israel has not only the right to exist, but that it will be for a beneficial influence to the whole of the Middle East and to humanity at large.

Let us hope that the peace initiative which is taking place at present between the United States, Egypt and Israel will lead to a successful result and that Jews from Russia will be able to continue to arrive in Israel to be reunited with their families.

In this way let us celebrate the approaching Festival of PURIM in the traditional spirit with our Bethren in Israel as we find it stated in the Book of Esther, Chapter 9 Verses 27 and 28

"And the Jews took it upon themselves and upon their children to keep these two days every year throughout every generation in every family, in every city, and in every province, that the memory of these two days of PURIM should never be forgotten among the People".

With CHAG SAMEYACH

REV. & MRS. MODEL & FAMILY.

COMMUNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (2)

Members of the Congregation are reminded that the FAST OF ESTHER will be observed on Wednesday, 22nd March terminating at 8.10 p.m.

The Festival of PURIM will be celebrated on Thursday, 23rd March.

Evening Service followed by the Reading of the Book of Esther will commence on Wednesday, 22nd March at 7.30 p.m.

YAHZITES.

Monday, March 13th.	Mrs. G. Seymour.	ADAR 4 (2)
Saturday, March 14th.	Mr. H. Seymour. Mrs. J. Dysch.	ADAR 9 (2)
Sunday, March 19th.	Mr. D. Goldman (London).	ADAR 10 (2)
Friday, March 24th.	Mrs. M. Roberts.	ADAR 15 (2)
Sunday, March 26th.	Mr. A. Glick.	ADAR 17 (2)

COMMUNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

COUNCIL MEETING.

The next Council Meeting will take place on Monday, March 6th at 8.p.m.

LOTTERY.

This month's Lottery prize was won by Mr. Dave Cohen.

NEW MEMBERS.

Philip & Helena Channack, Bracken Hill, 13, Druid Stoke Avenue. Stoke Bishop.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

We regret to announce the death of the Father of Mr. Alan Elken, and take this opportunity of extending our sincere condolences to Alan, wishing him "Long Life" and freedom from further troubles.

Mazeltov to Eve and Arnold Levy on the birth of a baby boy, Mark Elliot. We regret having no further details at going to press, but hope to hear from the proud parents for next month. 3 Soleñt Way. Thornbury.

We are sad to be losing two old members of the community in Isi and Gertie Myers, who move to Hemel Hempstead this month. We send our best wishes for their Health and Happiness in their new home, and hope to hear news from them at a later date of their impressions of big city life, after 40 years in Bristol.

A belated "thank you" to Mille Roberts who kindly donated her last Lottery 'win' to the New Building Fund.

Congratulations to Helena Channack on passing her Driving Test at the
??????? attempt!

Betty Barnett would like to thank her many good friends for their cards,
visits, and goodwill messages during her recent sojourn in Frenchay Hospital.
She is now convalescing at home and feeling much better.

We extend a warm welcome to Philip & Helena Channack and family, who have
become members of the community, and look forward to meeting them on future
Religious and Social occasions.

Eve and Gerald Levy wish to thank all their friends for their kind enquiries
and good wishes received on the birth of their son Mark Elliot.

We are sorry to announce the death of Miss Clara Campbell. We wish her
sister Hetty and other members of the family "Long Life" and freedom from
further troubles.

Isi and Gertie Myers of 13a, Eastfield Road, Cotham Brow, are leaving Bristol
(where they have lived since their marriage 40 years ago on March 25th. 1938).
Their new address from February 20th will be

Flat No. 40, Rosetta House. Midland Road. Hemel Hempstead. Herts.

and take this opportunity of wishing Rev. & Mrs. Modell, and all members of
the Congregation Good Health in the future.

YOUTH CLUB.

Dear Parents,

I wish to thank you for your encouragement and aid for the Club, but I feel
the support would have been best appreciated if you would have actually sent
your children along, as you had promised. I am no longer willing to waste my
valuable hours on a Sunday (my only day off) running a Club to which no one
goes. So, if you want a Club the Shul is still there, so are the facilities.

Yours in Disillusionment.

Barry Kushner.

BRISTOL LADIES GUILD.

The next meeting of the Guild will be on Monday 13th March at 7.45 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Kate Lever, 27 Reedley Road.

The Ladies Guild will be holding a Luncheon after the Sabbath Service on April 15th.

Would any Ladies wishing to give some culinary help please contact Mrs. Adele Leffman, Telephone: Bristol 33945.

****THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES URGE ALL HOUSEWIVES TO BUY JAFFA ORANGES.*****

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP.

An Evening Meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Kate Level on the 7th February. At this meeting our Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Curwen resigned as Chairman after 13 years, as she is going to live in Israel.

We would like to wish Ruth all the very best in the future in Israel and look forward to hearing first hand news of Israel for our WIZO Group.

Mrs. S. Silverman has taken over as Chairman until the A.G.M.

Next Meeting - Tuesday 7th March at the home of Mrs. Eve Gordon, 26 Downs Cote Park, at 8.p.m. This Meeting will be a "Bring and Buy".

Would anyone who has Jumble for the Jumble Sale to be held on the 22nd March please bring it along to the Meeting. The Jumble Sale will be held at St. John's Hall, Whiteladies Road.

BRISTOL ZIONIST SOCIETY.

THURSDAY, 9TH MARCH. AT 8.P.M.

A most distinguished speaker has chosen to address us on the topic of CHRISTIAN JEWISH DIALOGUE He is the REVEREND CANON JOHN SMITH M.A. Rural Dean of Clifton and Canon of Bristol Cathedral. He is a Bristolian who first met Zionism while at Oxford. He is a constant visitor to Israel and has been there no less than 9 times. His ministry has been almost entirely in Bristol at Patchway, Shirehampton and now at Westbury Park. This talk we feel would be of interest to many who are not themselves members of the Society.

The meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Ruth Curwen, 77 Parrys Lane, Stoke Bishop.

THURSDAY, 6TH APRIL. AT 8.P.M.

Mr. NORMAN FEINGOLD was to have visited us last September but unfortunately his talk had to be postponed. He is not only one of the top Zionists in England, he is also an excellent speaker very well worth hearing. His theme is ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH INVOLVEMENT.

Mr. Feingold is President of the Manchester & Salford Zionist Central Council and Education Chairman of the Joint Israel Appeal.

The meeting will be at the home of Kate & Ernest Lever, 27 Reedley Road, Stoke Bishop

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SPECIAL MEETING. BRISTOL UNIVERSITY JEWISH & ISRAEL SOCIETY..

WEDNESDAY. 8TH MARCH. AT 8.P.M.

We especially invite you to hear MR. MARTIN WALKER speak on the NATIONAL FRONT. This topic offers a special relevance as the National Front intends to stand in every Bristol Constituency at the next General Election.

Students Union. Room 2.
Queens Road (Nr.Triangle) Bristol.8.

B.Z.S. - SHERRY MORNING - B.Z.S. - SHERRY MORNING - B.Z.S. - SHERRY MORNING.

We have pleasure in inviting you and your friends to a Sherry Morning at the home of Bette & Julius Burke, 12 Great Brockridge, Westbury on Trym, Bristol on SUNDAY, 2ND APRIL AT 11.A.M.

75p per head.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF - BRISTOL AMATEUR OPERATIC SOCIETY.

MONDAY 13TH MARCH TO SATURDAY 18TH MARCH. EVENINGS AT 7.30 P.M.
MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2.30 P.M.

AT THE VICTORIA ROOMS. CLIFTON.

TICKETS: 45p to £1.25p.

Tickets From: Kay Kowalewski.
Flat 3,
Downfield Lodge.
Bristol.8. Tel: 32584 (after 6pm)

CELEBRATION - 12 HOURS OF ISRAEL - ISRAEL'S 30TH ANIVERSARY AT EARLS COURT. LONDON.

Food - Wine - Films - Lectures - Floor Show -
Gymnastics - Choirs - Dancing.

We hope to take a party from Bristol - so keep the date free -
Sunday - 7th May. 1978.

£3.00 a couple. £2.00 single.

Joe Gillman.
7 Westfield Park. Cotham.

TALMUD TORAH

There will be a Childrens Luncheon Party in the Synagogue Hall, following the Purim Service on Thursday, 23rd March at 10.a.m. Children should come in Fancy Dress. Anyone wishing to entertain the children for 3-5 minutes would be very welcome to do so.

Term ends on 19th March and resumes on 9th April.

We would like to thank Mrs. Ruth Curwen for her conscientious and devoted teaching at our Cheder. We wish her all the best in her new life in Israel.

Kitty Balint-Kurti (Hon. Sec).

"Westerly"
17 Abbey Road,
Westbury on Trym.
BRISTOL.9.

Dear Sir,

When I went to Shool on Shabbat the 31st December last with my little daughter, to my surprise the gates were locked and there was no service. On the following week it was the same as before.

In greater hopes I went again on the 14th January. This time the gates were open and there was some heat, but alas, no minyan and only half lighting in stygian gloom, and a familiar layer of dust everywhere.

On Shabbat the 11th February, the coldest morning for years, I again went to Shool with my little daughter. Again there was no minyan and this time there was no lighting and no heat, but the dirt and dust were prospering and seemed to have settled in for a long term stay.

We crept away, saddened and unenlightened - I did not have the courage to sit in the cold and dark. My mind was taken up trying to answer the questions being put to me "Why is it so cold in here, Daddy?", "Where have the people gone?", "Are my friends coming, Daddy?", "Why don't they put the lights on?".

At the risk of incurring the wrath of my personal friends on the Council I am bound to ask what is the Council really doing about all this. Is there not such a thing as a Contract Cleaner? Can no-one be found to turn lights and heat on in the premises on a Saturday morning. Can the 'Recorder' not be used to tell members when the Rev. Modell intends to take a holiday.

We hear that the Council is discussing terms to sell the premises to the University, and there are hopes that we shall be paid an enormous sum to go away and find salvation in newer, greener pastures. If the Council thinks we shall find the Garden of Eden, remember that the Garden of Eden was only for Adam and Eve - there was no congregation there at all.

Our honary President has said that this Congregation has reached it's ebb; this may sound pessimistic, but it does imply the hope that the tidal waters will eventually flood back to bring fair sailing again. Let us hope he is right, and that the waters have not entirely dried up as they appear to have done.

Finally I should add that I accept, sadly, that our present building has outlived it's purpose, but will the Council please remember that we and our children want some sort of synagogue and rooms for the Talmud Torah in the meantime.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) M.C. BERKOVITCH.

STONE SETTING

The Stone Setting for the Late Dr. Sydney Curwen will take place on Sunday, 26th March at 2.p.m. at Ridgeway Cemetery. This will be followed by an unveiling of a Plaque in memory of the service Dr. Curwen gave to the community.

The Plaque will be unveiled in the Synagogue at 3.p.m.

Tea will be provided by the Ladies Guild after the ceremony.

The unveiling of a Plaque to the Late Mr. Frank Roberts will take place at Ridgeway Cemetery on Sunday 26th March after the above Stone Setting.

It started off as a normal Saturday night. I had spent the day at home as I was feeling slightly under par. Henry & Glen arrived home at 6 p.m. saying the wind had whipped up and the slight fall of snow we had had during the day was being driven into the roads. I didn't take much notice as they usually had some mizka to tell me when they came home. At about 9 p.m. the phone rang. It was my housekeeper phoning from Bristol to say that a blizzard was raging and they couldn't get back and would spend the night with their parents. I went to bed still feeling unwell and Henry promised to get me breakfast in bed in the morning.

I was awakened at 7.30 a.m. by Henry opening the curtains to admire the view which he does every morning, and his immortal words fell on my inert ears. "Bloody Hell we are completely cut off". The snow was 10 feet deep and the howling winds were blowing it off the fields and into the roads and as you watched you could see it getting higher and higher.

Just for a moment I had a horrible feeling of claustrophobia, but then my domesticated brain went into action. We were all together, so no worry there. Next thought, food. Henry and Glen dug a path through to the garage where the deep freeze is housed. Quick check - plenty of meat and veg, and about 24 bags of strawberries still there from the summer picking. How I hate frozen strawberries. If they hadn't been there I might have bought more bread to freeze. Never mind, I had plenty of flour and dried yeast I would make my own bread. "The birds are still trying to get there beaks through it".

We had just finished breakfast when Laura said "Dad there's a man with a rope walking round the house". I immediately thought it must be the Boston Strangler. We all followed Henry to the back door telling him to be sure to keep the chain on before opening the door. I mean only a meshugana would brave this weather to get to us. It turned out to be a very good neighbour who had managed to get across the fields with a crate of milk which he had dragged along with the rope like a sledge. He told us to use it sparingly as it was snowing again by this time and he did not think he would be able to get back.

Well, things seemed to be settling down and we had plenty of food and drink, the oil tanks were full so we were warm. Now to keep ourselves amused. We played snooker, darts and cards, that lasted about one hour, and we were fed up already. The cigarette situation was getting desperate, so the family decided to try and get across the fields to the local pub. I have never spent a more terrifying half hour. I watched them from the upstairs window going down the hill, then the wind came up again and they had to battle against a raging snow storm. The children managed quite well, but with Henry's weight he kept falling in the snow drifts. As he came in the back door puffing and blowing he said that warnings on the cigarette packets should read "it can damage NON-smokers health".

MONDAY. DAY.2.

Glen has dug his way out to the gates and is threatening to walk into Keynsham over the drifts in order to open the shop. Henry is threatening to get him certified if he doesn't come in. Laura is giving Suki the dog a sledge ride which she doesn't wish to partake of, and I am once again throwing my efforts of bread making out to the birds, but they are throwing it back at me. But wait a moment, what is this? Out of the snow loomed the biggest earth mover I have ever seen, pushing the snow into 20ft. walls on either side of the road. The road is full of people taking photographs and children are running and laughing and sliding on the ice. I am busy making tea for the

workmen. FREEDOM at last! But no, the workmen say they are only allowed to go as far as the Somerset border, after that it is Avon's responsibility to clear the road. So now we live in a giant cul de sac. The Frome road is blocked at the border, and the other end is blocked by a coach load of stranded people and abandoned cars.

TUESDAY DAY 3.

We are so bored we are even looking forward to Crossroads. Freezing rain and fog has now set in and the family are looking at each other like Antisemites. No fresh fruit, no bread and the larder looks like a disaster area. If only we had a Range Rover we could drive over the ice without any problems. A quick call to the garage. Yes, they have one for sale. Henry says if they can get through with it we will buy it. Thaw has set in. Escape at last.

Anybody want to buy a Range Rover - little used?

Irene Springer
Your Somerset Correspondent.

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SATURDAY MARCH 18TH AT 8.P.M.

MARCH MAGIC MAD HATTERS PARTY

COME AS YOU ARE OR BETTER STILL WEAR A HAT.

YES!! THE S.O.S. STRIKES AGAIN.

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BRISTOL UNIVERSITY JEWISH & ISRAEL SOCIETY.

SPRING TERM PROGRAMME 1978.

WEDNESDAY. MARCH 1ST.

A Film Show and Talk on KIBBUTZIM will be held at
8.P.M. in the Students Union Hall.

All Welcome.

FRIDAY. MARCH 3RD.

CARDIFF JEWISH SOCIETY WEEKEND SCHOOL
at: Cardiff University.

Theme: JEWISH IDENTITY.
Details from Claire Callender.

FRIDAY. MARCH 3RD.

SHABBAT DINNER
at: Bristol Synagogue.
Time: 7.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY. MARCH 8TH. Talk: THE NATIONAL FRONT.

By: Martin Walker.
At: MR2 - The Union.
Time: 8.00 p.m.

For any further information or details regarding the programme
or anything concerning the Society, contact Claire Callender,
either via the Jewish and Israel Society pigeonhole in the
Union or telephone 32544.

POETRY SHMOETRY.

Who is this geezer GAZINK
He thinks all Jews dress in mink
The name of the game is quite easy to explain
It's like keeping your milchig from meat.

A Jew can be really quite poor,
As long as he's got gold mezzuzza's on his door.
To keep up with the Jones's is not his desire
As long as he owns more than Issy and Myer.

He saves all his life for his daughter
G'd forbid she should end up at some alter.
He knows with Nat. Wests' backing, if looks she is lacking
A doctor or dentist will support her.

Down in Zummerzet where I come from
A Jew is more rare than the BOMB
The cow on his Hoff and the fowl in his coup
Fear they'll end up as tzimmas or lokshen and soup.

So poet Gazink, I've put pen to ink
Though my rhyning may be somewhat chronic
Let's have some more, if you've any in store,
Your poems are really a tonic.

ERENI REGNIIPS
(Guest Poet).

I haven't the time, said the Barber
(Is it some kind of a quiz?)
I should have been open eight-thirty,
I'm already late as it is.

I haven't the time, said the Lawyer
(Is it for Famine Relief?)
I'm due at the courts in ten minutes
I mustn't be late for my brief.

I haven't the time, said the Doctor
(Not another political poll?)
I'm well overdue for my Surgery -
(These house calls do take their toll).

I haven't the time, said the Broker
(Not a food tasting test of some kind?)
I have several clients who're waiting
Really must rush - d'you mind?

I haven't the time, said the Merchant
(What is it you're giving away?)
I must hurry down to the warehouse,
It's annual stock-taking day.

"The Minister turned away sadly,
mounting the steps lined with snow,
a last futile glance at the still empty pews,
as he made himself ready to go.
Said the Parnass "Don't take it too badly -
they all have their living to seek -
reflect on the memory, gladly -
we did have a Minyan LAST week!"

GAZINK.