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## FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 1987 NISSAN 5747

SUNDAY APRIL 5TH. @ 7.30 P.M

THE ZIMRIYAH CHOIR  
 ST. GEORGE'S BRANDON HILL

TUESDAY APRIL 14TH.

FIRST DAY PESACH

SUNDAY APRIL 19TH. @ 11.30 A.M.

MATZO RAMBLE. WIZO  
 TINTERN ABBEY

TUESDAY APRIL 21ST.

EIGHTH DAY PESACH

MONDAY APRIL 27TH. @ 8 P.M.

BRING & BUY. WOMENS GUILD  
 10 OAKHURST ROAD

TUESDAY APRIL 28TH.

JUMBLE SALE. WIZO  
 BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY HALL

# YAHRTZITES

Friday April 3rd.	Mr.H.Heber(London)	NISAN 4
Saturday April 11th.	Mrs.A.Greenwood	NISAN: 12
Sunday April 12th.	Mr.P.Winberg (London)	NISAN 13
Tuesday April 14th.	Mr.H.Seymour,Fam.of Bertha Coburg	NISAN: 15
Tuesday April 21st.	Mr.L.G.Gould	NISANR 22
Wednesday April 22nd.	Fam.of Dora Malin	NISAN 23
Saturday April 25th.	Mr.I.Sacof	NISAN: 26
Sunday April 26th.	Fam.of Mr.Brooks(Horowitz) Fam.of Robert Leapman	NISAN: 27
Monday April 27th.	Miss.Lazarus	NISAN. 28
Wednesday April 29th.	Mr.M.Barnett	NISAN 30
Thursday April 30th.	Miss.Lazarus , Mr.H.Springer	IYAR 1
Tuesday May 5th.	Mr.L.Caplan	IYAR 6
Thursday May 7th.	Mrs.G.Meyer	IYAR 8

## COMMUNAL NOTICES

COUNCIL MEETING. The next Council Meeting will be on Tuesday May 19th.

LOTTERY. This months Lottery was won by Mr.HAROLD SEYMOUR

NEW MEMBERS.DR. & MRS.WETZLAR & Family,77 Devonshire Rd.,Westbury Park,Bristol 6

FOUND.A tartan Kippa with blue binding round the edge was found in the Shul on March 15th.The owner should contact IRENE BERKOVITCH (tel:620664

## THE ""200"" CELEBRATION CONCERT (Sponsored by Redcliffe Associates)

THE ZIMRIYAH CHOIR OF BIRMINGHAM in an  
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME,including songs of the SYNAGOGUE and  
ISRAEL in HEBREW and YIDDISH

and  
CHRISTOPHER NORTHAM  
SOLO PIANOFORTE

on  
SUNDAY APRIL 5TH.  
at  
ST. GEORGE'S BRANDON HILL

RING NAT on 47492 for Tickets NOW!

ADULTS £3.  
O.A.P.'s, CHILDREN & STUDENTS £2.

### MESSAGE FOR PASSOVER 1987/5747

After the long dreary months of the winter season Jewish People all over the world are getting ready to celebrate this most wonderful Festival of PASSOVER. There is no other time in the Jewish Calendar where so much preparation is involved for the Jewish household than for this PESACH Festival. Families are sitting round the glittering Seder tables with all the traditional tasty dishes placed on the Seder plate. We are reciting the most popular book, the HAGGADAH, bringing back the memory of thousands of years ago of the enslavement of the Jewish People in EGYPT and their final redemption. But the great event of the Exodus has an important meaning for us in our present time because the Jewish People have proclaimed to the nations of the world that FREEDOM is the fundamental principal of human existence.

At the Seder Nights there is the best opportunity for the father to explain to his children the meaning of the variable kind of special dishes which we are placing on the Seder table and hereby they will be encouraged to learn the practical side of Jewish home life.

Let us hope that there will be peace in the Middle East and security for the Jewish People and the world at large, as we find it expressed in the famous words of our HAGGADAH.

"HOTZIANU MEY-AVDUD L'CHEYRUT MIYAGON L'SIMCHAN  
MEY'EYVEL L'YOMTOV UMEY-AFEYLAN L'OR GADOR UMISHIBUD  
LIG'ULAH.

" HE TOOK US OUT FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM. FROM SORROW  
TO JOY. FROM MOURNING TO FESTIVITY. FROM DARKNESS TO  
GREAT LIGHT AND FROM BONDAGE TO REDEMPTION.

With this important message of our HAGGADAH go our best wishes for a Happy and Pleasant YOMTOV to the Hon Officers and all the members of the Bristol Congregation.

WITH CHAG SAMEYACH.  
Rev. & Mrs Moddel and Fam

The Festival of Passover Commences on Monday April 13th and ends on Tuesday evening the 21st of April.

<u>Time table</u>	Monday April 13th. Erev Pesach. Fast of First Born. <del>Stop eating Chametz</del> by 10.00 am. <del>burn Chametz</del> by 11.30 am. Evening Service 6.30pm. First Seder Evening.
<u>Tuesday 14th April</u>	1st Day Pesach Morning Service 10am Evening Service 6.30pm. Second Seder. Counting the Omer.
<u>Sunday 19th April</u>	Evening Service 6.30pm.
<u>Monday 20th April</u>	Morning Service 7th Day. 10 am. Evening Service 6.30pm.
<u>Tuesday 21st April.</u>	Morning Service 10 am. Festival ends 9.02pm.

## BRISTOL WOMENS GUILD

The CARD & GAMES EVENING held at EVE GORDON'S raised approx. £93 for GUILD funds, and proved to be a very successful evening both socially and financially.

Only ten people attended the open meeting on CRIME PREVENTION held in the FRANK COHEN HALL, which proved to be a most interesting and informative evening. As this speaker attracted so few people, if anyone has any ideas for interesting GUILD speakers, or subjects for the future, perhaps they could let any committee member know.

EVE GORDON and IRENE BERKOVITCH hosted a most beautiful PURIM LUNCH in the FRANK COHEN HALL. There was no set charge but £53 was collected in donations for GUILD funds. MANY thanks to IRENE & EVE for their much appreciated efforts, and to all helpers and providers.

### FUTURE EVENTS

MONDAY APRIL 27TH. - Next Meeting a BRING & BUY SALE in the home of MARCIA GEE, 10 Oakhurst Road, Bristol 9 @ 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 10TH. - Keep this date free at Lunch Time for our next function, a "LATE, LATE, BREAKFAST" at the home of ANN HANDEL - more details next month.

TUESDAY JUNE 16TH. - TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE HIPPADROME PRODUCTION of "EVITA" at £8.50 per seat. Phone EVE GORDON (620187) to reserve YOURS.

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

Mazeltoy to CLIFFORD and ROSINA SPRINGER on the birth of their son STEVEN, and to HENRY and IRENE the proud Grandparents. Steven weighed in at 8lb. 10oz.!

Could be that spring is on the way! MAZELTOY to STUART and LESLEY SMITH on the birth of their first child, a son, LAURENCE ADAM, at 7lb. 5oz., and to Grandparents ROSINA and NAT.

We extend a warm Bristol welcome to new members DR. & MRS. WETZLAR and children, whom we hope to meet on future Religious and Social occasions.

Heartiest congratulations to JEFFREY HANDEL who has become an M.R.C.P. (Member of the Royal College of Physicians.) Could be another sit-com here, if his sense of humour matches that of (QUITE pleased) Dad, DR. HAROLD!

We regret to learn of the untimely death of ALAN COHEN in Birmingham. ALAN, BETTY and their children lived amongst us for some time, and were active and enthusiastic members of the Community. ALAN was for some time the PRESIDENT of our Synagogue. They made many friends here who will remember them fondly, and by whom ALAN will be sadly missed. On their behalf we send our sincere condolences to BETTY and Family, Long Life, and Freedom from Further Troubles.

Another ex-member of the congregation has also passed away in Birmingham, Mrs. MARGARET (Greta) COHEN, wife of the late ARMAND COHEN (of Whitchurch). To her daughter VERA we send our sincere condolences, Long Life and Freedom from Further Troubles.

IKE KUSHNER thanks all his friends for their Good Wishes and Cards on the occasion of his 70th. Birthday.

Another "Birthday Boy", CYRIL HERSHON celebrated a 50th. (same day as Ike), this month, and marked the occasion by taking a SHABRAT Service, followed by a surprise (for him) KIDDOUSH.



# BRISTOL TALMUD TORAH

The ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING was held in the SYNAGOGUE on SUNDAY MARCH 15TH., following the reading of the MEGILLAH.

ALAN TOBIAS, the retired HEADMASTER of the TALMUD TORAH presented the prizes as follows:

JAKE BAUM- For OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT  
DAVID BERKOVITCH-The CULANK CUP

TOBY TRACKMAN was presented with a Siddur, and all the children of the Infants Class run by ANGELA BAUM were also presented with small books.

After the COMMUNAL LUNCHEON the children performed a PURIM PLAY which was greatly enjoyed by all. A lot of hard work must have gone into the making of first rate costumes and make-up. We offer our congratulations to all of the children who took part and gave such an excellent performance, and to JOHN ADLER who produced it.

It is to be hoped that this "ADLER PRODUCTION" will be the first of many for us.

There was later a FANCY DRESS DISPLAY in which great ingenuity was shown by the contestants both in colour and subject matter. The prizes for the fancy dress costumes were awarded as follows:

FIRST PRIZE	PAUL HUTTER
SECOND PRIZE	MARK LEVI
THIRD PRIZE	TOBY TRACKMAN ) ASHER LEVIN )

At the LUNCHEON following the reading of the MEGILLAH on SUNDAY MARCH 15th., the sum of £33.10 was collected, which has been passed on to the LADIES GUILD for Synagogue purposes. The sum of £14.50 was collected in the Shul itself after the MEGILLAH, and this has been passed to the JEWISH BLIND SOCIETY.

## TALMUD TORAH-TERM DATES 1987

SPRING TERM ends on APRIL 5TH.  
SUMMER TERM begins on APRIL 26TH.

DATES for the SUMMER TERM:

26TH. APRIL, 3RD. MAY, 10TH. MAY,  
17TH. MAY-LAG B'OMER OUTING  
24TH. MAY-HALF TERM-NO SESSION  
31ST. MAY-HALF TERM-NO SESSION  
7TH. JUNE, 14TH. JUNE, 21ST. JUNE, 28TH. JUNE  
5TH. JULY, 12TH. JULY

SUMMER TERM ENDS on the 12TH. of JULY

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We are sorry to hear that our good friend YORAN and his family are returning to Israel soon. YORAN has been an enthusiastic and frequent attendee at Shabbat services and on Yom Tovim, on occasion Layning, and sometimes conducting or assisting in conducting services. Those of you lucky enough to hear and SEE his rendering of the Megillah at Purim, will realize the asset we are losing. I for one won't forget the site of "Mrs Thatcher" up on the Bimah! We wish him and his family good luck and good health, and trust he will remember his stay with us with some affection.

### PESACH MATZO RAMBLE

The Bristol Community has been invited to meet members of the SWANSEA, NEWPORT, and CHELTENHAM Communities at a MATZO RAMBLE on SUNDAY APRIL 19TH. We will be meeting outside TINTERN ABBEY at 11.30 a.m., and hope to enjoy a pleasant day with the other communities. If you are interested in coming would you please telephone SHEILA TOBIAS on 93 412831 so we can have some idea of numbers.

### JUMBLE SALE

The WIZO JUMBLE SALE will be held on TUESDAY APRIL 28TH. at the Bishopston Community Centre, Pigsty Hill. Please contact KATE LEVER, MARCIA GEE, or RUTH CURWEN if you wish any jumble collected, and of course all helpers are MOST WELCOME on the day.

### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on WEDNESDAY MAY 13TH. at 8.00p.m. in the home of IRENE BERKOVITCH, 17 Abbey Rd., Westbury-on-trym.

SHEILA TOBIAS  
Hon. Sec.

### \*\*\* THE JEWISH FESTIVAL OF SPRING by Yitzchak Dinur \*\*\*

In addition to being a festival of freedom and redemption from slavery, Passover is a festival of spring—a festival of rebirth of nature and nation. As Passover occurs in the month of March or April (depending on the correspondence of the Jewish lunar calendar with the civil calendar), it coincides more or less with spring in the northern hemisphere. In the land of Israel, this is the time when the heavy rains of winter are being replaced by the dews of spring. For this reason, the morning prayer for the first day of Passover contains a prayer for dew, and many of the poems in the Passover prayers evoke spring and nature.

Themes. Like most Jewish festivals, the Passover festival has a number of separate aspects, now considered inseparable. This particular festival has four distinct aspects, each of which is given a name in the Bible or in later Jewish Traditional Literature: The Festival of Pesach (Exodus 34:25) The Festival of Matzot (Exodus 23:15 & 34:18), The Time of Our Freedom (Mishna Pesachim 10:5); The Festival of Spring and Agriculture (Deuteronomy 16:1) Today the themes of the Passover sacrifice, the eating of Matzot, national redemption by divine providence and the idea of national freedom are more prominent, whereas the Festival of Spring is less significant, too often taken for granted, and sometimes entirely forgotten.

In the Bible, Nissan, the Jewish month in which Passover falls, is called the month of Spring (Aviv). Just as spring begins the year in nature, so Nissan is the first month in the enumeration of the months of the year. The word "aviv" is also the Hebrew agricultural term for barley, in the early part of spring, which is not yet ripe. This is the beginning of the barley harvest; and the counting of the Omer (the sheaf) which begins the first day of Passover, the morning after the Seder and which continues until the end of the barley harvest. The beginning of the wheat harvest fifty days later at Shavuot, is a reminder of the ceremonial cutting of the sheaf (Omer) at the beginning of the harvest in First and Second Temple times. In those times, the sheaf was placed on the Temple altar.

Among city Jews in the Diaspora, this aspect of Passover is the aspect that is least felt and most neglected. Yet even in such cities, spring is all around. Trees begin to put out leaf buds and to bloom in the boulevards, and wild flowers burst forth on vacant land and in neglected corners.

In the Haggadah, spring does not receive much attention. The Haggadah stresses the divine redemption and the covenant aspects and leaves the reading of the Song of Songs, that celebrates spring and G'd's love for the Jewish people, to the end.

(first part of a longer article)