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MARCH 1987

ADAR 5747

SUNDAY MARCH 1ST. @ 8 p.m.  
CARD & GAMES EVENING  
15 DOWNS PARK WEST

SATURDAY MARCH 7TH. @ 11.15 a.m.  
CHILDRENS SERVICE

MONDAY MARCH 9TH. @ 8 p.m.  
WOMENS GUILD.Crime Prevention Talk  
FRANK COHEN HALL

THURSDAY MARCH 12TH.  
FAST OF ESTHER  
THURSDAY MARCH 12TH.  
WIZO MEETING  
77 PARRYS LANE

SUNDAY MARCH 15TH.  
PURIM  
SUNDAY MARCH 15TH.  
PURIM SEUDAH.TALMUD TORAH PRIZEGIVING  
FANCY DRESS PARTY.

TUESDAY MARCH 17TH. @ 8 p.m.  
COUNCIL MEETING

SATURDAY MARCH 21ST.  
DINNER DANCE  
CHELTENHAM

WEDNESDAY MARCH 25TH. @ 12.30 p.m.  
WIZO LUNCHEON  
FRANK COHEN HALL

SATURDAY MARCH 28TH. from 10 a.m.  
"SHABBATON"

COMING SOON!!!

"200" ANNIVERSARY CONCERT  
THE ZIMRIYAH CHOIR  
APRIL 5TH.

# VAHRZITES

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| MONDAY MARCH 2ND.     | Miss Lazarus                    | ADAR 1(1)  |
| TUESDAY MARCH 3RD.    | Mr.C.Epstein                    | ADAR 2(2)  |
| WEDNESDAY MARCH 4TH.  | Mrs.M.Barnett                   | ADAR 3(1)  |
| THURSDAY MARCH 5TH.   | Mrs.G.Seymour                   | ADAR 4(2)  |
| TUESDAY MARCH 10TH.   | Mr.A.E.Morris                   | ADAR 9(1)  |
| TUESDAY MARCH 10TH.   | Mr.H.Seymour,Mrs.J.Dyach        | ADAR 9(2)  |
| WEDNESDAY MARCH 11TH. | Mrs.S.Silverman                 | ADAR 10(1) |
| WEDNESDAY MARCH 11TH. | Mr.D.Goldman(London)            | ADAR 10(2) |
| FRIDAY MARCH 13TH.    | Mr.J.Woolfe                     | ADAR 12(2) |
| SATURDAY MARCH 14TH.  | Mrs.G.Gee(London)               | ADAR 13(1) |
| SUNDAY MARCH 15TH.    | Fam.of Rita Garcia              | ADAR 14(1) |
| MONDAY MARCH 16TH.    | Fam.of Clara Cambell            | ADAR 15(1) |
| MONDAY MARCH 16TH.    | Mrs.M.Barnett                   | ADAR 15(2) |
| TUESDAY MARCH 17TH.   | Miss.Lazarus                    | ADAR 16(1) |
| WEDNESDAY MARCH 18TH. | Mr.A.Glick                      | ADAR 17(2) |
| THURSDAY MARCH 19TH.  | Rev.M.Noddel                    | ADAR 18(1) |
| FRIDAY MARCH 20TH.    | Messdams.A.Nirenberg & H.Geller | ADAR 19(1) |
| SUNDAY MARCH 22ND.    | Mr.I.Sacof                      | ADAR 21(1) |
| FRIDAY MARCH 27TH.    | Messrs.J.Burke & M.C.Berkovitch | ADAR 26(1) |

Note:This ADAR is NOT a Leap Year,but we are publishing the FULL list of BOTH ADARS,so that there should be no confusion as to when KADDISH should be said.

## COMMUNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL MEETING. The next Council Meeting will be on Tuesday March 17th.

LOTTERY.This months Lottery winner was Mr.W.SAMUEL. We are indebted to MR.SAMUEL for generously donating his LAST months win to Synagogue Funds.

CHILDRENS SERVICE.A Childrens Service will be held in the FRANK COHEN HALL on Saturday March 7th. at 11.15 a.m.

DONATION. Our thanks to Mr.JOSEPHSON for his generous donation to Synagogue Funds.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. MR.&MRS.ALF STEINBERG are now residing at 3 WESTBURY COURT, LIONSDOWN ROAD,NEW BARNET,HERTS.EN5 1LE Tel;01-441-0079

SECURITY. It has been brought to the attention of the Security Officers,that on numerous occasions,when organisations are holding meetings on the Synagogue premises,that the main gates are being left open and unlocked. We would point out to these various organisations that the main gates MUST be kept LOCKED at all times,and that they will be held responsible should any occurrence or disturbance take place on the premises through the gates not being locked.

MESSAGE FOR PURIM 1987/5747

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We are looking forward to celebrate this wonderful Festival of PURIM. The MEGILLAT ESTHER is the most popular Book of the BIBLE, by its fascinating story and dramatic action. But it is not only a book which we are reciting on PURIM owing to the fact that it is the Anniversary of the happenings in Persia over two thousand years ago, but there is a great message which the famous story can give us in our present time.

We admire with great esteem the actions of the great heroes MORDECAI and QUEEN ESTHER, who in the most critical situation, when the decree to exterminate the whole Jewish population of Persia has been signed and sealed by HAMAN, were determined even to sacrifice their life by safeguarding the Jewish People from destruction.

After the defeat of their enemies QUEEN ESTHER and MORDECAI wrote the great event of PURIM with the final conclusion DIVREI SHALOM VE-EMET ... "WORDS OF PEACE AND TRUTH".

The word PEACE and TRUTH provide the key to the outstanding significance by this book MEGILLAT-ESTHER which speaks of a time when there was neither Peace nor Truth. It was only by war and bloodshed that the AMALEKS of all historical periods could continue their domination. We have been witnessing in our present time that the descendants of the AMALEKS are continuing with their terrorist actions against the Jewish People all over the world, but we should find our encouragement by the following words taken from the book of ISAIAH and placed after the ALEINU prayer.. UZU EIZA V'SUFAR DABRU DAVAR V'LO YAKUM KI IMANUKEL... "TAKE COUNSEL TOGETHER AND IT SHALL BE BROUGHT TO NOUGHT, SPEAK THE WORD AND IT SHALL NOT STAND, FOR G'D IS WITH US".

The Book of ESTHER has remained young and typical because from its pages we hear the voice calling mankind to fight for victory of Peace and Truth.

We read it year after year with devotion, and are reciting it by proceeding and concluding with the blessing of the Holy Name the One who rules our destiny because we address our prayer to G'D who gives us greater strength in our work and in our struggle for our sacred ideal.

In this way let us celebrate the approaching Festival of PURIM in the traditional spirit with our brethren in ISRAEL as we find it well expressed in the beautiful prayer of SHOSHANAT YA-AKOV

"TSHU-ATAM HAYITAH LANEZACH V'TIKVATAM B'CHOL D'OR VADOR"

"THOU HAST EVER BEEN ISRAEL'S SALVATION AND THEIR HOPE IN EVERY GENERATION"

with CHAG SAMEYACH

Rev. & Mrs. Moddel & Family.

FESTIVAL OF PURIM

Members of the Congregation are reminded that the FAST OF ESTHER will be observed on THURSDAY MARCH 12TH, terminating at 6.52 p.m.

The FESTIVAL of PURIM will be celebrated on SUNDAY MARCH 15TH.

EVENING SERVICE followed by the Reading of the BOOK of ESTHER will commence after the termination of SHABBAT, MARCH 14TH. at 7.45 p.m.

MORNING SERVICE of PURIM with the Reading of the BOOK of ESTHER will commence on SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH. at 9 a.m.

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If you are not involved with our own affairs, then why not accept an invitation to join the CARDIFF LADIES GUILD at their PURIM SEUDAH and Evening of entertainment by NORMAN PEARLMAN of Manchester at the SHERMAN MEMORIAL HALL on SUNDAY MARCH 15TH. at 4.45 p.m. There is a delightful meal and an entertainer of national reputation. Tickets are: Adults £6., Children & Students £2.50 obtainable here from CYNIL HERSHON.

## S O C I A L      A N D      P E R S O N A L

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ROGER & DANIELA TORRESMAN, who are now married and living in ST RASBOURG, would like to be remembered to the many friends they made during their stay in Bristol. Their address is 3 Rue Muzner, 67000, Strasbourg, France.

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We are pleased to hear that HELENA CAPLAN is now out of Hospital after her operation, and recovering well at home. She sends her thanks to all her friends for their phone calls, cards, visits, flowers and encouragement.

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CYRIL EPSTEIN has also been in, and out, of the same hospital, at roughly the same time, also after an operation. He is now home, and we wish him a continued return to good health.

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We regret to report the death of MIRIAM MEISBISER, and take this opportunity of wishing her Brother, Sister and family "Long Life" and freedom from further troubles. Funeral was on Sunday February 22nd.

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Mazeltov to YEHUDA and ZIPPORAH GILL on the birth of a son MATTIE. Regret we have no other detail, other than the BRIS has taken place. Our very best wishes

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No news yet of MELINDA and FRANCO'S happy event. We MAY have a "Stop Press", if not, details next month.

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STEPHEN MEYER was on T.V. this month as part of a Team of Stamp Dealers in BUSMANS HOLIDAY. This was recorded some time ago, and STEPHEN has already enjoyed his Prize, a holiday in SAN REMO. He appears again on February 27th., but regrettably their "run" ended there. Still, it was a great effort.

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TONY GORDON has been in the news again, this time in the BRISTOL OBSERVER, with a write up on his globe-trotting exploits and transatlantic "day-trips". TONY is the only European member of the American based "Million Dollar Round Table", who look after the interests of 500 leading insurance specialists worldwide.

## SUGGESTION...AIDS

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A suggestion has been made by DR. HAROLD HANDEL, that a register COULD be made, of Members Blood Groups. The purpose being, that should any member of the scheme require a blood transfusion for any reason, a member of the scheme with the same blood group COULD be called upon IF available. This may, or may not, reassure anyone very worried by, or about AIDS. Further information can be obtained through the Editors, or names and blood groups can be sent to DR. HAROLD HANDEL, but PLEASE, Harold is a very busy person, and phone calls are not always easily answered personally.

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++ JUST ARRIVED! Weighing in at 7lb. 13oz. EMILIO PASQUALE CASALICCHIO (nee Handel) Everybody doing well. Congratulations to MELINDA & FRANCO, and to Grandparents HAROLD & ANN.



B R I S T O L            W I Z O

NEXT MEETING

..... Our next meeting will be on THURSDAY, 12TH. MARCH, at the home of RUTH CURMEN, 77 Parrys Lane. Would Members who have WIZO BOXES bring them to be emptied. It would be lovely to see as many Members as possible at this meeting, as JOY and KATE will be reporting on their trip to the Annual Conference in JERUSALEM.

WIZO LUNCHEON

..... Tickets for the LUNCHEON to be held on WEDNESDAY MARCH 25TH, are now available from JOY JACOBS (502728), SHEILA TOBIAS (93 412831) ROSINA SMITH (47492). Tickets will be £5.

The Luncheon will commence at 12.30, and will be by TICKET ONLY.

Members of the SWANSEA, CARDIFF, NEWPORT & CHELTENHAM Communities will be coming to join us.

The Speaker will be MRS. MIRIAM AVNER, wife of the ISRAELI AMBASSADOR to GREAT BRITAIN.

JUMBLE SALE. The date of the JUMBLE SALE has been CHANGED to APRIL 28TH, and will again be at BISHOPSTON PARISH HALL, Pigsty Hill. Please contact KATE, MARCIA or RUTH if you wish anything collected, and of course all helpers are most welcome.

SHEILA TOBIAS

Hon. Sec.

B R I S T O L    W O M E N S    G U I L D

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY MARCH 1ST. DON'T FORGET the CARD & GAMES EVENING at EVE GORDON'S 15 "DOONS" PARK WEST at 8 P.M. EVERYONE WELCOME. ADMISSION £3, including refreshments. SNOOKER available for non-card players.

MONDAY MARCH 9TH. An OPEN MEETING on CRIME PREVENTION by COLIN CAMPBELL, an AVON CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER in the Frank Cohen Hall at 8 p.m. Husbands are welcome.

TUESDAY JUNE 16TH. Seats are available for the HIPPADROME production of "EVITA" at £8.50 per seat. Ring EVE GORDON (620187) to reserve your ticket.

THE JEWS OF BRISTOL Tapes of the Radio Broadcast "THE JEWS OF BRISTOL" are still available. Telephone EVE GORDON if you would like one.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

..... Could any Member who has forgotten to pay this years membership subscription of £3, please pay our Treasurer Mrs. HELENA CHANNACK, 13 Druid Stoke Ave., Bristol as soon as possible. Thank You.

EVE LEVY

Hon. Sec.

D I N N E R    D A N C E - C H E L T E N H A M

The CHELTENHAM JEWISH COMMUNITY has organised a DINNER DANCE on SATURDAY MARCH 21ST, to which all Members of the Community have been invited. Cost - £10.50 per head.

A COACH has been hired to take persons who have already booked to attend this Dinner Dance, cost of transport being approx. £3. per head.

There are still some seats available, and any person wishing to attend is asked to contact Miss. BENCIE WALL, Tel: 48371 by not later than MARCH 7TH.

# BRISTOL "200" CELEBRATIONS

Our "200" Celebrations begin with the AGING AND YOUTH CONCERT at ST. GEORGE'S  
BRANDON HILL on APRIL 5TH. at 7.30 P.M.

The ZIMRIYAH CHOIR is 30 years old this year, so it is a celebration for them too.

ROBERT HURST was an early member (1960-1975), and sang Tenor Solo on many occasions including "YESTERDAY" on the B.B.C. recording "SHEMA KOLENU". He is also a Guest Soloist on this occasion in two contrasting songs.

DAVID BAUM was a Founder Member back in 1957, and has nostalgic memories of that time.

ELLIS SHORTT was Musical Director until his retirement in 1982, and the new Conductor is ANNE GEORGEAN, who is Head of Music at KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL, HANDSWORTH, and Musical Director of the ENGLISH PHILHARMONIC CHORUS. The Choir will sing an extremely varied programme, including songs in FRENCH, ITALIAN, BASQUE, HEBREW, YIDDISH and ENGLISH.

The "200" Committee hope that everyone within the Jewish Community, in its widest possible sense, will support this Concert, and that everyone will bring friends with them to introduce them to Jewish Music, as well as a very entertaining evening.

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with

THE ZIMRIYAH CHOIR  
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"NIGHT TO REMEMBER" !!!

Israel's wide variety of climates is a boon for OLIM(new immigrants),tourists, and crop-growing industries. Tourists, and of course Israelis and Olim, have a large choice in the type of holiday they would like, and the climate that most appeals to them. And the country's varied climactic regions mean that numerous vegetable and fruit crops can be produced all year round. Yitzhak Dinur takes a look at Israel's various climactic zones.

(WZPS) Scandinavians, young and old, fill up the planes that bring them straight from their cold climate to the warm water and hot weather in Eilat and the mineral-water baths at the Dead Sea. Israelis pack the Eilat area during the school holiday season (July & August) and during Jewish holidays such as Passover and Succot, but they also enjoy bathing and water skiing at the Sea of Galilee and the winter skiing on Mount Hermon.

#### Five Climactic Zones

Tiny Israel has a variety of climates comparable to the variety enjoyed by much larger countries such as the USA or Australia, that cover entire continents. Crossing from Tel Aviv via Jerusalem to the Dead Sea, a traveller passes through five different climactic zones in a distance of about 100 kilometers. Eilat has a tropical climate ideal for swimming and sunbathing all year round, whilst Mount Hermon has snow in winter and attracts skiers from all parts of the country. The Sea of Galilee is very warm for most of the year, bringing swimmers and water-skiing enthusiasts to its fresh waters. The Dead Sea's dry heat and medicinal waters are an excellent cure for psoriasis, a skin disease, whilst the southern town of Arad is a climactic haven for asthma sufferers. Dwellers in the coastal plain love to come to Jerusalem, adjacent to the dry Judean Desert for its atmosphere, which is bracing in summer, brisk in winter, but rarely humid or muggy. Many Jerusalemites, on the other hand, love to spend their holidays in the heat of the Dead Sea.

#### Climactic Structure and Crop Growing

Such a kaleidoscopic mixture of climates in one small country and the almost complete absence of snow, explain why Israel is able to produce such a large variety of vegetable and fruit crops. Some of these, such as tomatoes, are now produced all year round, at different times in different parts of the country. The varied climates enable crop plantings to be staggered in different regions so that their ripening season is extended. The heat in areas such as the Western Negev and the southern continuation of the Jordan Valley enable special early crops of peppers, eggplant and tomatoes to be grown for export to European countries to Israel's financial advantage. Flowers also ripen at times that compliment those in Europe without competing, and some semi-tropical fruits, such as Avocado and Mango, are not grown there at all. Israel's climate makes her into a back garden for the tables of Europe. Israel's climactic structure is closely connected with its location and physical structure. Fittingly for its geographical position at the eastern extremity of the Mediterranean, Israel has an extreme Mediterranean-type climate: winter is short and rainy and the rest of the year is clear and sunny, and temperatures are generally mild to semi-tropical. The coastal plain is warm and moist, while the hilly areas parallel to the coast and including Jerusalem are cooler on the average and have a drier atmosphere. The Jordan Valley, including Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee, and its continuation, the Arava down to Eilat is hot and dry. Eilat and the Bet Shean Valley south of the Sea of Galilee have semi-tropical climates. The rainiest place (and one of the coldest) in Israel, is Safed, which is only a short distance from balmy Tiberias. Because the rainy winter season is so short, it is important that sufficient rain should fall in a short time. There can be strong winds, but there are no hurricanes or typhoons, though rare incursions of air from Siberia and Middle Asia are biting cold. Some snow falls most years in Safed, Jerusalem and the peaks of the Judean hills, with heavy snow fall on Mount Hermon in the north. Israelis sometimes suffer the effects of occasionally stiflingly hot winds from the direction of the Red Sea. This phenomenon is called a "sharav" and is the result of air subsiding over the country becoming compressed and heated.

No one has seriously suggested that different climates create different temperaments, but most agree that a good climate is a definite advantage in life. Israel's generally balmy climates are a major contributing factor to the quality of life it offers its residents, and one of the main attractions for people coming to live and spend time in the Holy Land.



JONATHON GORSKY of the YAKAR JEWISH CENTRE in LONDON, was invited to meet representatives of the BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION and the BRISTOL & WEST PROGRESSIVE JEWISH CONGREGATION at an informal get together on SUNDAY 10TH. FEBRUARY.

The invitation was extended as a response to his letter in the "JEWISH CHRONICLE" some months back, inviting small communities to contact him to explore support what YAKAR might offer them. YAKAR in London has pioneered some exciting and innovative programmes of youth and adult education, religious study, and cultural activities. It has built up a comprehensive catalogue of library, and video resources. JONATHON described YAKAR'S aim as looking at Judaism in the context of the modern world. He present felt that the enthusiasm and approach mirrored the drive and spirit presently alive in BRISTOL.

This exploratory meeting identified certain specific needs to assure the continuing health of the BRISTOL JEWISH COMMUNITY. What we will look for from YAKAR is additional support for our already flourishing youth and adult education, covering Jewish culture, history, and religious practice.

The special relationship with YAKAR will necessarily develop over time. The first event will be a SHABBATON-informal study and discussion day, built round the SHABBAT SERVICE and PESACH FESTIVAL, to take place on SHABBAT, MARCH 28TH.

#### SHABBAT 28TH. MARCH, PARK ROAD SYNAGOGUE

JONATHON GORSKY of the YAKAR JEWISH CENTRE in LONDON will be our guest at a "SHABBATON" or informal study and discussion day built around the usual SHABBAT Service.

Whether you are 8 or 80, or somewhere in between, you're welcome to join us. The Service will start as usual at 10 o'clock, with a break after the Reading Of The Law for a KIDDUSH and a talk/discussion from JONATHON on the weeks SEDRA. The Service will continue and be followed by a small informal Lunch, after which JONATHON will give another talk on PESACH. The "SHABBATON" will finish with tea.

If you can't manage the whole programme then come for part of it, morning or afternoon. To help with numbers could you let either HELEN VEGODA, Bristol 45769, or MIN KUSHNER, 83 3576, know.

#### PURIM PARTY LUNCH

Following the Reading of the MEGILLAH on SUNDAY MORNING 15TH. MARCH, there will be a PURIM "SEUDAH", Hosted by EVE GORDON and IRENE BERKOVITCH, at which our GUESTS will be Members of the CHELTENHAM HEBREW CONGREGATION.

The Children will perform a PLAY, and there will be TALMUD TORAH PRIZEGIVING and a FANCY DRESS COMPETITION.

ALL are Welcome, and contributions of HAMANTASCHEN will be gratefully received.

#### ISRAELI DANCING

Owing to lack of support, this function has been cancelled.

#### POETRY SHMOETRY (for Marcia)

Wherever it is you go shopping,  
Always take care where you're stopping  
NEVER feel free  
To park under a tree  
You never know THAT might be dropping!

GAZINK