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THE BRISTOL RECORDER

News sheet of
the Hebrew
Congregation
1989

The Bristol Recorder

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YAHRTZITES

Sunday	3rd December	Mr S Silverman	Kislev 5
Saturday	16th December	Mr M Garcia	Kislev 18
Friday	5th January 1990	Mrs E Gordon	Teveth 8
Saturday	6th January	Mr W Samuel	Teveth 9

Communal Announcements

We would like to send our thanks to Ernie Morris for his kind donation to the Shul. Ernie, for the members who do not remember him, was a very honoured and important member of the congregation being both President and Treasurer before he left Bristol for Birmingham.

We would like to thank the family of the late Berta Sacof for the bequest left to the Bristol Hebrew Congregation.

CHANUCAH

1st Candle to be lit on Friday 22nd December.

<u>Lottery Prizes:-</u>	September	Audrey Greenwood
	October	Hilda Geller
	November	Lyndsey Gordon

Change of Address:- From 1st December Anthony Elman will be living at
6 Trelawney Road
Cotham Bristol BS6 6EA Telephone No :- 735646

Please note: Will all members changing their address please notify the Treasurer and the Recorder Editors.

London AJEX Parade

The best weather since records began welcomed the Bristol Contingent to the parade ground on Sunday November 19th in London.

The Bristol contingent bribed a few friends to join them and looked quite an impressive bunch by the time they marched off. The march these days is quite short and the whole parade with the service at the Cenotaph was over in just one hour. Most of the Exservicemen and women who were marching are now between 60 & 70 and even older, but the ones that are willing and able still gather to remember their comrades who fell during the two world wars and Bristol once again played their part.

S.A.S.

USE OF THE FRANK COHEN HALL

Any persons or groups wishing to use the Synagogue Hall, must first contact the Secretary, Mrs A. Hutter, prior to making arrangements to avoid double bookings.

CHANUCAH

There will be a Childrens Service on Shabbat 23rd December, followed by the Childrens Chanukah party on Sunday 24th December at 3.0pm

FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER @ 3.0pm

Annual General Meeting of the Congregation

SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER - 7.0pm for 7.30pm

Italian Evening
Frank Cohen Hall.

MONDAY 11th DECEMBER @ 8.0pm

Women's Guild Meeting
15 Downs Park West, Westbury Park.

TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER @ 8.0pm

Israeli Dancing
Frank Cohen Hall.

WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER @ 8.0pm

Womens Group Meeting
Frank Cohen Hall.

SATURDAY 23rd DECEMBER @ 8.0pm

Adult Chanukah Party
Frank Cohen Hall.

SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER @ 3.0pm

Childrens Chanukah Party.

PLEASE NOTE:-

MATERIAL FOR THE JANUARY RECORDER MUST BE IN BY NOT LATER THAN THE 17th DEC.
AS WE WILL BE PRINTING ON THE FOLLOWING DAY DUE TO THE FESTIVITIES.

The Editors wish all their readers a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 1990.

SOCIAL AND PERSONNEL

FIRST.....THE BAD NEWS

We are sorry to hear that both Ruth Gould and Ena Blohm are in Ham Green Hospital. They are both recovering nicely and we wish them a speedy return to good health.

We wish Kitty Balint-Kurti and her family a Long Life on the sad loss of her father.

We hope that both William Schlessinger and Hymie Yoffee are fully recovered from their cuts, bruises etc. after their respective car accidents.

Mark Levy is now fully recovered after his "little" escapade with a moving car. Thank goodness for his rugby back-pack!!!

NOWTHE GOOD NEWS

Mazeltov to Andrea, Johnathen^b, Nicole, Paul and Sarah on the birth of Rebecca - This is one way of continuing Cheda!!!

We are happy to report that Ike Kushner is now feeling better after his short stay in hospital. We wish both Ike and Min Mazeltov on the forthcoming wedding of their granddaughter.

Congratulations to Helena and Lionel Caplan on the birth of their first grandchild.

Happy 18th Birthday to Richard Tobias.

How about it Ladies - our own page in the Recorder as from the New Year. Recipes - fashion and beauty tips - poems - old family remedies (whether they work or not!!) - jokes (clean) - or short stories.

If you have any of the above you would like to share with us - please post or telephone Eve - 520187.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

FIRST.... THE BAD NEWS

We have just heard of the death of the brother of Mr. William Schlesinger in America. We take this opportunity of wishing Bill and the family 'Long Life'.

NOW..... THE GOOD NEWS.

Judith and Woolfe Samuels are delighted to announce the engagement of their son Maurice to Miss Alison Cohen of New York.

Grandma and Grandpa Caplan would like to thank everyone for their good wishes on the birth of their first grandchild - Hannah Rachel.

Katie and Dave Alderton thank everyone for their good wishes and gifts on the birth of their daughter Hannah Rachel. Both Mother and daughter are doing well.

Mrs Sacof Memorial Fund

May we thank you for your donation to the above fund, which was most generously supported, and has now been closed.

The monies collected were allocated to:-

1. Bristol Old peoples Welfare for the purchase of 2 arm chairs.
2. The Jewish Old Age Home in Cardiff, to help re-furbish the dining room.
3. The Synagogue, Park Row, Bristol, to purchase 3 wall hanging bookcases.

Mrs Sacof was a founder member of the Bristol Old Peoples Welfare, a member of the management committee of the Old Age Home in Cardiff, as well as being a very active member of the Jewish Community in Bristol.

Plaques will be placed in all the above establishments, to perpetuate the name of the beloved Mrs Gazina Sacof.

COME ALONG AND LEARN

ISRAELI DANCING

UNDER THE INSTRUCTION OF MISS EFRAT RUBIN

IN THE FRANK COHEN HALL AT 8-0 PM

ON TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER.

ALL AGE GROUPS WELCOME.

BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group has now met three times. It's a friendly place to explore and learn about religious practices from a woman's perspective. At our next meeting the focus will be on the celebration of chanukah.

Our next meeting: WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER
at 8pm in the Frank Cohen Hall

Further details from: Helen 245769
Yvonne 92 859082

WE INVITE YOU TO OUR ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

The Vegoda's, the Joffe's, and the Baum's invite you to share an informal lunch after the service on Shabbat 16 December, to celebrate 70 years of happily married bliss!

NO speeches, RSVP, or champagne - dress informal (unless the heating is playing up in which case arctic attire recommended)

YOUR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER KOSHERINA DATES

26 November
10 December
24 December

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

Why spend petrol money and time travelling to Cardiff, London or Manchester, when your own endearing Kosherina can supply kosher provisions on your doorstep? With a bonus of a chat thrown in!

Orders taken - ask:	Min	687654
	Helen	245769
	Anne	623743

THE ADULTS CHANUCAH PARTY

Why should our children have all the chanukah fun?

If you're young of heart and fleet of foot, come to the

FRANK COHEN HALL at 8pm on SATURDAY 23 DECEMBER

and join in *lighting the chanukah lights, singing a song or two, some Israeli dancing, a little something to eat, and partaking of mulled wine.*

We'd like a donation of £2 per person to cover the costs.

Do come - and do tell the children if you think they can cope with the big time!

If you want to know more, phone Martin (245769).

Mrs A. Sennel wishes to thank all her friends who purchased the St. John Ambulance raffle tickets. The sum of £380 was raised, which is being donated to the Jerusalem Ophthalmic Hospital.

The local fire brigade has a brand new fire engine and they decide to ask the local religious leaders to give it their blessing. The priest sprinkles it with holy water and chants a few words in Latin. The parson waves a cross at it and chants, "And may the Good Lord bless all who ride in her." The rabbi just wanders over to the engine and cuts two inches off the hose.



Face it, Claus - you need a totally different size of garment to go round all those lattes!

69, Arley Hill
Cotham
29th October

Dear Anthony Elman,

As one of those 'young women' who danced and sung in front of the ark on Simchat Torah and who reached forward for the first time to touch the Sifrim Torah, may I thank you for the special welcome you have given to all Jewish women struggling to develop a way of inclusion in the worship of our services.

Our recently formed Women's Group is just that 'spark of hope' to which you refer. Within the halachic boundaries we aim to recapture and ignite a fire of enthusiasm for Judaism as 2 something worth participating in as more than a spectator.
We are indeed strong and of great courage.

Yours,

Helen

Helen Vegoda

Dear Editor,

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

If this cartoon caption had appeared in any of our daily papers, we would surely be crying 'antisemitic, anti Jewish'!

Certainly let us laugh at our selves and our funny characteristics, but it borders on the offensive when we also perpetuate the false stereotypes so favoured by our enemies.

Please, no more such cartoons in future editions.

Yours

Helen

Helen Vegoda

PLEASE SEND US YOUR VIEWS./

Eds.

At the Annual General Meeting of The Bristol Jewish Burial Society the following officers were elected.

President :- Mr Sam Nirenberg
Vice-President :- Mr Alf Glick
Lady President :- Mrs Betty Glick
Secretary :- Mr Nat Smith
Joint Treasurers :- (Mr Sam Silverman
(Mr Henry Springer

Representative to
Council :- Mr Henry Springer

Mr Silverman who acted as chairman thanked Mr Sam Nirenberg for all the work he had done in the past year especially the part of conducting funerals in the absence of a Minister.

Mrs Glick asked whether tomb stones were insured against vandalism. Mr Silverman told the meeting that this was not so and that headstones could not be insured under any circumstances.

Mr Springer gave a short outline of the work being undertaken at the cemetery which included redecorating the chapel inside and outside and laying lino on the floor.

Ike and Min and family wish to express their appreciation for the wonderful support and good wishes from the community when Ike took ill in Shul.

Happily he is feeling fine now, but it is at such a time as this, when one needs friends around and as usual, in Bristol, everyone rallied round.

160 Cranbrook Road,
Redland,
Bristol BS6 7DG

Mr Dear Ex- Colleagues,

Thank you for your kind testimonial in the Octobers Recorder.
I would however, like to correct the impression that I retired from the Editorial Committee. I in fact resigned over a matter of principle.

I have enjoyed our association over the years, and wish the 'Recorder' and it's new associate every success for the future.

Sincerely,

Nat Smith.

CHANUKAH PRESENTS

He used to buy her lacy negligees
She used to buy him M & S turtlenecks
But now they've moved into another phase
More osteoporosis and less sex.

More Perrier, less Gevrey - Chambertin
No sleeping - unawakened and through the night
No cigarettes. No eggs. No beef. No tan.
And no, without bifocals - unblurred sight.

When Chanukah comes, and its about to come
On what then do they plan to spend their dimes
He's bought her a pill box for her calcium
She ordered him the large-type Times.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD
INVITE YOU
TO A

ITALIAN EVENING
ON
SUNDAY 10th DEC.
7.0pm for 7.30
IN
FRANK COHEN HALL

Lotsa Pasta
Fabulous Food
Superb Company
Wonderful Atmosphere

Adults £5.
Children £2.50

Please book with either
Rochelle King or Eve Levy

Bristol Women's Guild

Condolences to Kitty Balint-Kurti on the passing away of her father.

Congratulations to Andrea and Jonathan Hutter on the birth of a daughter.

Congratulations also to Helena and Lionel Caplan on the birth of a granddaughter.

Future Events

Italian Evening Sunday December 10th

As you will see the date of the Italian evening has been changed from December 16th to December 10th. This is due to the late organisation of a luncheon on the 16th December. We felt as the Italian Evening is a fund raising occasion, two social events on the same day would not be profitable. We hope you will be able to support the Italian Evening on the 10th December to make it a great success and are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

10th December	Please contact
7 o'clock	Rochelle King 738720
Frank Cohen Hall	or
Adults £5.00	Eve Levy 93 415342
LOTS A PASTA Kids £2.50	if you would like to come
FABULOUS FOOD (Under 16)	
SUPERB COMPANY	
WONDERFUL ATMOSPHERE	
WHAT MORE CAN YOU WANT!!	

January 14th /21st Card Afternoon

February 11th Sunday Breakfast

Next Ladies Guild meeting:

11th December 1989 at Eve Gordon 15 Downs Park West Westbury Park. "Bring and Buy Sale".

Shabbat Cake Rota

December 2nd	Rosina Smith
December 9th	Rochelle King
December 16th	Doreen Harris
December 23rd	Yvonne Sanders

The Shool would appreciate it if anyone would like to donate a white Sefer Torah Cover or make an addition to the lovely wall units in the Shool Hall.

General

If you use the Shool Hall could you please make sure the Hall is tidied up and everything is put back in its place. Also the Kitchen should be left as you would wish to find it.

BRISTOL WIZO

The Jumble Sale, held at our new venue, the Release United Reform Church Hall, was very successful, raising just over £200 - with a further bonus of £50 from Golda Seymour.

Many thanks to all those who gave their time and energies to help on the day, or contributed towards saleable Jumble.

It is at this point I am going to make a complaint: jumble must be of saleable quality, not of items fit only for the Avon County Rubbish Tips!! I bought a vacuum cleaner, expecting to have to spend some money to bring it to a safe and workable - it turned out to be completely incapable of economic repair!! As far as I am concerned, I have made an extra donation to WIZO funds: had it been bought by a member of the public, it would have given us a poor image. I don't want that - you don't want that - so no more rubbish, please!!!

The Card Evening, hosted by Ruth Curwen and Rosina Smith, was also very successful, raising the grand sum of £97.50. They both worked extremely hard preparing a wonderful spread of nosh and phoning around because of the wrong date in the Recorder (I've reprimanded my typist severely)

Unfortunately, we have not been able to put on a function to replace the WIZO WINE FAIR, which was going to clash with the Synagogue A.G.M. Hopefully, we will be able to finally put on this function sometime next year.

Next - some social announcements!!

Mazeltov to Helena and Lionel Caplan on the birth of a granddaughter.

Our condolences to Kitty Balint-Kurti on the death of her father. We wish her Long Life and Freedom from Further Troubles.

We also extend our best wishes to all members and their families who have been in hospital or unwell a speedy return to good health.

Our next event will be in January, probably Wednesday 17th., when Kitty Balint-Kurti will host a talk by Professor Ruben. Date and subject will be confirmed in the January Recorder.

Finally, I am still in contact with Head Office about a speaker for our April/May Luncheon. As soon as speaker and date have been agreed, I will, of course, let you all know.

Shalom - and with all best wishes



Joy Jacobs
Chairman - Bristol WIZO

Only the lonely

By LINDSAY SCHUSMAN

Scores of letters and hundreds of phone calls from Jewish lonely hearts have flooded into a new marriage service set up to help singles find partners.

Rabbi Shlomo Levin, from South Hampstead Synagogue, who launched the new venture, received 150 letters within days of a recent article in the "Jewish Chronicle." Half of them were from young people.

He said he was overwhelmed by the huge response which clearly showed the great need for the expansion of such services in the community. And he added that he was looking for ways in which the new venture could work together with the Jewish Marriage Council.

Rabbi Levin said these people were enthusiastic about the new initiative and felt frustrated at the lack of places there were to meet potential partners.

"People also talk about how extremely lonely and desperate

they are," added Rabbi Levin.

The marriage scheme is run by a central co-ordinator assisted by a network of 80 helpers or "connectors." An overall administrative secretary is now urgently required to help deal with the mass of letters and phone calls received.

A fast-growing central register currently lists the names of approximately 600 singles and is constantly being updated.

These names are then circulated among helpers and compatible partners are introduced.

A group of young helpers, under the guidance of Rabbi Danny Kirsch and Rabbi Rashi Simon, is planning a programme of events which will hopefully encourage people to join the lonely hearts scheme.

Rabbi Eliezer Schneebalg is the rabbinical adviser for a group which assists handicapped Jewish people wishing to meet a marriage partner.

Several helpers specialise in the older age group, matching up women over 30 and men over 35.

WITH REGARD TO THE ABOVE CUTTING, THE MARRIAGE SCHEME MENTIONED IS FOR EVERYONE, WHETHER ORTHODOX OR NOT, THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE COUNTRY.

IF YOU, OR ANYONE YOU KNOW, IS INTERESTED, PLEASE PHONE MRS.R.PORTNOY (MANCHESTER) NO: 061.980.2035, OR M.S.G.SAMUELS (SHEFFIELD) NO: 0742.367342 - or, SEND A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE TO: MRS.G.SAMUELS, 8 RANELAGH DRIVE, SHEFFIELD, S.YORKSHIRE, S11 9HE. (IF A S.A.E. IS NOT ENCLOSED, A REPLY CANNOT BE SENT TO YOU).

We are sure that you will agree this is an excellent scheme in this day and age, with so much inter-marriage taking place - mostly because people are living in smaller communities where the chance of meeting a Jewish partner (either strictly orthodox or 'middle of the road') is very limited.