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FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST 1984

THURSDAY 22nd AUGUST @ 8.0pm

Council Meeting

MONDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER @ 8.0pm

Ladies Guild Meeting

59 The Dell

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SUNDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

Talmud Torah classes resume.

YAHRAITES

Wednesday August 1st	Mrs N. Silverman	AB 3
Friday August 10th	Mr. A. Glass	AB 12
Saturday August 18th	Mrs C. Culank	AB 20
Sunday August 19th	Mr. P. Winberg	AB 21
Tuesday September 4th	Mr. B. Meisbiser	FLUL 7

COMMUNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOTTERY

This months lottery was won by Mr. E. Aharoni.
The £50 lottery prize was won by Mr. C. Berkovitch.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd August.

TALMUD TORAH

Classes will resume on Sunday 9th September 1984. Anyone wishing to enrol their children for the FIVE time, must contact Alan Tobias (Tel no: Thornbury 412831) not later than 2nd September 1984.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Shieela & Alan Tobias would like to thank everyone for their kind enquiries regarding their recent injuries. Both are now on the mend and well on their way back to full fitness.

We extend our sincere condolences to Tony Gordon on the loss of his Father. We wish Tony and all the family 'Long Life' and freedom from further troubles for many years to come.

We send our Best Wishes for a Happy Future to Doreen Woolfe and Henry Harris, whose marriage will take place at the Synagogue, Park Row, on the 9th August.

Mrs D. Woolfe and Mr. Henry Harris invite all members of the Community to a Kiddush to be held after the Shabbat service on the 4th August on the occasion of their forthcoming marriage.

We are sorry to learn that the Pannel family have been in the 'wars'. Rebbie was knocked down by a car whilst out training, the following morning Anita had an accident in her car, and the previous week their son had a accident in his car. We trust that they are all making a speedy recovery from their experiences.

We extend a hearty Mazeltov to Anne and Bob Emmanuel, on the occasion of their son, Jonathan's, Barmitzvah which took place at the Synagogue Park Row, on Saturday 21st July.

Congratulations to Emanda Springer, who won a Gold medal for gymnastics at the recent South West of England championships.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL.

Tony Gordon and his family, thank all their friends in the Community for their good wishes and messages of sympathy following their recent bereavement.

The stone setting for the late Mr.G. Geller will take place on Sunday 7th October.

We are sorry to learn that a ex member of the Community, Mr Mick Watland has recently had a severe stroke. Mr Watland lives at 14 High Trees Court, Manor Court Road, Hainwell, London W.7., and we send him our best wishes.

We send our sincere condolences to ex Bristolian, Carol White, whose husband, Mr Harold Shield, died recently. We wish Carol and all the family ' Long Life ' and freedom from further troubles for many years to come.

Mrs R. Malik and William sincerely thank all the people and friends for the kind letters of sympathy shown to us, on the passing of my dear Husband and Father of William.

BRISTOL W.I.A.O.

The final total for Jewish Womans Week is £550. Many thanks to the organisers Kate Lever and Ruth Curwen, and to all those, whose generous contributions helped us reach this record sum.

Sheila Tobias is again organising the New Year Brochure, If you would like your greeting included, and have'nt yet been contacted please phone Sheila at 93-412831.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 11th September at the home of Mrs R. Curwen, 77 Parrys Lane, Stoke Bishop.

BRISTOL JEWISH BURIAL SOCIETY

At a recent meeting of the Burial Society, Mr Henry Springer was appointed a trustee of the Society in recognition of his services for the Chevra.

BRISTOL WOMEN'S GUILD

The Officers and Members of the Guild would like to extend their sincere condolences to Tony Gordon on the loss of his Father. We wish Tony and Fve and all the family ' Long Life ' and freedom from sorrow for many years to come.

A hearty Mazeltov to Jonathan Emmanuel on the occasion of his Barmitzva and also to his dear parents Anne and Bob and all the family.

The Annual General Meeting of the Guild took place on the 9th July at the home of Mrs Irene Berkovitch.

Mrs Sacof formally opened the meeting and congratulated our retiring chairman, Mrs Doreen Woolfe, treasurer Mrs Audrey Greenwood, and secretary, Mrs Helena Caplan on the good and rewarding year of office.

In her report, Mrs Woolfe gave a summary of the functions and speakers throughout the year. She gave her sincere thanks to Mrs Sacof, her officers and committee and to all the members for their hard work and support during her term of office. A presentation and " Something Blue " was made to Mrs Woolfe together with our sincere wishes for a very happy Wedded future.

Various allocations were made to Charities and a sum of money set aside to be used for Synagogue purposes when needed.

The allocations were as follows -

Home for Aged Cardiff £300
Bristol Old Peoples Welfare £20.

Treasurer, Mrs Greenwood was thanked for her excellent balance sheet and work.

Election of Officers was as follows -

Chairman: Mrs Fve Gordon. Vice Chairman: Mrs Sheila Tobias
Secretary: Mrs Helena Caplan. Treasurer: Mrs Audrey Greenwood
Catering Officer: Mrs I. Berkovitch. WIZO Rep: Mrs Ruth Curwen
Committee: Mrs A. Emmanuel, Mrs M. Kushner, Mrs M. Gee.
Hon Life Vice Chairman: Mrs J. Dysch and Mrs B. Glick.

Subscriptions were raised to £2. and are now due.

Special thanks were given to Mrs Fsmc Leapman and Mrs Greta Meyer for their stalwart visiting of hospital patients.

Finally thanks must go to Audrey and Arnold Greenwood for taking over the Barbecue at their house at such short notice and Irene Berkovitch co - hostess. £224 was raised and thanks go to all who helped.

Our next meeting will take place on Monday 3rd September at 8.0pm at 59 The Dell, Westbury on Trym.

IS THERE ANYBODY WATCHING...NU?
(or, "Eat your heart out, Herbert Kratsmir...")

Has anyone else noticed that Friday night TV seems to have been dedicated to Jewish viewers? Somebody obviously hasn't realised that no self-respecting Jew would watch the box at this time. Then how come I know about it? Well, I'm just a friend of Judith Harshon's - actually her cousin's aunty's brother-in-law's niece twice removed. (Hold on! Doesn't that still make me Jewish?)

The realisation came one Friday night as I settled down to the evening's viewing. First on the agenda was "Fame", with my heroine, Doris Schwartz, every Jewish mother's daughter and a friend to all. Everyone thinks that I... I mean, that Judith looks like her. Please G-d she'll also sing like her one day! Doris coaxes out her friends' problems with an encouraging 'Nu?' She also has a lifetime's supply of long-lost brothers, boyfriends and grandmothers dying in hospital. She swears everything on her grandmother's chicken soup and kneidels: no wonder Doris has a weight problem! If I had as many grandmothers as she, I'd begin to look like a kneidel myself. Her music teacher is Professor Scherowski, who's survived every holocaust since Sodom and Gomorah. He walks into the staff room and remarks to a colleague, "There's a Jewish word for the look on your face". When asked what it is, he admits, "I don't know; but there's a Jewish word for everything." However, last week Doris's mother confessed that she wasn't even Jewish herself. That makes Doris...a gentile!

At 9.00 p.m., BBC 2 repeats the first series of "Rhoda". Rhoda's mother is the marvellous Ida Morgenstern (alias Nancy Walker). "I may not be able to make it for coffee tomorrow, Ma," warns Rhoda. "That's all right, honey," reassures Ida, "just give me plenty of notice so that I can cancel the caterers". When Rhoda brings her boyfriend round, Ida promises not to make a fuss. She only makes 200 pieces of gefilte fish and removes the polythene from the furniture for the first time in 32 years. "You're not upset that he's not Jewish?" asks her husband afterwards in the early hours of the morning. "Upset! Of course not," shrugs Ida, going to vacuum the bedroom carpet.

I then switch channels to find myself half way through "Shine on Harvey Moon". The Moons have a couple of German Jewish exiles downstairs. Frida resists her brother's attempts to stay orthodox: "You're the baker - you join the Ladies Guild!" Harvey's mother wonders why she is being asked to leave the rent on the mantelpiece on Saturday morning, and when she sees her landlord's best black suit: "Oh no! Has someone died?...No, of course, you're off to the Jewish Church". Matters worsen when they invited the Moons to supper. "What, Jewish food?" asks little Stanley, enthralled. "Oh, good," adds his sister Maggie, "is it like Indian food, wiv curry an' all that?" Then, halfway through the meal: "That red soup was called borsht, Stanley. "Bosh?" he replies innocently, "isn't that what they called the Germans during the War?" (Oy, Stanley! Have YOU made a mistake!) And talking of food, I saw a preview for "Taxi" in a recent newspaper: apparently, Latka was dating Simka. That could become confusing at the wedding...I wouldn't know if I was toasting the happy couple or the caterers... would you?

The late night film is about a girl who falls in love with a rock singer. "I'm sixteen and my family are devout Catholics," she announces, nervously crossing herself. She arrives home to her father's greeting, "There you are! Did you expect us to hold up the sunset for you?" Suddenly mother puts a white veil over her daughter's head, lights two white candles and comes out with, "Say Good Shabbas to your grandmother." Was there no escape? She finally confessed to her boyfriend that she was Jewish. That is clearly bad news...wait for it... "I'm...thirteen." He drives her home so fast that he might just have eaten a gallon of Doris's grandmother's chicken soup.

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I was very relieved that the closedown was as usual tonight. For one minute I was expecting to hear " This is Solly Goldberg wishing all our viewers a very Good Shabbas " and he possibly played out with ' Hatikva '. I switched off and went downstairs to find my brother experimenting with shortwave radio. He found a station whose news programme seemed to incorporate a lot of rabbis and synagogues. After the bleeps, they revealed the dreaded truth : " This is Israel's round- the- world- service ".

Well, thank you, good Shabbas and goodnight!

By Judith Hershon's 'friend'.

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To The Recorder Editors,

I wonder how much pleasure you give to elderly people like myself when we read of the work our Editors put together of past and present events of the Bristol Jewish Community.

To me it is wonderful and gives me great pleasure when it arrives to read the results of the work by the Ladies Guild, the efforts put in to help the Home for the Aged in Cardiff, help for Israel, and many other causes to do with the 'Shul'.

For new comers to the Community you will be made most welcome by many of us, and you will always be welcome by me to tea on Shabbas afternoon for a chat.

Thanks again Editors, also to the Guilds Secretary, who keeps us known to readers of the Jewish Chronicle, and to our two lady visitors who call when they can to give a friendly chat.

Keep it up Editors, My thoughts and thanks, are always appreciated.

Sincerely
Mrs G.R. Sacof,
President Bristol Ladies Guild.

What is understanding ??

It is a Sunday morning, and a lovely summers day. Miriam and Jack have their breakfast in the garden. Jack is reading the Sunday newspaper and Miriam started slowly to clear the table.

Their neighbour is even one step further and cuts his lawn.

"Darling" says Miriam, " Mr Simms is cutting his lawn". Nobody would have avoided to hear the noise the cutter makes.

Jack is deep in his paper, you only hear a little groan. Is he interested in the good news ?, or does he know what is expected from him ? . After a deep sigh he turns the page and reads on.

"Darling" Miriam says "our lawn need cutting as well": another sigh from Jack.

Miriam now knows that she has to be more energetic, to get her husband to notice not only what she is saying, but as well as what she means. "JACK our lawn needs cutting and who knows how long the dry weather will last - I have other things to do indoors as well, so I think it is not to much to ask you to cut the lawn".

Ralph (her sisters husband) does it very week.

Jack turns the paper and has a deep breather.

Now he asks " Where have you seen that white dress you liked so Much?"

Miriam thinks very quickly, is her dear Jack softening moneywise ?.

She has to make the best of the situation. " Darling the shop is in Kings Street, I could meet you there tomorrow, and you can see how nice it suits me" - Miriam has to play her cards right - " If you are to tired Jack, I will hurry with my indoor jobs and I will have time to cut the lawn myself, you read your paper in peace".

Jack relaxes even more in his chair.

With a sigh of relief Miriam rushes about, looking very pleased with herself.

Here you can see two peoples understanding !!

G.M.

FROM THE RECORDER 25 YEARS AGO

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WOMEN'S GUILD

18 Belgrave Road
Clifton,
Bristol.8.

Dear Mrs Sacof,

May I, on behalf of the Ladies Guild, thank you for the wonderful job of work you have done as Founder and Chairman of the Guild. The entire Community has reaped the benefit of your untiring efforts, and we hope that in your capacity as President you will always be there to guide us and to continue the much appreciated Social and Welfare work of the Congregation..

May the Lord give you strength to carry on for many years

Yours affectionately

J. Dysch
CHAIRMAN.