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FOR YOUR DIARY

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TUESDAY 3rd D F C F M B F R @ 12.30pm

W.I.Z.O. Luncheon  
77 Parrys Lane  
W.on Trym.

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER @ 8.0pm

Ladies Guild  
'Down Memory Lane'  
Frank Cohen Hall.

SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER

Chanukah.

MONDAY 9th D F C F M B F R @ 8.0pm

Ladies Guild Meeting.  
Frank Cohen Hall.

MESSAGE FOR CHANUKAH 1985-5746

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It is during the longest nights of the year, when darkness dominates the earth more completely than any other time, that we are always looking forward to celebrate the beautiful Festival of CHANUKAH which is also called CHAG HA-URIM the Festival of Lights.

Looking through our Jewish Calander, we will find that the main characteristic of our Festivals, is that we do not celebrate victories won on the battlefield, military victories. The only exception to this rule is CHANUKAH, which recalls the victory of the Maccabees over Antiochus Epiphanes and the courageous bravery of Yehuda Maccabi, who saved the Jewish People from destruction. In spite of it we do not celebrate the military victories, but the symbol of CHANUKAH is the remnants of oil. The oil lamps burnt, and gave light. The Talmud makes the following remark "YISRAEL NIM'SHLU L'ZAYIS".

We have always been like the oil say our Rabbis. We never lost the belief that the whole purpose of man's life is to identify himself with the lamps that produce light "UMINOTAR KANKAYIM". "Remnants of Oil". How often has this statement repeated itself in the course of our History. The lamps filled with the blessed oil of great ideals, the light of teaching, justice and humanity, which were crushed by the ruthless dictators who could not permit the existence of light, because darkness was the rule of their lives.

The Holy Ark with the scrolls always was the target of the enemy's wrath. All these tyrants believed they had succeeded in plunging mankind into darkness. All of them were mistaken, because there always remained, "NOTAR KANKANIM" a miraculous lamp, that gleaming spark beneath the ashes of ruins succeeded in re-lighting the flame, and its torch became mightier than it had been before. As the Maccabees of old brought brightness to the Temple by finding the remnants of oil, so our modern Maccabees in Israel have been inspired by those great heroes of old by the great sacrifices they have shown to safeguard the Jewish People since the establishment of the Jewish State and by their great effort to continue with their great task to revive the old spirit of CHANUKAH to defeat our enemies by keeping the traditional light of the Tzrah burning.

Let us hope that the Chanukah lights which we are kindling in our homes and which are illuminating the cities of Israel bring a new light to our brethren in Russia, to the people of Israel, and to the world at large to have permanent Peace and Security. As it is well expressed in the following words of our Daily Prayer;

"OR CHADASH AL ZIYON TA-IR V'NIZKE CHULANU M'HEIRA L'ORO"

"O CAUSE A NEW LIGHT TO SHINE UPON ZION AND MAY WE ALL BE WORTHY SOON TO ENJOY ITS BRIGHTNESS"

WITH CHAG SAMEYACH

Rev. & Mrs. Moddel & Family

COMMUNAL NOTICE

FESTIVAL OF CHANUKAH

Members of the congregation are reminded that the Festival of CHANUKAH will be celebrated from SUNDAY 8th. DECEMBER until SUNDAY 15th. DECEMBER

The first Chanukah light should be kindled on SATURDAY night 7th. DECEMBER after having kindled the Havdolah Light.

### YAHRAITES

Sunday December 1st	Mr. M. Garcia	KISLFV 18
Thursday December 5th	M/srs Meyers Bros	FISLFV 22
Wednesday December 11th	Mr. A. Elliman	KISLFV 28
Tuesday December 17th	Mrs L. Tuchband	TFVFTH 5
Thursday December 19th	Mrs L. Tuchband	TFVFTH 7
Friday December 20th	Mrs F. Gordon	TFVFTH 8
Tuesday December 24th	Mrs N. Silverman	TFVFTH 12
Thursday December 26th	Dr. Robert Rainer	TFVFTH 14
	Mr. T. Jacobs	
Monday January 6th	Mr. A. Elliman	TFVFTH 25
Tuesday January 7th	Messrs J. Burke &	TFVFTH 28
	C. Berkovitch	
Thursday January 9th	Mr. N. Smith	TFVFTH 28

### COMMUNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### RESIGNATIONS

Mr & Mrs Martin Rose, and Mrs Herman (of Bath) have tendered their resignations from the Community.

#### LOTTERY

Mrs Kitty Balint-Kurti has kindly donated her recent lottery win to the Synagogue funds.

#### TALMUD TORAH

Classes will finish on Sunday 1st December and will resume on Sunday 12th January 1986.

The Talmud Torah Chanukah Service and Party will be held on Sunday 8th December starting at 3.0pm. Everyone welcome.

#### JEWISH CHRONICLE

Would all Congregants and Organizations please note that Mr. John Adler has taken over from Mrs Helena Caplan as our local correspondent, and would be pleased to receive at any time, news, and reports of events concerning their groups. No need to wait for 'Recorder' deadlines, John is available at Bristol 303212 (works No) and 41766 (home no), or write to 3 Brynland Ave, Bishopston, Bristol.7.

### PAINTING EXHIBITION

As a result of a two years project, much of it in the St Pauls area, Mr. MIKE SPRINGER is holding his first One Man EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS at the GLYNNE WICKHAM STUDIO THEATRE (University Drama Dept) from now until the 8th December open 9.0am to 5.0pm and from December 3rd to 8th also in the evenings from 6.30pm to 10.0pm.

Some of you may remember Mike as a very fine photographer, with a studio opposite the Synagogue. For the past two years he has foregone his photography to concentrate on painting, and we are told this should be a very interesting show.

Organised by John Adler, Bristol University Drama Dept.



### SOCIAL & PERSONAL.

Belated Birthday greetings to our most senior reader, Mrs G. Sacof, who recently celebrated her 96th birthday.

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We are sorry to learn that Mr. Richard Tobias had to enter hospital for a broken nose operation, caused in a accident playing football, we hope that he is now feeling much better, and will in future play with his feet and not his nose !!! .

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We also learn that Mrs B. Sacof has been under the weather, we wish her a speedy recovery back to good health.

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We are very sorry to learn that Mr. J. Spielman has been re-admitted to hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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Mrs G. Sacof would like to thank the Ladies Guild and all her dear friends for the cards, presents and telephone calls received on the occasion of her birthday.

### BRISTOL W.I.L.O.

An evening meeting was held on Tuesday 5th November, at the home of Mes Irene Springer. The group watched a most interesting video about the work of WLO over the last 60 years.

A Sherry morning was held at the home of Mrs Helena Caplan on Sunday 10th November when £150 was raised for our funds. Many thanks to both Mrs Caplan and Mrs Marcia Gee her co-hostess for a function that was both a great social success and marvellous fundraiser.

The Jumble sale held on Tuesday 19th November raised £280 for our funds. Thanks are extended to Mrs Lever, Mrs Curwen and Mrs Gee for organising this, and to all those who helped by collecting, delivering and sorting the jumble and for helping on the day.

LUNCHEON. - Mrs Brenda Katten, Chairman of the Federation of Women Zionists is coming to Bristol on TUESDAY 3rd DECEMBER as the guest speaker at the luncheon held at the home of Mrs Ruth Curwen. The co-hostess will be Mrs Kate Lever. Mrs Katten is a most interesting speaker and it is a great honour that she has agreed to come to Bristol. If you would like to attend, please ring either Ruth Curwen 683033, or Kate Lever on 684717. The luncheon will commence at 12.30pm and the cost will be £3.50 per head.

SHFILA TOBIAS.  
HON SECRETARY.

### CHANUKAH DISCO

ARE YOU BETWEEN THE AGES OF 11 AND 16?

ARE YOU FREE ON SUNDAY THE 15th DECEMBER?

Then you are invited to a Chanukah Disco in the Frank Cohen Hall from 7.30 - 10.0pm.

The Disco Jockey for the evening will be Jonathan Hurst and the cost will be just 25p.

COME AND MEET ALL YOUR FRIENDS AT THE DISCO !!!

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BRISTOL WOMFNS GUILD

FUTURE EVENTS

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER @ 8.0pm

'Memory Lane' and Supper - Frank Cohen Hall.

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER @ 8.0pm

Guild meeting with guest speaker Emanuel Aharoni in the Frank Cohen Hall.

We all sincerely hope Mrs Sacof thoroughly enjoyed her 96th birthday which she celebrated on the 20th November. Lots of love from all her 'girls' and many Happy returns.

We are pleased to announce that the profit made at the Sherry morning was £30.50 and not as previously stated.

A meeting was held on November 1th at the home of Mrs Eve Gordon.

Our next function will be on the 7th December, when we would like lots of people down 'Memory Lane' (see advert). Will as many people as possible bring Menorahs and candles so that we can celebrate Chanukah in the proper style.

Our next meeting will be on December 9th at 8.0pm in the Frank Cohen Hall when our speaker will be Emanuel Aharoni who will talk on the 'Origins of Christianity'. This will be an open meeting, all husbands and friends are welcome.

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER 1985

FRANK COHEN HALL

COME DOWN MEMORY LANE FROM 8 TILL LATE

PLEASE WEAR CLOTHES TO GO WITH YOUR MEMORY

WINKLE PICKERS - MINI SKIRTS - DEMOB SUITS

CHARLSTON DRESSES - TEDDY BOY CLOTHES

FLOWER POWER - WEDDING DRESSES - SCHOOL UNIFORM

GIRL GUIDE UNIFORMS

ANYTHING WITH A HAPPY MEMORY WILL DO

ALL ARE WELCOME FROM 9 to 90 ++

BUFFET SUPPER MUSIC FUN FOR ALL AGES

ADMISSION £3.50 per head

Students and children £2.

BRISTOL WIZO

STOP PRESS.

The card evening held at the home of Mrs Eve Gordon on Sunday 24th November raised £92 for our funds. Many thanks to Eve for a most enjoyable evening.

LOST

Would anyone know the whereabouts of a Tallit (in a blue bag) left in the Frank Cohen Hall last month? If so please contact

BRISTOL JEWISH BURIAL SOCIETY.

As I mentioned in the last few Recorder's there is a certain amount of confusion in peoples minds as to the cover the Burial Scheme provides for its participants. There is also a great deal of confusion as to who is or is not paying.

Because of all this confusion the Burial Society is holding an Open Day on Sunday 15th December at 2.30pm in the Synagogue Hall, where we will answer all your queries and discuss any problems you may have regarding the administration or costing of the Chevra.

There will also be a well known Insurance Broker present who will be able to advise you on insurance policies available to help with funeral expenses.

Please come even if it only to      CRITICISE US  
or perhaps you will come to      PRAISE      US  
or you might even come to      JOIN US we need new members  
or you might come just for the      COFFEE AND BICKIES.

But PLEASE COME because if you dont you wont be able to grumble in future that you were unaware of the situation regarding burial rites.

Sam Silverman.

A. Message from the PRESIDENT.

As President of the Bristol Jewish Burial Society I would like to add my thanks, to the vote of thanks, passed at the General Meeting to Mr. W. Schlesinger.

For many many years Mr. Schlesinger has been my Vice President and has given me tremendous support at all times. He is a very dedicated worker of the Chevra as well as a valuable executive member.

It is unfortunate for us that Bill is out of the country for almost 8 months of the year and it is for that reason only that most members of the Chevra Voted for Alf Glick to take his place as Vice president.. Alf who is now retired has the time and the ability to do a first class job and I welcome Alf to the executive.

We all wish Mr. Schlesinger Bon Voyage and look forward to seeing him again next June or July.

Sam Nirenberg  
Hon President.



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RE: Mr. V. Schlesinger

I have read with great interest Mr Schlesingers ' Four Decades of 'Service' to the Bristol Congregation.

I can certainly confirm that my father, Simeon Jacobs, thought very highly of Mr Schlesinger and often mentioned to me the stirring work that he gave the community.

As a boy, I remembered that the Community was supported by him and he was always available in times of stress, particularly when during the Post War period, he combatted the Facist movement.

Mr Schlesinger mentioned ' that not a single word of thanks was given to him for the service rendered over all these years'. I can quite believe this; I believe the Bristol Community is a shadow of what it was some 20 years ago. I represented the Community on the Board of Deputies for many years - was barred from the Finance Committee twice because no election to the Board was received from the Community, and when I ceased to represent Bristol - because of the indignity of twice having to leave Board meetings - not a word of thanks was conveyed to me from the honorary officers for the many years of service that I also gave to the Board.

Perhaps it is these little niceties that should be given to people when they cease to serve.

DENNIS F. JACOBS.