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# THE BRISTOL RECORDER

News sheet of  
the Hebrew  
Congregation  
1989

# The Bristol Recorder

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YAHZITES

Thursday	November 2nd	Mr G Gee	Cheshvan 4th
Tuesday	November 21st	Miss Lazarus	Cheshvan 23rd
Saturday	November 25th	Mrs H Geller	Cheshvan 27th
Sunday	December 3rd	Mr S Silverman	Kislev 5th

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Communal Announcements

The next council meeting will be held on Monday 20th November at 8pm

The President and all the members of the council would like to extend their thanks to all the men who helped to conduct the synagogue services during the High Holy Days.

To Tommy Kraus from London who took a major part in the proceedings , we say Thank You.

We would like to welcome Boruch Rubins and his family to Bristol for their first Yomtov in England and thank both father and son for their help with the services.

We also thank Sam Nirenberg who is our regular stand by and is always willing and able to help whenever he is needed and last but not least our chief musician Alan Tobias who blew the shofar so magnificently.

Many thanks to Alan and Sheila Tobias who erected the Succoh and to all the helpers who decorated it so beautifully.

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## A.J.E.X

The London Remembrance Parade for the Association of Jewish Exservice men and women will be held on Sunday November 19th.

As numbers fall because older members gradually drop out with bad backs and bad legs it is more important than ever that the fit ones make a special effort to attend. The marching has been cut to a minimum, no more than a few short steps.

For further information please contact Sam Silverman or Gerald Gee.

FROM THE EDITORS

The Editors were very sorry to learn that Nathan intended to hang up his pen and retire from the editorial committee of the Recorder. Nat has been with us for many years and during that time has done work far and above the call of duty. Not only has Nat been an editor but he has also been printer, publisher, delivery boy and general factotum. The remaining editors wish to thank him whole heartedly for the time and effort he has put into the Recorder.

The Recorder does take up a lot of time each month. No sooner than one edition is sent to print than the next is on the table being put together, so to help us with the continuation of the Recorder we have invited Eve Gordon to join us in Nat's place. Eve has a lot to live up to but she is much prettier than Nat. We look forward to working with her and welcome her to the committee of the Recorder.

It is not often the Editors write a column but now that we have started we would like to take this opportunity to remind the members of the congregation that Tony Gordon still pays for the postage of the Recorder each month and although the editors never forget this wonderful gesture, the congregation may take it for granted. We would also like to thank Saville Kushner who has designed our front cover for the past year, it does make it look more like a professional magazine. One other great improvement over the past few months has been the printing, for this we must thank David Baum who has introduced us to the printing room at the Hospital/University.

To end let us remind you that the Recorder is YOUR newsletter. Please let us have articles and items of social and personal interest to print and keep the Recorder interesting.

EDS.

We would like to remind our readers that all correspondence <sup>EDS.</sup> must be sent to anyone of the three editors and must arrive by the 22nd to be included in the following issue. No items can be accepted after this date.

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JEWISH SOCIALIST GROUP

The next meeting of the group will be held on Monday 27th November at 8.0pm in the home of Arnold and Eve Levin, 61 Westbury Road, Henleaze . Tel: 624888

A discussion on the Soviet Liberal attitude on emigration will take place.

Everyone will be most welcome.

Social and Personal

Congratulations to Robert Sanders on passing his driving test. We wish him many years of happy motoring. (Don't borrow Mum's car too often!)

Sorry to hear that Richard Tobias has broken his nose while playing Rugby. We hope that it is well on the mend.

The following letter was received from Mr Coppel of Bradford on Avon.

Dear Sirs

On behalf of the whole Coppel family, I would like to express to Mr Nirenberg and his fellow members of the Chevra Kadisha our thanks for all the help and consideration they gave in helping me to lay my dear father to rest in such a peaceful and dignified manner.

I will always be grateful for the care and dedication they showed.

Yours sincerely

M L Coppel

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Extract from article in Bristol Evening Post on 5th October 1989 relating to the late Helen Bloom who was the first Jewish Lord Mayor of Bristol and a very respected member of our congregation.

"A new £1.7 million art design and science complex in Hariccliffe has been named after the late Alderman Helen Bloom, a former Lord Mayor of Bristol.

The Helen Bloom Building, part of South Bristol Technical College, was opened by Mrs Bloom's sister, Alderman Jeannette Britton. Mrs Bloom was also a chairman of the college governors".

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Mazeltov to Min and Ike Kushner on the occasion of the forthcoming marriage of their Granddaughter.

At the time of going to press we have heard that Ike, who was taken ill in the Synagogue and rushed to hospital, is just being kept in for a few days observation - nothing serious has been reported, and we all wish him well.

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NITZAN CHEM FUND

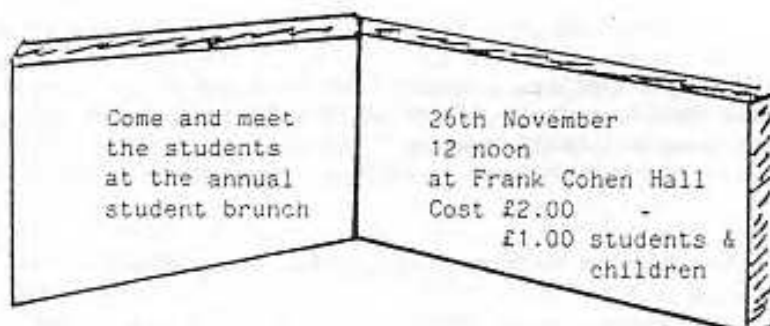
Would any persons still wishing to be associated with this fund, please forward their donations to Mrs Vivian Joffe, 8 Chatford House, The Promenade, Clifton, Bristol.8. as the fund will very shortly be closed.



### Bristol Women's Guild

Many thanks to everyone who helped over the Yom-tavim, especially Eve Gordon and Audrey Greenwood for putting up the curtains in the shool. Also thank you to Alan And Sheila Tobias for erecting the Succoh, to everyone who decorated the Succoh and to those who supplied cakes.

### Future Events



December 16th - Italian Evening  
January 14th - Card Afternoon  
February 11th - Sunday Breakfast

### Ladies Guild Meetings

At our last meeting Miriam Gordon talked to us about her trip to China. It was very interesting and amusing and we would like to thank her very much for sharing her trip with us.

Next meeting at Marcia Gee  
10 Oakhurst Road  
Stoke Bishop at 8pm. on the 13th November .

### Shabbat Cake Rota

November 4th - Helena Channack  
November 11th - Audrey Greenwood  
November 18th - Helen Vegoda  
November 25th - Eve Levy

### FRIENDS OF ISRAEL ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday 26th November at the Frank Cohen Hall, there will be an inaugural meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Friends of Israel.

Speaker will be Mr John Levy, who will give a presentation on Jerusalem ; he is the director of the Friends of Israel Education Trust and Accademic Study Group, and is the National Co-ordinator of the Friendship Association. Jean Evans, the Director of the Israel Information Centre for Wales and the West of England will chair the meeting.

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## BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group has now met twice and has become a stimulating and exciting forum in which we explore religious practices from a woman's perspective.

Our next meeting: **THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER**  
**at 8pm in the Frank Cohen Hall**

Further details from:      *Helen*    245769  
                                     *Yvonne*   92 859082

## YOUR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER KOSHERINA DATES

29 October  
12 November  
26 November

Our shop is open 10.15 - 11.45 outside the Frank Cohen Hall.

*Since opening last year, the shop has flourished and expanded the variety of foods stocked. We are always pleased to take your special orders or receive suggestions for new lines.*

*Thank you to all our volunteers, particularly our 'regulars'. If anyone is willing to serve at the shop on the occasional Sunday, we would be grateful to hear from you.*

*Remember! We take orders.*

Ask:   *Min*        687654  
         *Helen*      245769  
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16th October 1989

Dear Editors,

Closed for the Jewish Holidays

I do understand that living in and being involved with the Bristol Jewish Community, at times it is easier to let things pass, ignore the unpleasant and not get involved in communal bickering, but I feel I must make a point on behalf the women of the Synagogue Guild and therefore the women of this community.

On the nights of Friday 13th and Saturday 14th October, women members of the community turned up for the services, to make Kiddush in the Succoh (which incidentally had been erected by one member and her husband and had been decorated by three women of the Community) to find, unfortunately, that none of our Executive or Council had turned up to unlock the gates or hold a service. As I understand it, on the Saturday night even Council members turned up with their families, expecting to take part in a service.

Whilst Succot is supposed to be a happy, festive occasion, the congregants who turned up, (6 men, 5 children and 3 women) were neither happy nor festive for obvious reasons.

We do realise that people have other commitments, go on holidays, have outside interests etc., but although both these services were advertised in the festival time-table issued with the September Recorder the only public reference made to the cancellation of services was the Vice-President's casual mention on Shabbat that although the service was advertised that he did not "think" there was a service that night. This remark was less than positive and of no help to the congregants who turned up on the Saturday night.

Sorry chaps - this is just not good enough. We feel that the women of the community have upheld their tradition of ensuring that we have all the requisite ingredients to make a nice kiddush in the Succoh over the festival, therefore, gentlemen we expect you to supply the services.

Yours, on behalf of the women of the Community,

Sheila Tobias



FOR YOUR DIARY

MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER @ 8.0pm

Women's Guild Meeting - 10 Oakhurst Road, Stoke Bishop

SATURDAY 12th NOVEMBER @ 7.30pm

W.I.Z.O Card Evening - 77 Parrys Lane, Stoke Bishop

THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER @ 8.0pm

Womens Group Meeting - Frank Cohen Hall.

SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER @ 2.0pm

A.J.E.X Remembrance Parade in London

MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER @ 8.0pm

Council Meeting

SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER @ 12.0.c.

Students Brunch - Frank Cohen Hall.

SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER @ 3.0pm

Annual General Meeting <sup>of</sup> the Congregation

SATURDAY 16th DECEMBER @ 8.0pm

Women's Guild - Italian Evening - Frank Cohen Hall.

BRISTOL WIZO

Due to the fact that the date set for the WIZO WINE FAIR clashed with the Synagogue General Meeting, (although the times did not!), it was felt that people may not have wished, or have been able, to stay on after for the WINE FAIR, so it was reluctantly decided to postpone it until sometime next year, when DR. Gidon Berger, Managing Director of Carmel Wines, would be in a position to offer a series of possible dates.

Saturday, 12th. November at 7. 30 p.m.

This evening Ruth Curwen is our hostess for a CARD EVENING at her home, co - hosted by Rosina Smith. Tickets will be £2. 50

Now, a date for your 1990 Diary!!

Wednesday, 17th. January.

Kitty Balint-Kurti is our hostess, when Professor Ruben will be our guest speaker for the evening.

I am at present negotiating for a speaker for our Luncheon next April/May. A speaker on Soviet Jewry has been suggested - more details hopefully next month.

Shalom, and with all best wishes



Joy Jacobs  
Chairman - Bristol WIZO

XMAS IS COMING !!!



*Santa Claus? No bubeleh, I'm Santa Cohen. Wanna buy a present?*

THE UN + GOLFERS

*Fore!*



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Bristol Hebrew Congregation  
will take place in the Frank Cohen Hall  
on December 3rd 1989 at 3.pm

The AGENDA will be

1. Minutes of AGM 27th November 1988
2. Matters arising from minutes
3. The President's Annual Report
4. Board of Deputies Representative Report
5. Treasurer's Annual Report and Financial Forecast
6. Talmud Torah Report
7. Women's Guild Report
8. Chevra Kadisha Report
9. Bristol Jewish Welfare Society Report
10. Reports from Council Sub-Committees
  - Synagogue Services
  - Building
  - Top Site Redevelopment
  - Provisions
  - Security
11. Election of Honorary Officers, Members of Council and the Honorary Auditors.
12. Any other business

The Council comprises (in addition to the three ex-officio members representing the Women's Guild, the Talmud Torah, and the Chevra Kadisha):

- the President
- the Vice President
- the Honorary Treasurer
- the Honorary Secretary

and 12 elected members.

The Constitution provides that

- nominations for elections must be made in writing to the Secretary 7 days before the Annual General Meeting
- the nominee must be seconded
- the nominee must have agreed to stand for election.

The President will only be able to take oral nominations at the Annual General Meeting

- for any one of the Honorary Officers if there has been no previous written nomination
- for ordinary Members of Council if there have been less than 6 previous written nominations.

In either case each nominee must be seconded and have agreed to stand.

Andrea Hutter  
Secretary

PLEASE BRING THIS AGENDA WITH YOU TO THE MEETING

ADDITION TO AGENDA

5. Treasurers Report : It is proposed to increase the subscriptions to the Synagogue as under -
- £180. per annum for families
  - £120. per annum for single persons

Dear Editors,

We've had our Simchat Torah and - even allowing for my not wholly impartial viewpoint as one on the Chatanim - what a joyful rejoicing in the Law it was. With Jonathan Gorsky in such excellent form, with our lively group of students and visiting Israelis, with a sprinkling of whiskey...perhaps these were the ingredients.

But what moved me most during the evening was seeing the women find a way (and perhaps the confidence) to participate more fully - in singing, in dancing, in reaching forward to touch and kiss the passing Sifrim Torah. And the following morning, after a "reminder" called from somewhere, it was the girls as well as the boys who stood on the bimah for the final mitzvah before the Chatan Torah.

Maybe those young girls on the bimah will have a belief in the possibility that a spiritual involvement in Judaism is for them too. Maybe those teenage and young women who danced and sung in front of the Ark will see a spark of hope that Judaism is something worth participating in as more than spectator activity, which is hardly enough to attract them to shul. Maybe those women who kissed the Sifrim Torah will sense the possibility of some form of inclusion rather than what is for many spiritual exclusion.

The Haftarah on Simchat Torah was the beginning of the book of Joshua. Three times the divine word to Joshua, later said to him by the people also, is Chazak Ve-ematz. I want to repeat that exhortation to those women to hold their confidence: "Be strong and of great courage".

This is not an altruistic call for the sake only of those women who are feeling the need for a greater spiritual participation. I believe that for men too, such participation by women, to the extent they wish it and to the extent permitted by Halacha, can add richness to our prayer and practice of ritual - including the richness of heart. And I believe our small community will be truly healthy and vibrant if we hold the involvement of all our young people, women as well as men.

Yours sincerely,



Anthony Elman