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FOR YOUR DIARY

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SIVAN/TAMMUZ 5745

SUNDAY 9th.JUNE @ 7.30p.m.

Jewish.Rep.Council Progressive Synagogue

SUNDAY 16th.JUNE @ 3p.m.

Levin/Rose Bat Mitzvah Synagogue & Frank Cohen Hall

MONDAY 17th.JUNE

Ladies Guild Meeting 14 Elgin Park

SUNDAY 23rd. JUNE from 3p.m.

GARDEN PARTY 58 The Breaches

MONDAY 24th.JUNE

Council Meeting Frank Cohen Hall SUNDAY 30th.JUNE

OLD AGE HOME GARDEN PARTY CARDIFF

SUNDAY 7th.JULY

Jewish Rep.Council Meeting

YAHRZITES

Monday June 10th. Mr.A.E.Morris SIVAN 21
Wednesday June 12th. Mr.I.Kushner SIVAN 23
Sunday June 23rd. Mr.S.Bloom TAMMUZ 4

COMMUNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST.PHILIPS CEMETARY
After lengthy negotiation, our Chevra Kedusha have arranged with the Bristol Churches Community Service, for work to commence within the next 14 days, on restoration to the Midland Road Cemetary. This is not without some cost on our part, and we, as a community should not be 'backward in coming forward' if asked for funds or other assistance in this project. It is our moral responsability.

COUNCIL MEETING The next Council Meeting will be on Monday June 24th.

LOTTERY No draw this month. A double draw for July.

DONATIONS
...... We are indebted to Mr.A.E. Morris and Mr.J. Silman, for their recent generous donations to the Synagogue fund, and to Mr.C. Berkovitch for unselfishly donating his recent Lottery win.

CARETAKER
...... Commencing officially June 1st., our new Caretaker will be Mr.
Robert Bees, and his bride -to-be Miss Laura MaCombe. We wish them every
success, and trust their stay with us will be a happy one.

ADULT HEBREW CLASSES. Plans are in hand for Adult Hebrew lessons to be given. Details later in the year.

BRISTOL WIZO

Our JUMBLE SALE on April 24th. was a tremendous success, raising £263. Grateful thanks to all the ladies and husbands who worked so hard in the freezing cold hall -especially the few who stayed for both morning AND afternoon sessions. Special thanks to GOLDA SEYMOUR f-r selling lots of things outside of "office hours", and, of course to KATE LEVER who spent so much time and effort organizing this bi-annual event.

The CARD EVENING on Sunday May 12th, was a most enjoyable function. Many thanks to Hostesses MILLIE ROBERTS in whose home it was held, and to KATE LEVER, IRENE SPRINGER and GOLDA SEYMOUR. A Grand Total of £56.50 was raised.

Kitty Balint-Kurti

Dr.CYRIL HERSHON gave a talk on BBC WEST RADIO this month on the subject of SHAVUOT. Listen in for further broadcasts during the year.We will advise dates & times if possible.

from our correspondant(cont'd from back page)

They were the ones there first in the morning, and the last to go at the end No finding excuses for them, when theirs must surely be the most valid!

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

We are pleased to seport that our Co-Editor and colleague is now fully removed after a recent stay in Frenchay Hospital, and is now back at his desk. Glad to see you back Sam.

Jennie Dysch would like to thank her relatives and many friends for their help and concern during her trying time, and is pleased to say all is well now.

Sidney Bloom thanks his friends of the Congregation for their kind enquiries and 'Get Well ' cards. He is not quite well enough to receive visitors, but hopes to see some of you very soon. Please keep in touch with Helen.

Best wishes, and "hurry back" to our Hon. Treasurer Arnold Greenwood, about to go into the Chesterfield for an operation.

Also in, and out on temporary lease from the B.R.I. is Dr.Cyril Hershon. Word is that he will be snatched back in several weeks for an operationall however, is well, and going according to plan. Our best wishes Cyril.

Back with us again after a long spell abroad are Millie and Malcom Barnett, Rea Gold, and Bill Schlesinger.

Congratulations (for last month) to Denise Gee on her 21st Birthday Not going to say have a good time ... we know she did!

Best of luck to Lesley Kaplan and Betty Burke in their new venture "Jill and Jackehildrens wear.

Mazeltov to our old "mates" Miriam and David Goldman, on the birth of their second Grandchild Robert James, and to proud parents Michelle and Anthony,

Ruth Curwen, back from Israel, is unwell, and presently in London. We wish her better, and, with her many friends, look forward to seeing her back soon.

EVE and ARNOLD LEVIN

with MAXINE and MARTIN ROSE

Have pleasure in inviting all Members of the Congregation to join them in the BAT MITZVAH Celebration of their daughters

SHARON and KATY

SUNDAY 16TH. JUNE at 3 P.M.

The Service will be followed by a KIDDUSH in the FRANK COHEN HALL.

Mazeltov to Audrey and Arnold Greenwood, who celebrate their Silver Wedding on June 12th.

We are sorry to hear that John Speciman has been admitted to hospital. We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

BRISTOL LADIES GUILD

LINDA and ROBERT HURST, with IRENE and COLIN BERKOVITCH
Invite you to their

"MIDSUMMER GARDEN PARTY "

on SUNDAY, 23RD. JUNE, at 58 THE BREACHES, EASTON-IN-GORDANO, from 3P.M. onwards.

FUN FOR ALL AGES with SIDE-SHOWS, STALLS, GAMES, PRIZES.

AFTERNOON TEA served with STRAWBERRIES and CREAM.

Entrance fee 50p Adults Children 25p.

We would like to have as many goods as possible for our WHITE ELEPHANT and BOTTLE STALL, so if you have anything suitable, could you please bring it to the next Ladies Guild Meeting on MONDAY, 17TH. JUNE, or give it to IRENE (17 ABBEY ROAD), or EVE(15 DOWNS PARK WEST), before 23RD. JUNE. CAKES and HOME-PRODUCE can be taken to the Party on the day, duly priced please.

So there is no excuse for finding "THE BREACHES", here are instructions on how to get there:-

"Over SUSPENSION BRIDGE at JUNCTION opposite ASHTON GATE, turn right-signposts EASTON-in-GORDANO and PORTISHEAD. Follow straight road through ABBOTS LEIGH.Continue on this road till signpost to right marked "EASTON-IN-GORDANO" (ST.GEORGE'S HILL).Go down hill and bear left.Turn right at Church(Also CHURCH ROAD but not marked), this leads into "THE BREACHES" where road narrows.House is on left with double arched garage(no58), where parking directions will be given.(If LOST ring PILL 2316)

The Guild would like to wish SHARON LEVIN and KATY ROSE, "Mazel Tov" on the occasion of their BAT MITZVAH ceremony. We also understand that CYRIL HERSHON has not been at all well, and we all sincerely hope he is feeling better.

A Meeting took place on May 13th. at the home of Mrs.HELENA CAPLAN, our speaker was Miss.VIVIEN CREEGOR from "Points West" B.B.C.Television, who charmed us all with her friendly personality and sparkling wit. Her talk on her work at the B.B.C., and also Radio 4 was highly interesting and gave us an insight into the mysterious workings of the "Box".

Our next Meeting will be at the new home of Mrs.DOREEN HARRIS, 14 ELGIN PARK REDLAND, on June 17th., and will be a "Bring & Buy"

We are holding our stall at the CARDIFF OLD AGE HOME GARDEN PART at PENYLAN HOUSE on June 30th. Saleable goods of all kinds are very much needed for this worthy cause. Please give them to MARCIA GEE, DOREEN HARRIS, GOLDA SEYMOUR or HELENA CAPLAN, or bring them to the next meeting.

JUNE 23rd. GARDEN PARTY at the home of Mrs.LINDA HURST(see advert) Co-Hostess Mrs.IRENE BERKOVITCH.

CHALON DA -ARETZ

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BRISTOL JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Dates for your diary.....

Our JUNE 9 7.30 pm meeting with Yaacov Morris (retiring Minister for Public Affairs at the Israeli Embassy) on the prospects for peace in the Middle East - you'll find more details on another page - certainly promises with a title like that to be thought-provoking.

Then on JULY 7, in the Frank Cohen Hall at 2.30 pm, Zoe Josephs and Judith Samuel will be describing how they traced the story of previous generations of Jews in Birmingham and Bath. What they found - and their account of painstakingly pursuing the traces in best detective fashion - offers another entertaining meeting.

Forward planning.....

The July 7 meeting of the Representative Council is one of the steps in our plan to mount two exhibitions, one this year, one next, to portray the role played by the Jewish community in Bristol:

- September 22-29 at the Van Dyck Gallery (two doors along Park Row from the synagogue) an exhibition on the life and times of Israel Zangwill, novelist and politically active at the turn of the century, who lived in Bristol as a boy
- September 1986 an exhibition chronicling the Jewish community of Bristol from the inauguration of the fourth known synagogue and precursor of Park Row in September 1786.

INFORMAL STUDY GROUP.....

meets every Wednesday evening from 8 to 9.30 in the Frank Cohen Hall.

Have you ever wondered how a study group can be 'informal'? Well, to begin with, there's no 'formal' leader; each week a different member of the group gets the discussion going. She or he doesn't have to speak for very long - in typical fashion someone soon chips in. And then, while the starting point is the week's 'portion of the law', the conversation is a friendly pooling and questioning of knowledge and experience. And that's a guide to why the group meets: not to study for study's sake, but on a personal level to find a bit more out about 'the meaning of (your own Jewish) life'.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR SOVIET JEWRY

At the Bristol Jewish Reprentative Council's May 2 meeting a small audience - about half of whom were not Jewish - heard Arieh Handler speak on the work of the National Council for Soviet Jewry. We also watched part of the recent BBC Panorama film about refusniks and were excellently refreshed through the courtesy of the Park Row Ladies Guild.

I should perhaps ask why the audience was so small when the plight of Jews who want to leave Russia to practise their Judaism is so great. Was it that the bulk of the community in Bristol, apart from the students who came and the small group of organisers, was busy electioneering? Arieh Handler gave a different explanation.

First he described why Jews outside Russia need to be alert to the restrictions placed on the religious freedom of Jews in Russia. 20% of the world's Jewish community is in Russia. Then he set the political scene. In a world of competing trade missions and competitive armaments negotiations, politicians of the West. of America, and of Israel, find it hard to plead the cause of Soviet Jewry without jeopardising their other bargaining.

Next, Arieh Handler described the work of the National Council, an umbrella organisation for all groups, Jewish and non-Jewish, working for Soviet Jewry; how it seeks to involve people at all levels of British society and in all walks of life - in politics, in entertainment, in particular. But despite all the activity - which, he stressed, does make an impact on the top echelons of the Russian politbureau - the campaign doesn't seem to reach the hearts of the bulk of the Jewish community in Britain. This seems the case in London as well as in the provinces.

Contact and pressure does result in permission to leave, in accordance with the Soviet constitution and the Helsinki agreement; and leaving is the only option left to the one ethnic group in Russia which is not free to voice its culture and heritage. So he pleaded with us to play our part:

- by adopting individual Jews and writing to them regularly
- by taking specific action when necessary, such as writing to judges involved in the trials of Jews accused, often spuriously, of acts against the state.

The May meeting was a further stage in consolidating the Bristol groups who are working on behalf of Jews in Russia. Before long there'll be further guidance on how best each of us can be active in our own way.

Martin Vegoda



Bristol Jewish <u>Representative Council</u>



Mr. YAACOV MORRIS

Minister for Public Affairs EMBASSY of ISRAEL

will address all members of the Bristol Jewish Community at

THE PROGRESSIVE SYNAGOGUE

BANNERMAN ROAD

EASTON

BRISTOL

on

SUNDAY 9th JUNE 1985

at

7. 30 PM

SUBJECT

What prospects of Peace lie ahead in the MIDDLE EAST.