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FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY 1986 SHEBAT 5746

SUNDAY JANUARY 12th. @ 3 p.m.
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YOUTH CLUB -OPEN MEETING
FRANK COHEN HALL

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15th. @ 7.30 p.m.
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SPIRO INSTITUTE LECTURE
FRANK COHEN HALL

MONDAY JANUARY 20th. @ 8 p.m.
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BRISTOL WOMEN'S GUILD
11 HURLE CRESCENT

TUESDAY JANUARY 21st. @ 8 p.m.
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J.I.A. ADDRESS
FRANK COHEN HALL

SUNDAY JANUARY 22nd. @ 8 p.m.
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TALMUD TORAH PRESUMES 10 a.m.
COUNCIL MEETING 8 p.m.

YAHZITES

Monday January 6th.	Mr.A.Elliman	TEVETH 25
Tuesday January 7th.	Messrs.J.Burke & C.Berkovitch	TEVETH 26
Thursday January 9th.	Mr.N.Smith	TEVETH 28
Tuesday January 14th.	Messrs.C.Epstein,A.Glick,G.Cole	SHEBAT 4
Wednesday January 15th.	Mr.Zimmerman,fam.of Mrs.G.Roydon	SHEBAT 5
Monday January 20th.	Mr.G.Levy	SHEBAT 10
Friday January 24th.	Mr.M.Zimmerman,Mrs.E.Leapman	SHEBAT 14
Tuesday January 28th.	Mr.P.Winberg(London)	SHEBAT 18
Thursday January 30th.	Miss.Lazarus	SHEBAT 20
Friday January 31st.	Mr.S.Silverman	SHEBAT 21
Saturday February 1st.	Dr.H.I.Howard(London)	SHEBAT 22

COMMUNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL MEETING . The next Council Meeting will take place on Thursday January 22nd.1986 at 8 p.m.

LOTTERY. Due to circumstances beyond our control,there is a backlog of Prizes to report as follows:OCTOBER (£10)Mr.Julian Charles,NOVEMBER(£10)Mr.Ernest Lever,DECEMBER (£10)Mrs.HELEN BLOOM,DECEMBER (£50)Mrs.Golda Seymour.

NEW MEMBERS. Miss.M.Sutton,70 Egerton Road,Bishopston,Bristol 7
Dr. & Mrs.David Baum & family,19 Charlotte St.,Bristol 1.

TALMUD TORAH.Classes resume on January 12th. 1986 at 10 a.m.

The Community is indebted to our President,Mr.Raphael Emmanuel,for arranging, at considerable personal expense,the repair and renovation of the ARK DOORS, in Memory of his dear Parents.

The Congregation funds has received a very substantial bequest from the estate of the late Mr.Sidney Bloom,for which,on behalf of us all the Recorder publically thanks his widow Helen.G.R.H.S.

Mr.John Adler has undertaken a labour of love.He is carrying out repairs to the SEFER TORAHs.We hope to hear more from him as he proceeds,the special sources from which he is obtaining the necessary Kosher materials,the nature of the repair,and perhaps some of the individual Histories as he works his way through them.

BRISTOL TALMUD TORAH

The CHANUKAH SERVICE was held at the SYNAGOGUE on Sunday afternoon December 8th. All the Children took part and gave us an excellent rendering of their individual pieces in the Service.Reverend Modell gave a short address to the children.

We are greatly indebted to ALAN TOBIAS the Headmaster,Mr.EMMANUEL AHARONI, and Dr.ROBERT REINER,for their excellent tuition,which resulted in this Service being the climax to the term's work.

After the Service the children had a CHANUKAH PARTY ably organized and run by Mrs.EVE LEVY.She arranged an excellent tea,not only for the children,but for the parents,and the games for the children proved most popular.Our grateful thanks to her and all the other ladies who provided the food and drink and the Chanukah gifts.

Dr.REINER leaves us at the end of this term,and we thank him for his assistance in the classes during the past 12 months.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

We extend our sincere condolences to Paula, wife of the late Mr. John Spielman, who passed away after a long, and bravely borne illness. We send our traditional wish of "Long Life" and Freedom from further troubles to Paula and all the family.

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Min Kushner would like to thank all her friends for their help and support after the tragic Liverpool Coach crash in November, in which her Brother and Sister-in-law were injured. She is pleased to say that they are both now getting back to normal.

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A warm Welcome (officially) to new members Dr. & Mrs. Baum and family and to Miss. Sutton, whom we hope to (continue) to see at future Religious and Social occasions.

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Au revoir (somewhat belatedly) to Roger Tadjman and his fiancée Danielle, who many of us got to know and like during their stay in Bristol. If anyone should hear from them, we should be pleased to hear how they are getting along.

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Mazel tov to Cyril & Ruth Hershen who celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary this month.

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OBITUARY - Mr. John Spielman

It is with regret that we learn of the death of MR. JOHN SPIELMAN on Friday December 13th., at the age of 57. John was born in Bristol, son of Bernard and Florrie Spielman, his father being the President of the Synagogue for many years. He was educated at XIV Prep School, Bradfield College, and later at Wadham College Oxford. Commissioned as an Officer in the Forces, on his de-mob he joined the family business of Millets, where he became its Chairman and Managing Director until the business was sold. An International top class bridge player, he became the first Jewish Member of the Merchant Venturers, the first Jewish Chairman of Governors of Colston Boys School, Governor of the Bristol Old Vic., as well as being Chairman of the West of England branch of the N.S.P.C.C. for many years. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him, for we have lost a true gentleman, a man much respected by Jew and Gentile alike.

R.I.P.

BRISTOL JEWISH WOMEN'S GUILD

The "MEMORY LANE" and SUPPER on DECEMBER 7th. was a great success, hugely enjoyed by everybody. Many thanks to the CATERING COMMITTEE who organized the great food, to ROBERT HURST for the MUSIC, to TONY GORDON for the nostalgic DISCO, and to everybody else (some heavily disguised!), who dressed up, sang and danced and helped to make this a jolly and "memorable" function. £180 was raised.

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A Meeting was held on DECEMBER 9th. in the Synagogue Hall, our speaker was EMMANUEL AHARONI who gave a fascinating and enlightening talk on the "ORIGINS OF CHRISTIANITY". This was a very well attended meeting, and we were pleased to welcome many non-Jewish visitors. A lively QUESTION TIME followed. Our sincere thanks to EMMANUEL for his hard work and entertaining talk.

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The next Meeting will be at the home of Mrs. HELENA CAPLAN-11 Hurle Crescent,

BRISTOL JEWISH BURIAL SOCIETY.

At a recent meeting of the Jewish Burial Society and the Congregation the following Burial plan was introduced.

1. Any member of any age may save money with the Chevra towards their burial cost.
2. The amount saved each year is left to the discretion of the individual member
3. A sum of £600 for a single member and £900 for a couple must be saved before full funeral rites are provided.
4. Each member will have an individual contract.
5. Should a member leave Bristol. All monies will be returned in full.
6. If a person should die before the £600 is paid then the balance will be collected
7. In the case of family membership a further £300 will have to be saved to give full rites to a spouse.
8. Children are classed as being under 18 in all cases.
9. All charges are taken on funerals and deaths occurring in Bristol people who decess in other countries while on holiday or in other towns in England will be charged for transportation.
9. Costs may increase with inflation but all existing contracts will be honored from the date of signing.

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Any member belonging to the old scheme will be informed of his privileges with this issue of Recorder.

If any member wishes to contact the Chevra for any reason would they please ring Sam Silverman 560700.

BRISTOL WIZO GROUP

The Luncheon held on Tuesday the 3rd. December, hostessed by RUTH CURWEN and KATE LEVER was a great success, both financially and socially. £87 was made for the funds, and the guest speaker MRS. BRENDA KATTEN, Chairman of the F.W.Z. made it a most memorable occasion.

Mrs. KATTEN talked at length about the work WIZO does and the contribution groups like ours make to it. She talked about the political situation worldwide and how it affects Israel.

Many thanks to RUTH and KATE for making this a most enjoyable luncheon.

The JUMBLE SALE held in NOVEMBER has now raised approximately £290. It is hoped that we will be able to hold another in APRIL.

We will not be having a meeting in JANUARY, but it is hoped we will have a COFFEE MORNING in FEBRUARY. See next months Recorder for further details.

If any member would like to make a contribution to the ELAINE BLOND MEMORIAL, please send this direct to Mrs. B. KATTEN in LONDON, or contact Mrs. ROSINA SMITH.

S. TOBIAS
HON. SEC.

YOUTH CLUB

The result of the recent survey among the 10-16 year olds are as follows;

A total of 28 replies were received, 12 in the 10-12 age group and 16 in the 13-16 group.

- The majority of those in the 10-12 group would prefer a meeting during the week, preferably once a week. They seem to think a Wednesday night would be best, but are prepared to take Thursday as an alternative. At the moment only 4 in this age group attend Habonim regularly and would continue to go on a Sunday afternoon. The other 8, most of whom have gone occasionally in the past would not go to Habonim.

They would like the Youth Club to have the following activities; Ice-Skating, trips to the cinema, quizzes, table tennis, musical things (listening or dancing), debating, swimming, computing, cookery.

Only one person in this age group is completely uninterested in the idea of having a Youth Group.

In the 13-16 age group the replies are quite similar. 13 of the 16 would like to have a Youth Club activity on a Saturday Night, preferably fortnightly. 11 of them would like to have one during the week. It appears that Wednesday or Saturday are the best nights.

Those who attend Habonim at the moment will continue to do so, but those who do not go to Habonim (10 in this age group) would not be persuaded to go.

They would like the following Youth Club activities:

Discussions, social activities, quizzes, computing, listening to pop music, card games, ice-skating, table-tennis, Israeli Folk Dancing, football, rugby, cricket and wide games.

I hope this gives all the parents and teenagers food for thought and invite you all to an OPEN MEETING in the FRANK COHEN HALL, on SUNDAY 12th. JANUARY at 3.p.m. This meeting will be for PARENTS and YOUNGSTERS to come along and give their opinions and suggestions for starting a YOUTH GROUP in the near future.

SHEILA TOBIAS.

re above:

I am taking "Editorial license" in commenting on the above, and trust that Sheila will forgive me, since I am no longer eligible to attend the meeting.

It would appear from reading the above, that we have a pretty strong group of young people in the Community, perhaps it is even larger than is apparent, since it quotes 28 replies, but not the numbers polled.

It occurred to me that nothing unites a group more strongly than a PROJECT.

Whatever your age, try this on for size. We have a HALL, no, NOT the FRANK COHEN HALL. It has a STAGE, it DID have toilet and kitchen facilities.

We, your "elders" abandoned it, because we thought it was, among other things, too expensive to maintain and repair (why did we let it fall into a state DIS-repair? You may well ask, and maybe you will.

Why not think of that Hall, as YOUR FUTURE YOUTH CLUB?

At first sight, that may sound like an over simplification, but I believe youth can move mountains.

Why not rope in HILLEL, the UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, enquire as to what help could be obtained from the LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

Get a "FEASIBILITY STUDY" of your own going. A lot of "SITE CLEARING" could be done by yourselves (under the supervision of some adults).

YOU probably have ideas on how to raise money, and may, for a project of THIS kind, have more of an opportunity than your parents had.

If you achieve success, it could be YOURS. You could EQUIP it, have INTER TOWN FUNCTIONS, liaise with UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, CLIFTON COLLEGE etc.

Think about it.....

N.b.

From Harold Seymour.

J.I.A.Chairmen's Conference 1986

On Sunday Oct.13th.1985 Golda and I had the privilege of attending the first ever JIA Chairmen's conference to be held in the Land of Israel.

It was a very full and hectic agenda, and went something like this- Day one... We met and listened to Dr.Meron Medzini a Director of Keren Hayesod, at the Accadia Hotel, Herzlia, and then bussed to Jerusalem to the Hechal Shlomo (Chief Rabbinate) where we heard from Dr.Maurice Jaffe the Chairman of Hechal Shlomo, then a talk on 'Israel after Lebanon' by Mr.David Kimche, Director General, Foreign Office. This was followed by 'Israel and the Moslem World' by Prof.Amnon Cohen, Professor of History, Hebrew University, and 'Israel and the Rest of the World' by Prof.Moshe Zimmerman, also of the History Dept.

We then met and were addressed by Mr.Chaim Hertzog, President of The State of Israel.

After lunch there were further talks on 'Operation Moses', the Budget and related matters, then we returned to Herzlia overnight. Day two! .. Oy Vey! began at 7.00 am. with a talk by Yitzhak Rabin Minister of Defence who set the pattern for the longest day of all. We then left for the Northern Border and visited Moshav Ramot Naftali where we were briefed on Israel's pull back from the Lebanon, by Gen.Ori Orr C.O.Northern Command, and after meeting several local celebrities we travelled along the Security Fence to Moshav Margaliot, then to Kibbutz Misgav Am which is situated right on the Lebanese border and is a fortified zone. This was the place where Terrorists occupied the Childrens House and killed some of them before Israeli Forces were able to overcome them. We then visited Kiryat Shmona and had an al fresco lunch overlooking the Hula Valley and the Golan Heights. On to Ramat David where we boarded a Military Plane and flew to an Air Force base 'somewhere in Israel' and from there to Ashkelon, where we were welcomed by the Mayor, Eli Dayan, and met some Ethiopian Olimend saw the childrens classes and the adult absorption centres, and afterwards toured the city to see where your money went! we had a talk on Project Renewal by the Director General, Mr.Gideon Witkon. We split into groups for dinner with local council members during which we discussed the Project generally. A garden and a Square were named for Trevor Chinn and Henry Strage in recognition of their work on helping establish Project Renewal in Ashkelon, then at the Communal Square those of us who had the strength joined in dancing. We got back to our Hotel at 10.30pm.

The last day was spent for the delegates in working sessions on how to get more money out of our supporters! and for the spouses and non-delegates a trip to Jaffa to see the 'Israel Experience', to the Beit Hatfutsot, the museum of the Diaspora and ended with a shopping trip to the Canion in Ramat Gan.

The Conference ended with a farewell Dinner at which we all relaxed ready to return home on the morrow.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILD HEALTH -ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN

MR.ROBIN SPIRO will be visiting Bristol on WEDNESDAY evening, JANUARY 15th. He will be coming at the invitation of the REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL STUDY GROUP, and will be lecturing on some aspects of modern JEWISH HISTORY, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the FRANK COHEN HALL.

MR.SPIRO was the inventor and founder of the SPIRO INSTITUTE for the study of JEWISH HISTORY and CULTURE. In coming to lecture in Bristol, he is also offering the prospect of establishing courses of study on aspects of Jewish history and culture based on the prospectus published by the Spiro Institute, with course lectures led by senior members of staff. The Lecture is sure to be of great interest, but perhaps more important it represents the opportunity of establishing SPIRO INSTITUTE COURSES in BRISTOL.

A LETTER FROM ASHKELON

Dear Sir,

May we through the columns of your newsletter, wish all our friends in the United Kingdom a very happy and healthy New Year from the people of Ashkelon and thank them for their continual support of our town. Their generosity and the effects of the JIA Project Renewal Ashkelon programme have transformed Ashkelon into a town we are proud to live in.

The year 5745 has been hard economically for the State of Israel and many Israelis often feel isolated from the rest of the world. World Jewry's commitment to Israel helps close that gap. We here in Ashkelon are very grateful for our special relationship with U.K. Jewry, whose actions and contact boost our moral daily. Our Children now play in newly built community centres, take tennis or swimming lessons at our new sports facilities rather than hang around the streets as before. Young British volunteers show their commitment by working here with our children. Through the women's clubs, our women are gradually learning to take part in their community's affairs.

But, most important of all, we wish to say 'THANK YOU' for having made us aware of our own value and for showing us how to succeed in helping ourselves become responsible members of society. May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life,

Sincerely,

The Residents Council of Ashkelon.

BRISTOL J.I.A. COMMITTEE
INVITE
ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY
TO THE FRANK COHEN HALL
ON TUESDAY 21st JANUARY @ 8.0pm
WHEN
DR. MERON MEDZUN
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND
PLANNING DIVISION OF MERON
HAYROOD
WILL ADDRESS THE COMMUNITY
FREE ADMITTANCE
REFRESHMENTS.