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

FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, April 2nd.
Bristol Zionists.
12 Great Brockridge. 11.a.m.

Tuesday, April 4th.
Bristol W.I.Z.O.
160 Cranbrook Road. 8.p.m.

Thursday, April 6th.
Bristol Zionists.
27, Reedley Road. 8.p.m.

Tuesday, April 11th.
Council Meeting.
Committee Room. 8.p.m.

Saturday, April 15th.
Ladies Guild.

Wednesday, May 3rd.
Bristol W.I.Z.O.
28 Church Road. 10.30 a.m.

YAHZRITES.

Tuesday, April 4th.	Messrs. J. Burke & G. Berkovitch.	ADAR 26 (2).
Tuesday, April 11th.	Messrs. G. Cole & H. Heber (London)	NISAN 4.
Saturday, April 15th.	Mr. S.Bloom.	NISAN 8.
Saturday, April 22nd.	Mr. H. Seymour. (1st Day Pesach)	NISAN 15.
Thursday, April 20th.	Mr.P.Winberg.	NISAN 13.
Friday, April 28th.	Mr. M.B. Silverman.	NISAN 21.
Saturday, April 29th.	Mr. L.G.Gould.	NISAN 22
Wednesday, May 3rd.	Messrs. N & I Sacof.	NISAN 26

Saturday, April 8th.	ROSH CHODESH NISAN.
Friday, April 21st.	EREV PESACH.
Saturday, April 22nd.	PESACH 1st DAY.
Sunday, April 23rd.	PESACH 2nd DAY.
Saturday, April 29th.	PESACH 8th DAY.

MESSAGE FOR PASSOVER 1978/5738.

After the long dreary months of the winterseason Jewish People all over the world are getting ready to celebrate this most wonderful Festival of PASSOVER. There is no other time in the Jewish Calendar where so much preparation is involved for the Jewish household than for this PESACH Festival. Families are sitting round the glittering Sedertables with all the traditional tasty dishes placed on the Sederplate. We are reciting the most popular book, the HAGGADAH, bringing back to our memory the thousands of years ago enslavement of the Jewish People in Egypt and their final redemption. But the great event of the EXODUS has an important meaning for us in our present time because the Jewish People have proclaimed to the nations of the world that Freedom is the fundamental principle of human existence.

The recent tragical event in Israel will remind us on the following words which we find in the HAGGADAH

"V'HI SHE-AMDA LA-AVOTEYNU V'LANU SHELD ECHAD BILVAD AMAD
ALEYNU L'CHALOTEYNU ELA SHEB'CHOL DOR VADOR OMDIM ALEYNU
L'CHALO TEYNU V'HAKADOSH BARUCH HU MATZILEYNU MIYADAM"

"IT IS THIS PROMISE THAT HAS HELPED OUR FATHERS AND US. FOR
MORE THAN ONCE HAVE THEY RISEN AGAINST US TO DESTROY US. IN
EVERY GENERATION THEY RISE AGAINST US AND SEEK OUR DESTRUCTION.
BUT THE HOLY ONE BLESSED BE HE SAVES US FROM THEIR HANDS".

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At the Sedernights there is the best opportunity for the father to explain to his children the meaning of the various kind of special dishes which we are placing on the Sedertable and hereby they will be encouraged to learn the practical side of Jewish home life. We will think at our Sedercelebration about our Jewish brethren in Russia who are still deprived of their Freedom.

Let us hope that the peace negotiations in the Middle East will bring peace and security to the Jewish People in Israel and to the world at large, as we find it expressed in the famous words of our HAGGADAH

"HOTZIANU MEY-AVDOD L'CHEYRUT MEYAGON L'SINCHAH
MEY'EYVEL L'YOMTOV UMEY -AFEYLAH L'OR GADOR UMISHIBUD
LIG'ULAH".

"HE TOOK US OUT FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM, FROM SORROW
TO JOY, FROM MOURNING TO FESTIVITY, FROM DARKNESS TO
GREAT LIGHT AND FROM BONDAGE TO REDEMPTION".

With this important Message of our HAGGADAH go our best wishes for a Happy and Pleasant YOMTOV to the Hon. Officers and all the members of the Bristol Congregation.

WITH CHAG SAMEYACH

Rev. & Mrs. Modell & Family.

BRISTOL WOMENS GUILD. (See also Page 5).

Our very grateful thanks to Helen and Lionel Caplan for the most successful Card Evening held at their home. The sum of £34.10 was raised.

A Kiddish will be held after the morning service every Saturday in future. Would any lady who can help with the serving of drinks please put their name forward to go on a rota system to Mrs. M. Kushner.

The next meeting of the Guild will be held on Monday 10th April at the home of Mrs. Kusher, 37 Long Eaton Drive, Whitchurch. at 7.45.p.m.

I have long held my silence, but I find that this I can no longer do, so, firstly, may I answer Mr. Berkovitch's letter. His complaints have been answered by actions. Since early January, for reasons I shall explain later, we have missed a Minyan Saturday but once. Only once was the lighting and heating not put on, due to the fact that the person who usually does these jobs for me was ill at the last moment. We have also been having Minyanim on Friday nights - surprised Mr. Berkovitch? I only wish that I could attend Saturdays and Friday nights, and I would not be ignorant of what was going on in the Congregation.

Now, how these Minyans have come about..... For this firstly I can thank Mrs. Adele Leffman, ably supported by my wife, Mrs. Sonia Silverman and Mrs. Marcia Gee, who have arranged a Kiddush every Saturday morning, and Mr. Andy Freeman who not only attended, but brought along Students and Lecturers to complete the Minyan, and also supplied the wine for the Kiddush. But also this was done in spite of the Ladies Guild and with little or no help apart from those mentioned. They have become invisible. They could not even form a rota to see that the Shul was cleaned properly by the cleaners that were hired. In fact, thanks to Mrs. Balint-Kurti and Mrs. Lesley Caplin, the Committee Room was ready for the Memorial Service.

It is no use telling me that we have done it all before. From what I hear, the last Ladies Guild meeting was a screaming match, where the weapons were their Diaries brandished by the Ladies to prove that everything came before Ladies Guild business; i.e. the maintenance of the furnishings of the Shul and the beautification of it.

Any now may I turn to the Youth Club. I see there was no response to Barry's letter, which to my mind was too polite. I will not embarrass the Editors by naming names. But briefly you parents disgust me. Here was a young boy who was willing to give up his day off after teaching in the morning at Chaida, and the parents did not have the decency to thank him for what he had done, or apologise for your deficiencies.

Finally, these last few months Arnold Greenwood, Sam Silverman and myself and our wives have been carrying this congregation in a host of ways, many of them not apparent to the rest of the Congregation, and I am beginning to wonder whether it is worth it.

I have always said the Congregation deserves it's President and vice-versa, but I know I do not deserve you.

Ike Kushner.

COMMUNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

COUNCIL MEETING. The next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11th at 8.p.m.

LOTTERY. The lottery draw did not take place this month, so there will be two prizes drawn next month.

TALMUD TORAH. Classes will resume on April 9th.

P.T.O.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL.

Miss Hetty Campbell would like to thank Mr. Len Gould for conducting the Service, and the Members of the Chevra Kedusha for officiating at the funeral of her late Sister, Clare, also relatives and friends for their visits and letters and messages of condolence.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Bettie Barnett has re-entered Frenchay Hospital for an operation. We take this opportunity of sending our best wishes for a speedy and continued recovery.

A "Get Well Soon" message to Mr. Len Gould who has been indisposed, from all his many friends.

Gertie & Isi Myers, who moved from Bristol on February 20th (in all that snow) are settling in nicely in their new home.

Another "Mazel Tov" to Eve and Gerald Levy on the occasion of the bris of their son, Mark Elliot.

Rebecca Channack wishes to thank all her friends for their kind wishes for a speedy recovery received following her recent operation.

Ruth Curwen and Family thank Rev. Moddel, the Chevra Kadisha, Council and members of the Community for their sympathy and kindness shown at the occasion of Sydney's Stone Setting and Unveiling of the Plaque in his memory. Grateful thanks also to the Ladies Guild for providing and organising the refreshments afterwards.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, March 26th for the late Dr. Sydney Curwen, O.B.E. T.D.

Addresses were given by the President, Mr. Ike Kushner, and Mr. Len Gould outlining Dr. Curwen's eventful life in the affairs of the Bristol Hebrew Congregation, his many Offices held with the Freemasons, his association with Amateur Dramatics and Bristol Radio, his long service with the Territorial Army and above all the way in which he devoted his life to the treatment and research of Cancer and to his profession in general.

A Plaque to Dr. Curwen was unveiled by his eldest son Brian, erected by the Community in Memory of his many years of devoted service to the Bristol Hebrew Congregation.

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Dr. Sydney Curwen. O.B.E. T.D.

After the Service, conducted by Rev. Moddel, Sherry and refreshments were served by members of the Ladies Guild in the Committee Room.

Over 100 people attended the Service, including members of the T.A. Nurses, and many Masonic friends.

BRISTOL ZIONIST GROUP.

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 and Julius Burke, 12 Great Brockridge, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol on SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND at 11.a.m.

75p per head.

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, but 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 held at the home of Kate and Ernest Lever.
27, Reedley Road, Stoke Bishop

CELEBRATION - 12 HOURS OF ISRAEL - ISRAELS 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.

BRISTOL WOMENS GUILD. (See also Page 2).

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.

BRISTOL W.I.Z.O. GROUP.

An evening meeting was held on Tuesday, 7th March, at the home of Mrs. E. Gordon.

At this meeting Mrs. Ruth Curwen, our retiring Chairman, was presented with a silver tray by the group.

The Jumble Sale held on Wednesday, 22nd March, raised £147. for the funds. Many thanks to all the ladies who helped, also their husbands and non Jewish friends who helped.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 4th April, at 8.p.m. at the home of Mrs. R. Smith. 160 Cranbrook Road.

The meeting in May will be held on Wednesday, 3rd May, at 10.30.a.m. at the home of Mrs. H. Caplan, 28 Church Road, Sneyd Park, Bristol.

Please make every effort to attend these meetings.

Sheila Tobias. Hon. Sec.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A WEDDING!!!!

When? July 2nd.
Between Who?..... To be announced later.
Where?..... Reception at a Country Location
(If you need transport, tell the Editors,
it will be provided).
Cost?..... Wedding Presents will cost you £5 per couple.

ALL PROCEEDS IN AID OF THE JEWISH BLIND SOCIETY.

WATCH THE NEXT ISSUE FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF THIS GREAT EVENT!!!!

A group of members belonging to the Community intend coming together in the late Summer with the intention of producing some form of entertainment.

We feel there is probably quite a bit of hidden talent among us and we would like to bring this out into the open, so please have a chat with Angela Holt, Eve Gordon, or Min Kushner. It won't commit you to anything.

POETRY SHMOETRY.

JEWS!

The Jews are a difficult race,
it's not just their nose or their face,
Their families' not smaller,
Their sons are not taller,
It's not they're harder to trace.

It's not that they set a good "table"
Not kosher that comes with a label,
Nor even the birth,
Or hello with a kis,
That sets them apart from the babble.

POETRY SHMOETRY. (Continued)

JEWS!

Her ring is not always a 'knacker',
(If the char pinches food so they sack her)
They make like committeees,
They may take the kittys,
So what's wrong with being a macher?

It's something much bigger than all,
Not big car, big house or big hall,
It's our love hate relation,
We feel for our nation.
We cling to our own, faults an' all.

MINX !

DESIRABLE PROPERTY - VACANT POSSESSION.

Tiptoe away - call it a day.
Forget that we own it - sure, we've outgrown it.
It's TERRIBLY cold - DONKEY'S years old
(Why SHOULD the Chosen, be constantly frozen?)
Why not concede it, we don't really NEED it
When you pursue it, we don't often USE it!
Why keep repairing - not REALLY caring
Make do and mending,
Constantly spending.....
Perhaps we could SELL it - or possibly FELL it?
SOMEONE might buy it - (why don't we try it?)
An offer to RENT, might be heaven sent!
Maybe the CITY would view it with pity
Or a local tycoon, rescue it soon.
Perhaps the solution, is in dissolution?
Could the NATIONAL TRUST, stop it go bust?
The great FEDERATION ... (is that desperation?)
Maybe the UNITED ... (or is that short sighted?)
Let us not doubt it, we can't do without it.
Unless we replace it - we might as well face it
Like it or not ... it's all that we've GOT ...
What a dilemma ... it's nearly Ack Emma
This really won't do'....I'll leave it to YOU!!

GAZINK.