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FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 1985

FRIDAY 5th.APRIL

EREV PESACH

WEDNESDAY 17th.APRIL @ 8p.m.

Informal Study Group

Frank Cohen Hall

MONDAY 22nd.APRIL

Womans Guild Meeting

33 Downs Park

WEDNESDAY 24th.APRIL @ 2.p.m.

JUMBLE SALE

St.Johns Hall

WEDNESDAY 24th. APRIL @ 8.p.m.

Informal Study Group

Frank Cohen Hall

SUNDAY 28th.APRIL @ 8.p.m.

Council Meeting

Frank Cohen Hall

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Our sincere condolences to MRS. MIN KUSHNER, whose elder sister HILDA ROBINSON passed away recently. We take this opportunity to wish Min "Long Life" and Freedom from further troubles.

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We regret also to announce the death of MARIE LEVINE, sister of JOYCE, and wish Joyce and family "Long Life" and Freedom from further troubles.

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Our best wishes to MRS. ANN HANDEL, who is in the Chesterfield Hospital recovering from a recent operation, and, we learn, making very good progress.

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We are sure you will join us in sending a "Get Well Soon" message to our good friend MR. A. E. (ERNIE) MORRIS, now resident in Bournemouth, who recently underwent an operation, and is now happily on the mend.

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Belated congratulations to PETER BALINT-KURTI on gaining 11 "O" levels, all at Grade "A". Good luck to all those about to sit their exams of any kind during the coming months.

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DENNIS JACOBS sends regards to friends in Bristol, and advises that his new address is: 27 WELL WALK, HAMPSTEAD, LONDON NW3.

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Our best wishes to STUART NIRENBERG from "over the Bridge", recovering from yet another operation on his knee. We hope all goes well and that it will be the last!

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We are pleased to know that MR. LOU COHEN is making steady progress and may soon be discharged from Southmead Hospital. Our best wishes to Lou and EUNICE, who has also had her share of problems, and hope that everything will be back to normal soon.

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FROM: BIRMINGHAM ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH EX-SERVICE MEN & WOMEN
TO: MR. G. GEE BRISTOL AJEX

All arrangements are now in hand for the Thanksgiving Service on SUNDAY 23RD. JUNE at SINGERS HILL SYNAGOGUE, BLUCHERS STREET, BIRMINGHAM at 3 p.m., to be followed by tea in the JOSEPH COHEN SUITE adjacent to the Synagogue.

I have pleasure in inviting you your Committee and Members, particularly your Standard and Standard Bearer, to be present on this occasion. We would be grateful if we could have final numbers by MAY 19th. in order to facilitate seating arrangements.

With all good wishes

Yours Sincerely
FRANK HYAM

Chairman, Midlands Regional Council

PLEASE ADVISE MR. G. GEE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

YAHZIZITES

Wednesday	April 3rd.	Mrs. A. Greenwood	NISAN 12
Thursday	April 4th.	Mr. P. Winberg	NISAN 13
Saturday	April 6th.	Mr. H. Seymour, Fam. of Mrs. B. Coburg	NISAN 15
Saturday	April 13th.	Mr. L. G. Gould	NISAN 22
Sunday	April 14th.	Fam. of Mrs. Dora Malin	NISAN 23
Wednesday	April 17th.	Mr. I. Saef	NISAN 26
Thursday	April 18th.	Fam. of Mr. Brooks (Horowitz)	
		Fam. of Mr. R. Leapman	NISAN 27
Saturday	April 20th.	Mr. M. Barnett	NISAN 29
Monday	April 22nd.	Mr. H. Springer	IYAR 1
Saturday	April 27th.	Mr. L. Caplan	IYAR 6
Monday	April 29th.	Mrs. G. Meyer	IYAR 8
Monday	May 6th.	Mrs. C. Culank, Mrs. R. Curwen, Fam. of Mr. Michel Averbuch	IYAR 15

COMMUNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIMETABLE FOR PASSOVER

Thursday	April 4th.	Search for Chometz at nightfall
Tuesday	April 5th.	EREV PESACH
		FAST OF FIRST BORN
		Chometz forbidden after 10.17 a.m.
		6.30 p.m. Mincha, Maariv Service
Shabbat	April 6th.	FIRST DAY
		Morning Service 10.00 a.m.
		Mincha, Maariv Service 6.30 p.m.
Sunday	April 7th.	SECOND DAY
		Morning Service 10.00 a.m.
Thursday	April 11th.	EREV YOM TOV
		Mincha, Maariv Service 6.30 p.m.
Friday	April 12th.	SEVENTH DAY
		Morning Service 10.00 a.m.
		Mincha, Maariv Service 6.30 p.m.
Shabbat	April 13th.	LAST DAY
		Morning Service 10.00 a.m. (Yizkor)
The Festival of PESACH ends on Shabbat April 13th. at 8.55 p.m.		
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COUNCIL MEETING. The next Council Meeting will be held on Sunday April 28th. at 8 p.m.

LOTTERY. The February Prize was won by Mr. E. Lever, and the March Prize by Mrs. G. Seymour.

JEWISH REP. COUNCIL. Correction. Hon. Sec. of this organisation is Mr. Ted Jacobs, not Mrs. Joy as printed earlier.

MESSAGE FOR PASSOVER 1985/5745

We are looking forward P.G. to celebrate this beautiful Festival of Pesach. There is no other event in our Jewish Calander which needs such a thorough preparation than this Festival. The importance of the departure from Egypt is stated by the fact that we are mentioning it, not only as the first of the Ten Commandments, but also at the Kiddush on Shabbat and Festivals. When we are sitting round our glittering table at the Seder nights with our relatives and friends, we are explaining to our children in the MAH NISHTANAH why this night is distinguished by placing all the special dishes on our Seder plate but we have also the opportunity to tell our children that since we are the distinguished among the Nations of the World, we have the obligation to fulfil all the Commandments of our Judaism the whole year round.

As we are celebrating Pesach as "Z'MAN CHEIRUTEINU", the "Season of our Freedom", we are hoping that this Festival will bring Freedom to our brethren in Russia to join their families wherever they are, and relieve to the Israeli Troops in Lebanon, to complete their return to their homeland after they have been defending the Kibbutzim in Israel for so many years under difficult circumstances. We hope to look forward to the great message of our Haggadah.

"V'NODEH L'CHA SHIR CHADASH AL G'ULATEINU V'AL P'DUD NAFSHEINU"

"WE SHALL THEN OFFER UNTO YOU A NEW SONG FOR OUR REDEMPTION AND SALVATION"

With these words from the HAGGADAH go our best wishes for a happy and pleasant Yom Tov to the Hon. Officers and all the members of the Bristol Congregation.

With CHAG SAMEYACH
Rev. & Mrs. Moddel & Family.

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TALMUD TORAH

The Talmud Torah PURIM Celebration was held on Sunday March 10th. at the Synagogue. The proceedings began with the pupils presentation of their PURIM Play, "Babes in the Shushan Woods" by ALAN GREENBAT. They had put a great deal of effort into making their costumes, and preparing their lines, and are to be congratulated on providing an excellent Play. This was followed by the ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING, with MR. RAPHAEL EMANUEL performing the honours. The Prizewinners were:

CLASS 1	1ST. PRIZE	- LINSEY GORDON
	Prize for effort	- DAVID ROSE
CLASS 2	1ST. PRIZE	- MIRIAM GORDON
	2ND. PRIZE	- DAVID BERKOVITCH
CLASS 3	1ST. EQUAL	- SIMON EMMANUEL & CLAUDE KAPLAN
	3RD. EQUAL	- STEVEN GREENWOOD & DANIEL AHARONI

The PRIZEGIVING was followed by a "tea party" provided by the Mums through MRS. BALINT-KURTI'S organisation. Thanks to all the providers! MRS. LEVIN provided a video show about the settlement of the Falasha children in Israel, and then distributed Jewish Childs Day Fund Raising kits to the children of the Talmud Torah.

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMENS GUILD

The Guild would like to wish ANN HANDEL a speedy recovery from her recent operation, and far better health in the future.
A meeting was held on March 4th. at the home of MRS. AUDREY GREENWOOD. MR. KEITH PHILLIPS gave a talk and demonstration of "SHIATSU MASSAGE"

Our intrepid volunteers were KITTY BALINT-KURZI, NAT SMITH, and a tortoiseshell cat (resident at the GREENWOODS.)
The meeting was hugely enjoyed by all present, and we sincerely hope that all three have lost their aches and pains!

The next meeting will be at the home of MRS. ANN EMMANUEL, 33 Downs Park West, Westbury-on-Trym, on APRIL 22nd.

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NOTICE It would be much appreciated if when anyone uses the Shul Kitchen, that it is left clean and tidy. The cutlery and crockery should be put away into the correct cupboards. When the cleaning material, e.g. Washing Up Liquid, Dishcloths etc., is running low, then please, either let me, or any member of the Womens Guild Committee know, so that it can be replaced.

Thanking you for your co-operation in keeping the kitchen how you would like to find it.

Yours, EVE GORDON

BRISTOL WIZO

WOMENS WEEK. MRS. AUDREY GREENWOOD and MRS. IRENE BERKOVITCH, have kindly volunteered to be Captain and Co-Captain of Womens Week this year. We are very grateful to them for agreeing to perform this time-consuming task, and hope that their efforts will be well rewarded with many generous donations.

JUMBLE SALE. Our next Jumble Sale will be held in St. Johns Hall on Wednesday, April 24th. at 2 p.m. As usual MRS. KATE LEVER will be organizing the event, and we would like heaps of JUMBLE, and as many HELPERS as possible to make it a financial success. Helpers are needed for the morning "sorting out" session beginning at 11 a.m., as well as for the afternoon selling and cleaning away session at 1.45 p.m. If you can help or have difficulty in storing or delivering your Jumble, please telephone KATE LEVER (684717), GOLDA SEYMOUR (621953) or RUTH CURMEN (683033)

CARD EVENING * Please make a note in your diary that a Card Evening will be held at the Synagogue Hall on Sunday MAY 12th at 7.30 p.m. The co-hostesses will be MRS. GOLDA SEYMOUR, MRS. IRENE SPRINGER and MRS. KATE LEVER. Details next month.

TALMUD TORAH

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Teachers of the Talmud Torah. In recent months we have become increasingly concerned at the attitude of some parents toward the Talmud Torah. It is being treated more and more as a convenience. Pupils' attendances are becoming irregular due to Rugby matches, days out etc., and the Teachers aren't even notified in advance. We would like to have days out too, but, because we take the commitment to the Talmud Torah seriously, we arrange our plans around the classes. If the Teachers can make this small sacrifice, then it is not asking too much for the parents and pupils to do likewise.

There are obviously valid reasons for absence, and, in this connection all we ask for is advance notice. I would like to remind you that we all do this on a voluntary basis because of our interest in Jewish Education. We do this, not only for our own children's benefit, but also for YOUR children's benefit. If we do not receive your full co-operation, we are under no obligation to continue.

A. TOBIAS
E. AHARONI
E. LEVY

WOMENS GUILD Our apologies for the omission in January of a Vote of Thanks to members of the Guild for a very fine, and well attended BINGO EVENING. Your HOSTESSES were: Messdames A. HANDEL, M. KUSHNER & S. SILVERMAN. Your Bingo Callers were Messrs. S. SILVERMAN & G. GEE, and to the Hostesses and their many helpers for the presentation of a Super nosh!

CHEVRA KEDUSHA We thought it time to express a PUBLIC vote of thanks to the Men and Women of our stalwart Chevra, who perform their sacred duties when called upon, willingly, seeking no reward. Unfortunately it is not always possible-for health or other reasons, to have the required number of members on hand, on every occasion that they are needed. We therefore appeal to every man and woman in the Community-if you feel that you can help, please contact any Chevra Member-they are pretty well known. Even if you feel unable to face some of the more obvious duties, there are many ways-especially men-in which you can assist, as the writer can testify. Contact the President MR. S. M. NIRENBERG-maybe your name could go on the "Emergency" list. You may NEVER be called, but you will have the satisfaction of volunteering your services for the most worthy of causes.

TO REMIND US OF SOVIET JEWRY

It seemed appropriate that immediately after Shabbat Zachor the London Jewish Theatre Company brought to the Frank Cohen Hall a programme of short plays and readings which vividly portrayed the harassment of Jews who wish to leave Russia for Israel. The performance - under the banner of the Student and Academic Campaign for Soviet Jewry - was organised by the University Jewish Society as one of the events in a weekend school attended by students from Bristol and other universities.

Before the actors took over, the audience heard a short talk from Malcolm Weisman. His theme was not unrelated. Bristol, he suggested, should be a focal point for those in the region whose work means that they live a distance away from a larger Jewish community, but who - that apart - otherwise give full expression to their Judaism. Working out how to express concern for those who would welcome awareness by Bristol of their spiritual and pastoral needs could also involve the communities in Bristol planning ahead for their own needs, given that growth and continuity as presently existing are not necessarily assured for the future.

The small band of actors then played professionally and enthusiastically to what they themselves described as an appreciative audience. (It didn't include many Park Row members though.) Each of the plays and dramatised readings brought home what life becomes when you ask for a visa to leave a country where travel and journeys abroad are regulated. How you lose your job, are watched constantly, are repeatedly arrested for questioning, are asked - forced - to denounce fellow Jews; how normal everyday life becomes impossible. Of course we all know this; but to see it depicted doubles the pain.

If we succeed in inviting this talented company back to Bristol, they are a group you ought not to miss. Not just because they base their work on themes of Jewish culture and interest, but because even in the unlikely setting of a shul hall, without proper lighting or acting space, they created an intensely moving piece of theatre.

What else can we all do? Well, the Student and Academic Campaign asked us to redouble our efforts to write to Russian Jews waiting to leave. We were also asked to write to our MP, to our MEP, to the media, to the Russian Embassy, drawing attention to the lack of a basic human right: freedom to travel around your own country, to live in it where you want, to leave it, and to return, without harassment.

You could also please put a date in your diary: Thursday 2 May 1985 at 7.30 p.m. in the Frank Cohen Hall. The Bristol Jewish Representative Council is arranging to follow up the theatre evening with a film and talk by a Council member of the National Campaign for Soviet Jewry.

Martin Vegoda

INFORMAL STUDY GROUP

On the evening before Purim, after the reading of the scroll of Esther, we took time out from our reading and talking to sample a selection of hamantaschen and drink coffee. From that you can tell that coming to our weekly study group is not all books and learned learning. What we do do is share knowledge and experience. Someone - who has been asked to beforehand - draws on the week's sidra to set the discussion rolling; and invariably a conversation - to the point but wide-ranging - continues non-stop for one and a half hours.

There are about twenty of us who've put in an appearance over the last few months. Each week some eight to ten people meet. So this doesn't have to be a regular commitment. If you're still thinking of coming but haven't yet made it, do take the plunge - you'll be very welcome. If you want more information, please phone Helen Vegoda on Bristol 45769.

In April we shan't be meeting the Wednesdays before and during Pesach (3 and 10 April). So April's two meetings in the Frank Cohen Hall at 8.00 p.m. (PLEASE NOTE THE NEW SUMMER STARTING TIME) will be on:

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| 17 April | portion Shemini | (Leviticus Chap 9 verse 1 to
Chap 11 verse 47) |
| 24 April | double portion Thazria | (Leviticus Chap 12 verse 1 to
Chap 13 verse 56) |
| | and Metzora | (Leviticus Chap 14 verse 1 to
Chap 15 verse 33). |