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FOR YOUR DIARY  
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TUESDAY MARCH 4th. @ 7.30 pm.  
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WIZO Meeting with GUEST SPEAKER  
Frank Cohen Hall

SUNDAY MARCH 16th. @ 1 pm.  
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STUDENT BRUNCH  
Frank Cohen Hall

TUESDAY MARCH 18th.  
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Youth Club 13 Druid Stoke Ave.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 19th. @ 8 pm.  
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COUNCIL MEETING  
Frank Cohen Hall  
SATURDAY MARCH 22nd.  
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Youth Club Frank Cohen Hall

SUNDAY MARCH 23rd.  
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SHERRY MORNING  
77 Parrys Lane

SUNDAY MARCH 23rd. @ 3pm.  
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TALMUD TORAH PRIZEGIVING & PURIM  
PARTY.

Frank Cohen Hall

# YAHREZITES

Sunday March 2nd. Mr. I. Sacof ADAR 21(1)  
 Friday March 7th. Messrs. J. Burke & C. Berkovitch ADAR 26(1)  
 Thursday March 13th. Mr. C. Epstein ADAR 2(2)  
 Saturday March 15th. Mrs. G. Seymour ADAR 4(2)  
 Thursday March 20th. Mr. H. Seymour, Mrs. J. Dysch ADAR 9(2)  
 Friday March 21st. Mr. D. Goldman (London) ADAR 10(2)  
 Sunday March 23rd. Mr. J. Woolfe ADAR 12(2)  
 Wednesday March 26th. Mrs. M. Barnett ADAR 15(2)  
 Tuesday April 8th. Mr. G. Levy ADAR 28(2)

MONDAY MARCH 24TH. FAST OF ESTHER ADAR 13 (2)  
 TUESDAY MARCH 25TH. PURIM ADAR 14 (2)

## COMMUNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL MEETING The next Council Meeting will be on Wednesday March 19th.

LOTTERY This month's Lottery winner was Mr. L. Caplan

TALMUD TORAH The Talmud Torah PURIM PARTY and PRIZEGIVING will be held on SUNDAY MARCH 23rd. at 3.00 p.m. The Children have prepared a PURIM PLAY for your entertainment. Please give them your support-parents and children welcome. This will be followed by a PURIM PARTY. There will be no classes on March 30th. or April 6th.

CHANGE of ADDRESS Gabriel & Kitty Balint-Kurti are now residing at: 6 ASHGROVE ROAD, REDLAND, BRISTOL BS6 6LY tel: 731150

## SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Our sincere condolences to REV. MODDEL on the loss of his brother Philip in the U.S.A. We wish him and his Family "Long Life" and freedom from further troubles.

We regret to report the death of Mr. D. FISHER of Weston-super-mare, and extend our sincere condolences to his widow, son and family, and take this opportunity to wish them "Long Life" and Freedom from further troubles. Sadly, David passed away while on holiday in Majorca, which was an additional problem for the family to bear. We trust the passing of time will heal their sorrow.

"Wish you better" to all congregants who have been laid low with the flu'-there were many of them-not to worry folks, spring is just around the corner (somewhere).

## BRISTOL WOMEN'S GUILD

A 'Charades' Evening was held in the Frank Cohen Hall on Sunday 16th February. £75 was raised for Guild funds, at a most enjoyable evening.

A Meeting was held on Monday 24th February at the home of Mrs F. Levy, and the next meeting will be held on Monday 24th March at the home of Mrs Irene Berkovitch at 8.30pm when we will have a guest speaker from Waitrose supermarket who will give us an insight on how the company works.

### LADIES GUILD CALENDAR SALE.

The Ladies Guild are having a GRAND CALENDAR SALE. This will be on offer until the middle of July. What we would like everyone to do is to buy dates that are important to YOU. They will cost you a £1. each. No one else can buy your dates. At the Barbecue we will be picking the lucky date and the owner will win £50. Second out of the bag will win £10. and the third £5.

Please contact Sheila Tobias ( 93412831) or Eve Gordon (620187) if you wish to buy a date.

## BRISTOL W.I.L.O.

After a very quiet month we have a very busy programme for the Spring.

### TUESDAY 4th MARCH. @ 7.30pm

We will have a guest speaker, Mrs Valerie Cox, who is director of the Labour Friends of Israel. This meeting which is open to men and women, will commence at 7.30pm as Mrs Cox wishes to return to London that evening. Venue FRANK COHEN HALL.

### TUESDAY 8th APRIL @ 8.0pm

We will be having another guest speaker. This is Mr Derek Nelson, a journalist with the BBC in Bristol. He will be talking about Operation Moses. Venue FRANK COHEN HALL.

### WEDNESDAY 7th MAY.

We will be having a LUNCHEON at the home of Mrs Sheila Tobias, 23 Pentland Ave, Thornbury. Co-hostess will be Mrs F. Levy. Our guest speaker will be Mrs Gina Monty, Chairman of the membership department of W.I.L.O. She will be speaking about her experiences as a Jewish Housewife in a Moslem City.

### TUESDAY 15th APRIL

We will be holding another JUMBLE SALE in the Bishopston Community Centre, Pigsty Hill, Gloucester Road. If you have any jumble, new or nearly new, please contact Kate Lever (684717), Ruth Curwen (683033) or Marcia Gee ( 684013).

Sheila Tobias  
Hon Secretary.

## BRISTOL WOMENS GUILD

A SHERRY MORNING WILL BE HELD AT THE HOME OF RUTH CURWEN  
77 PARRYS LANE STOKE BISHOP ON SUNDAY MARCH 23RD.  
CO-HOSTESS MRS. RUTH GOULD..... £2.50 PER HEAD

PLEASE COME ALONG AND HELP TO MAKE IT A SUCCESSFUL MORNING.

MESSAGE FOR PURIM 1986/5746  
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There is no other event in the Jewish Calendar which is so popular as the Festival of PURIM. It reminds us of one of the most serious situations in Jewish History when the entire Jewish population of Persia was condemned to be exterminated on the 13th ADAR by the decree of HAMAN. The great heroes of the Purim story, QUEEN ESTHER and MORDECHAI were prepared to sacrifice their lives to safeguard the Jewish People of Persia. The history of the Jewish People up to the Babylonian EXILE is filled out with miracles. In every generation a Jew could state his belief through miracles which he has seen himself. Surprisingly we don't find the name of G'd mentioned in the MEGILLAH. In spite of it the miracle of PURIM is a testimony that G'd was still ruling the happenings in the PURIM story. We are convinced that the election of ESTHER as QUEEN OF PERSIA, also that MORDECHAI was discovering the plot which Bigson and Seresh were planning against the King, further what we find in the BOOK of ESTHER that KING AHAVEROUS had a sleepless night, which is explained by the MIDRASH that the ALMIGHTY was also disturbed in that night when he saw ISRAEL in such distress. All these facts are bringing clearly to our mind that the whole PURIM story was ruled by a DIVINE INTERVENTION.

In this connection we are coming to the conclusion that our individual daily life, and the life of the Jewish People in ISRAEL and all over the World, are guided under the divine protection of our daily miracles which are well expressed in the words of the AMIDAH

V'AL NISSECHAH SHEB'CHOL YOM INANU

"WE THANK G'D FOR THE MIRACLES THAT ARE DONE WITH US EVERY DAY"

In this way we are looking forward to celebrate our PURIM FESTIVAL with the famous words of the BOOK of ESTHER

LAY-HUDIM HAYTAH ORA V'SIMCHAH V'SASON VIKAR

"THE JEWS HAD LIGHT AND GLADNESS AND JOY AND HONOUR"

With CHAG SAMEYACH

REV. & MRS. MODDEL & Family.

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Members of the Congregation are reminded that the FESTIVAL OF PURIM will be celebrated on TUESDAY, MARCH 25th.

The FAST of ESTHER will be observed on MONDAY, MARCH 24th., terminating at 7.15 p.m.

EVENING SERVICE for PURIM will commence on MONDAY night at 7.45 p.m., followed by the Reading of the BOOK of ESTHER.



BRISTOL "200" 1786 - 1986

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Most members of the Congregation will be aware that this year we are celebrating the BICENTENARY of the opening of the FIRST PERMANENT SYNAGOGUE IN BRISTOL SINCE THE EXPULSION OF 1290.

Not that this Congregation is not much older, it was founded around 1740, but we have no exact date.

In 1786 the Mediaeval WEAVERS HALL in TEMPLE STREET was beautifully fitted out as a Synagogue at the expense of LAZARUS JACOBS, the famous glass maker. Many fittings of this building survive, incorporated into our present Synagogue.

To commemorate this event, your Council appointed a Sub-Committee to plan our celebrations which it is hoped will take place later this year, and continue into 1987. The Sub-Committee consists of MINNIE KUSHNER, BENCIE WOLL and your PRESIDENT, and has been joined by ROBERT HURST.

The first of these events will be an EXHIBITION of CEREMONIAL OBJECTS, some specially made for the opening of the 1786 SYNAGOGUE, and other items illustrating the HISTORY of THE CONGREGATION.

This will take place in ST. NICHOLAS MUSEUM (a branch of the CITY MUSEUM and ART GALLERY) from AUGUST 29TH. for 4 weeks, and will be opened by the DEPUTY LORD MAYOR. Would anyone who has any object which they think may be of interest please contact me.

The second event will be a CIVIC SERVICE in the SYNAGOGUE on SUNDAY, 28TH. SEPTEMBER at 3.00 P.M. The actual day of the BICENTENARY is the 22ND. ELLUL which this year as in 1786, is on a Friday (26th. September), but this is hardly a suitable day for a CIVIC SERVICE.

Other events are in a planning stage, notice will be given in the "RECORDER" once they have been finalized.

RAPHAEL EMMANUEL

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THE...WEST...QUEST

REV. MALCOLM WEISMAN, CHAIM BERMANT, THE J.N.F. CHOIR, KOSHER FOOD, DISCUSSIONS and MUCH MORE!!!!

DON'T DELAY! Write it in your DIARY, FILL OUT the enclosed APPLICATION FORM and send it off with the money as SOON AS POSSIBLE.

The WEST QUEST is the first ever event of its type in the REGION, and promises to be a very ENTERTAINING, STIMULATING and INFORMATIVE day, with something for everyone.

Since BRISTOL is HOSTING, we want a good turnout from our own Congregants. The signs are that there will be a good attendance from other SMALL COMMUNITIES, who are VERY KEEN to meet as many of us as possible, and space will be limited.

If you have any queries, please phone JOHN ADLER on 41766 or 303210 (work) 303210 (messages at work). DON'T FORGET that you will need one application form FOR EACH ADULT so photocopy the one enclosed if necessary, or if this is inconvenient obtain a spare from MINNIE KUSHNER, JOHN ADLER, BENCIE WOLL or MARTIN VEGODA.

## WOMENS JIA MAKES A DIFFERENCE .....

On January 23rd.1986,six hundred women from up and down Great Britain gathered together in London's Guildhall for the Annual Luncheon of WOMENS J.I.A. Amidst the glorious surroundings of one of the most illustrious buildings in Britain,WOMENS JIA reaffirmed its commitment to our Jewish nation.The event,an outstanding success socially as well as financially,was further enhanced by the conveyance of special greetings from Mr.Shimon Peres Prime Minister of the State of Israel.

"...You,the women of JIA play an indispensable role in making Israel a better place to live...I thank you and salute you for involving yourselves so devotedly to this great cause and partnership"

Since its establishment in 1971,Womens JIA has reached out to women from all over Great Britain-and provided them with a tangible outlet through which to express their love for the people of Israel.The Division has grown steadily in strength and numbers.Today WOMENS JIA is flourishing,with nine groups in the London Area as well as active committees in Manchester,Leeds,Liverpool,Glasgow,Brighton and St.Anne's.Under the dynamic chairmanship of Mrs.JEAN MARKS,and Mrs.CAROLYN SMITH before her,WOMENS JIA has become an integral force in British Jewish communal life.

WOMENS JIA sees its role in the community as two-fold: raising funds to fulfil vital social welfare needs in Israel,and promoting education as a means of strengthening Jewish identity and enhancing British Jewry's awareness of Israel.

A host of special programmes and events,catering for the many interests and concerns of the British Jewish woman,are offered throughout the year.To accomodate women interested in longer term education programmes,WOMENS JIA,in conjunction with the SPIRO INSTITUTE for JEWISH STUDIES,runs two classes in modern Jewish history,based in Kensington and North London,and plans to offer Ivrit classes beginning this September.

Nationwide conferences explore new directions and help determine future policy for WOMENS JIA.

Funds raised by WOMENS JIA are channelled to the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem for use on vital human needs in the fields of immigration and absorption,youth care and training,pre-school and higher education and social welfare.British Jewry,through the JIA,makes a significant contribution to the quality of life of our people in Israel.

For further information on any WOMEN'S JIA activities,please phone the Divisions Office at Balfour House,01-446 1477 Ext.428.

Your involvement in our vital work will make a difference.As SHIMON PERES said: 'The 'Eshet Chayil',the women of valour-is a noble part of our cherished heritage.

Together,you are helping to reshape the history of our Nation by joining in the greatest Jewish Drama of our times-the rebuilding of our people in The Land of Israel in health,strength,prosperity and peace".

CHERYL MARINER  
DIRECTOR  
WOMENS J.I.A.

(abridged)

## ..... BRISTOL ASSOCIATION of JEWISH Ex-SERVICEMEN & WOMEN(AJEX) .....

At a recent meeting of the BRISTOL BRANCH of AJEX,it was decided to send a donation of nearly \$100 to the AJEX WELFARE HOME in LONDON.

It was also decided to find the old Legion STANDARD and hang it on the wall in the FRANK COHEN HALL.

The Chairman MR.S.SILVERMAN said he thought that AJEX needed all the support it could get,and although as a branch we only support the LONDON PARADE (Annual Memorial Service) we should keep the branch in existence.

Election of Officers took place.MR.S.SILVERMAN was re-elected CHAIRMAN.MR.G.GEE re-elected Secretary,Mr.T.Reese re-elected Treasurer.MR.V.SCHLESINGER(who is out of the country at present) remains as our PRESIDENT.  
S.A.S.

STUDENTS BRUNCH  
 .....  
 SUNDAY MARCH 16TH. 1 O'CLOCK -3 P.M.  
 \$1.50 ADULTS FRANK COHEN HALL  
 \$1.00 CHILDREN  
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The JEWISH STUDENTS would like to meet you all,so,in conjunction with the LADIES GUILD,they are holding a BRUNCH in the FRANK COHEN HALL on SUNDAY MARCH 16TH. at 1 O'CLOCK till 3 P.M.  
 Please come along and say "HELLO"-you never know,you might find a distant relation!!!!

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#### RECORDER QUESTIONNAIRE

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 Last month in the Recorder I asked our Reader(s) which colour paper they preferred.The response was astronomical.The Postman nearly had a double hernia trying to carry the one letter,which turned out to be a wrongly addressed Recorder being returned(unstamped).  
 However we are not despondant are we??? So! this month I would like you all to submit new designs for the front page,or let me know if you like my latest effort.  
 Please do not answer this questionnaire as it will spoil my record.  
 S.A.S.

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#### BRISTOL JEWISH YOUTH CLUB

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 DON'T FORGET...MARCH 18th. at 13 Druid Stoke Ave.  
 and MARCH 22nd.in the Frank Cohen Hall.....

#### OLD RECORDERS

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 We would still like to have back numbers of the "Recorder" prior to 1963 if anyone has any.

#### CHOIR

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 We have had no official word,but rumour has it that a choir is under way. We hope its true,and wish Bob Hurst and volenteers every success.



### YOUTH CLUB.

Meetings will take place as follows, please note that some meetings will be held on Thursday Evenings and some on Sunday.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

#### YOUNGER GROUP

Thursday 29th May 7.30pm - 3 Solent Way Thornbury (Tel:93415342)  
Thursday 12th June 7-9.0pm - 27 Priory Court Road.W.O.Trym (622246)  
Sunday 29th June 3-5.30pm - The Synagogue, Park Row.  
Sunday 13th July 3- 5.30pm - 73 Downs Park East ( 621516)  
Sunday 20th July - joint meeting with older group - see below.

#### OLDER GROUP

Thursday 29th May 7-9pm - 23 Pentland Ave, Thornbury (93412831)  
Thursday 12th June 7-9.0pm - 33 Downs Park West ( 623743)  
Sunday 29th June 3-5.30pm - 6 Ashgrove Rd, (Whiteladies Rd) (731150)  
Sunday 13th July 3-5.30pm - The Synagogue Park Row.  
Sunday 20th July - Family Afternoon at Ashton Court Park - Bring a picnic - Fun, Games for all.  
Young people bring your parents - contact Richard Tobias Tel: 93412831.

### HISTORICAL RECORDS & THE SYNAGOGUE AND THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY

In August a four week exhibition to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Bristol Jewish Community will open at St. Nicholas Church Museum. At this exhibition, artefacts and documents which we thought no longer existed relating to the Community will be on display.

Many of these documents have been found by contacting members of the Community, and it is certain that many more lie hidden in their homes. We are interested in seeing letters, deeds, registers of marriages, births and deaths, minute books, correspondence relating to Jewish life in Bristol, or any other materials connected with the Community.

If you have anything relating to the Synagogue, perhaps from holding posts on the Council in the past, please let us know. You may think that others know about you holding these documents but this may not be the case: the more people who know about the existence of documentation, the more likely that it can be preserved for future generations. Please contact Raphael Emanuel. Let's preserve our history to give to the next generation.