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JANUARY

# THE RECORDER

News sheet  
of the  
Bristol Hebrew  
Congregation

1990

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YAHZITES

Friday	5th January 1990	Mrs E Gordon	Teveth 8
Saturday	6th January	Mr W Samuel	Teveth 9
Monday	8th January	(Mrs G Ornstein (Mrs V Goldberg	Teveth 11
Thursday	11th January	Mr T Jacobs	Teveth 14
Friday	12th January	Mr I Kushner	Teveth 15
Tuesday	23rd January	(Mr J Burke (Mr M C Berkovitch	Teveth 26
Thursday	25th January	(Mr N Smith (Mr Joey Woolfe	Teveth 28

COMMUNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lottery: December Karen Wander  
Six Monthly Prize Kitty Balint-Kurti

Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting 28th December at 8 pm.

FOR YOUR DIARY

MONDAY 8th JANUARY @ 8.0pm  
Womens Guild Meeting - 59 Ravenswood Road, Redland.

TUESDAY 9th JANUARY @ 8.0pm  
WIZO meeting of Committee - 16 Julian Court

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10th @ 8.0pm  
Israeli Dancing - Frank Cohen Hall.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17th @ 8.0pm  
WIZO Meeting - 6 Ashgrove Road, Clifton

TUESDAY 23rd JANUARY @ 8.0pm  
Womens Group Meeting - Frank Cohen Hall.

WEDNESDAY 31st JANUARY @ 8.0pm  
Spiro Group Meeting - Frank Cohen Hall.

*14th Jan 1990*

Betty and Alf Glick are happy to announce the engagement of their son Larry to Tanya Michel of Wembley, London.

A Date for Your Diary: . . . . .

Sunday February 25th

"Esther's World": A one day pre-Purim workshop led by Alix Pirani, at the Progressive Synagogue. Further details in the next Recorder.  
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## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

William Schlesinger would like to thank all his friends who sent him Get Well cards and Good Wishes after his recent accident and to say that he is now well on the way to recovery.

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We wish Betty and Alf Glick a hearty Mazeltov on the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their son Larry to Tanya.

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Mazeltov also to Jonathan Hutter on his consultancy as Cardiac Surgeon at the B.R.I.

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Andrea, Jonathan, Nicola, Paul and Sarah wish to thank everyone for their cards, presents and good wishes on the arrival of Rebecca. Mother and child are thriving.

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Hetty Goodman (Eve's Mom), wishes to thank all her Bristol friends for their kind thoughts, cards and plants during her recent stay in hospital. She is pleased to say she is feeling better and will be at Eve's over the Festive Season.

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## WEST QUEST

There will be a West Quest Four in Cheltenham on Sunday 29th April 1990. The programme has still to be finalised but the Cheltenham Congregation have already arranged for His Honour Israel Finestein QC Vice President of the Board of Deputies, and Dr Jeremy Montagu (demonstration and talk on Instruments of the Bible), to take part in the proceedings.

As accommodation will be limited the tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

Please reply to : Mr S Stone  
3 Drakes Place  
Cheltenham  
Glos GL50 2JF

Perhaps you would be kind enough to let Mr Stone have your lists by Monday 15th January 1990 at the very latest.

The editors would like to apologise for the incorrect spelling of the names of a few members of the congregation in the December issue of the Recorder. We were also told of a few other mistakes. Some were obvious typing errors and some were mistakes sent in by our readers whose letters we just photo-copied. However we are not disheartened! It proves that every word is read and digested. But, it would be nice if for once we received a letter of praise or thanks, so let us start off the New Year by hoping our mistakes do not offend too many readers.

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## ISRAELI DANCING

The next dancing instruction will take place on WEDNESDAY 10th JANUARY at 8.0pm in the Frank Cohen Hall.

At our last meeting 17 persons were present - don't be shy, come along and join the group, under the instruction of Miss Efrat Rubin.

BRISTOL WIZO

May I begin by wishing everyone CHAG SAME'ACH and Seasons Greetings.

I can now confirm that Professor Ruben will definitely be giving his talk at Gabriel and Kitty Balint Kurti's home on Wednesday, 17th. January at 8. 00 p.m. Husbands will be particularly welcome. Admission £1. 00.

There will be a Committee Meeting at Ernest and Kate Lever's home on Tuesday, 9th. January at 8. 00 p.m., when we will be discussing arrangements for future events. Any suggestions and offers of help and/or venues will be greatly received.

I realise that May seems a long way in the future, but time seems to pass very quickly these days; so I am asking now for two volunteers to act as Women's Week Captains. We have had some extremely successful results over the past years, and I would like to see this success continuing.

As you are all aware, Ted has been instrumental in the compilation and production of the Women's Week Appeal Letter, and he has offered his continuing help with this.

Shalom - and with all best wishes for the coming Year.



Joy Jacobs  
Chairman - Bristol WIZO

Dear Editors,

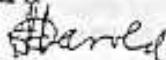
I'm all for 'Santa Cohen' and his presents for sale. It is by our ability to laugh at ourselves and to shrug off our 'enemies' jibes that we have prospered and multiplied over thousands of years.

Does Helen laugh at the expense of the Irish, who are purported to be 'bone from the neck up', and the butt of countless jokes? Or the mean, skinflint Scots?

Please, by all means let us have a few laughs in the Recorder-- and less thin skins!

Thanks are due to the Editors for making an effort to entertain, as well as inform.

Yours



Harold Seymour.

BRISTOL JEWISH LIAISON  
COMMITTEE

A date for your diary!

Thursday 15 February at 8pm - a Jewish 'ANY QUESTIONS' - with  
two panels: three star panellists and you the audience,  
giving your views too. At the Bannerman Road Synagogue.

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YOUR DECEMBER, JANUARY AND  
FEBRUARY KOSHERINA DATES

24 December

7 January

21 January -

4 February

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

We are pleased to take special orders - large or small - and  
stock a wide range of frozen and dry goods - vegetarian - meat  
- delicatessen.

Further details: Min 687654

Helen 245769

Anne 623743

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BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION  
WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group is an informal gathering of women interested  
in learning about and discussing Jewish practice from a  
women's perspective.

Our next meeting: TUESDAY 23 JANUARY  
at 8pm in the Frank Cohen Hall

Further details from: Helen 245769  
Yvonne 92 859082



## BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION AGM 1989

This year's annual general meeting was one for the record books. A record number of people came and participated in the discussion. A record number of candidates stood for election to Council. And the meeting lasted a record - within recent memory - four and a half hours.

Your scribe's notetaking hand has still to recover. A fuller account of the major topics discussed will appear in the February Recorder. This note is restricted to announcing the election results.

Our new President is Bob Emmanuel. He takes over from Raphael Emanuel, who received not one but two well deserved votes of thanks for his lengthy tenure of the congregation's presidency. Raphael steps - as it were - into Bob's shoes as Vice-President. The two other Honorary Officer positions continue to be ably filled by Andrea Hutter as Secretary and Arnold Greenwood as Treasurer.

The election for 'ordinary' members of Council produced some surprises and an unexpected cliffhanger. Not everyone could win, so we hope that those who were not elected do not feel too disappointed and will stand another year. Thanks were particularly given to last year's Council members who have resigned - Colin Berkovitch and Lionel Caplan - and to Harold Seymour.

The current Council, Officers apart, comprises: John Adler, David Baum, Alan Elkan, Anthony Elman, Gerald Gea, Alf Glick, Tony Gordon, Jonathan Hutter, Min Kushner, Sam Silverman, Lawrence Trackman, Martin Vegoda, and Bencie Woll. The observant reader will have counted thirteen instead of the 'constitutional' twelve names. Therein lies the cliffhanger. As a substitute for a tie-break, a hastily convened Executive Committee decided to co-opt a thirteenth member where two candidates had received the same number of votes in twelfth place. Council will surely ratify this decision of Solomon.

Finally, the Council is joined by its three ex-officio members: Sheila Tobias as Chair of the Guild, Gerald Levy for the Talmud Torah, and Henry Springer representing the Chevra Kadisha.

This 'for the time being' note cannot end without recording one other major agm decision. In the new calendar year we shall welcome Michael Morris as Bristol Hebrew Congregation's part-time Minister, alongside his other role as student chaplain for the south west. Provided, that is, that all the other decision making for his appointment ends satisfactorily. We look forward to Michael taking up his twin posts, and to his introducing himself in a future Recorder.

Martin Vegoda Acting Sec.



Tell me rabbi. Is it a sin to play bridge on the Sabbath?  
My dear friend, the way you play it's a sin on any day of the week!

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## SPIRO LIBRARY

You'll be pleased to note that Spiro in Bristol now has the foundations of a Jewish library housed in the elegant new wall units in the Frank Cohen Hall. The books have been kindly donated by Jonathan Gorsky and Yakar, John Donovan and Chapter and Verse, and from the private collection of Mr Harry Ward.

Anyone who would like to borrow - or donate - a book is welcome to do so. Please respect the DIY system in operation - in place of a resident librarian - and return books within a reasonable time.

You will find the key to the book shelves in the first aid box in the kitchen, and a loan notebook among the books, where you can enter your name on borrowing or returning a book.

We hope to build up a comprehensive library of books on any Jewish subject. The Spiro Committee would be delighted to receive books - new or second-hand - that you think others in the community would find of interest.

Helen Vegoda [on behalf of the Spiro Committee]



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## SPIRO STUDY GROUP

Spring Term 1990

We have a new programme for the Spring Term of 1990, having decided not to continue the series on Jewish society.

We are very pleased that Rabbi Francis Ronald Berry, the new Rabbi of the Bristol and West Progressive Synagogue, has agreed to give a series of talks on "Rabbinic Perspectives on Current Issues".

The subjects to be covered will include homosexuality, the environment and current government policies. Needless to say, Rabbi Berry is one of those who consider that Rabbinic teachings, far from being relevant only to a bygone age, have a great deal to say on issues that are highly topical today. The course should therefore be of great interest to all who would like to understand more about the links between the teachings of Judaism and the world we now live in.

The talks this term will take place in the Frank Cohen Hall of the Park Row Synagogue, on Wednesdays January 31st, February 14th and 28th, and March 14th. As usual the meetings will start promptly at 8.00 pm.

The fee for the series will be £8 (£2 per meeting). Either pay on the night or, better still, please send in advance your cheque for £8 made out to the Spiro Study Group in Bristol, to me at 6 Trelawney Road, Cotham, Bristol BS6 6EA.

Anthony Elman

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"The Magic of Italy"--this was clearly present last Sunday in the Shool Hall, candlelight, good music, Wonderful food--glorious food!

Many hours must have been spent in preparation, under the guidance of Sheila Tobias and her helpers..

A great deal of thought and time had gone in to what could have been a fantastic evening if only the numbers present had been greater.. As it was everyone present enjoyed themselves.. Miriam Gordon has the makings of a good M.C.--such personality! where does she get it from?

I was also at the last A.G.M., we now have a new Committee with great plans for the future, buildings, etc. I hope it materializes, for without functions and without support, where will the money come from?

The next social function is a Card Evening on 14th Jan. if you are ill or plan to be away, why not send a donation?

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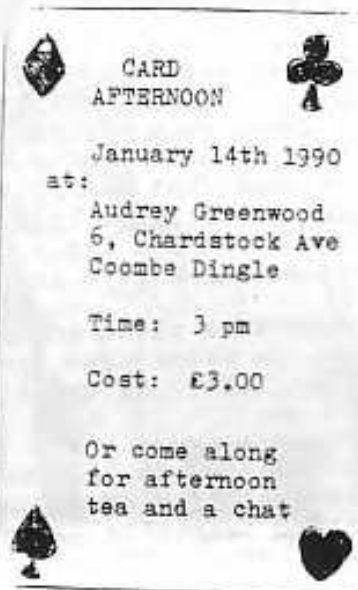
Bristol Women's Guild

Mazeltov to Betty and Alf Glick on the engagement of their son Larry to Tanya Michel of London.

The Women's Guild hopes that everyone had a very enjoyable Chanukah.

Future Events

January 14th	Card Afternoon
February 14th	Sunday Breakfast
March 5th	Demonstration by a Beautician



We made £100 at the Italian Evening and those who managed to attend had a very enjoyable evening. Thank you to all those that helped prepare the food and to Jonathan Tobias and David Berkovitch for washing up.

Cake Rota

January 7th	Min Kushner
January 14th	Andrea Hutter
January 21st	Sheila Tobias
January 28th	Eve Gordon

The next Ladies Guild meeting will be on January 8th 1990  
at Rochelle King 59 Ravenswood Road Redland 8 pm.

BRISTOL JEWISH WELFARE SOCIETY

Mr.W. Schlesinger has just retired as the Treasurer of the Society, many people did not know or appreciate the work that he did.

Bill, first joined the Bristol Board of Jewish Guardians in 1947. In 1953, the Bristol Board of Jewish Guardians and the Benevolent Society of Hebrew Ladies amalgamated to form the new Bristol Jewish Welfare Society, with Mrs G. Sacof and Mr.E. Morris at the helm.

In 1958 Mr Schlesinger was appointed case worker, replacing Mrs Sacof who could no longer travel.

In 1980, Bill became Treasurer, taking over from Mr Morris who had left the town.

During his time as Treasurer and case worker, Bill interviewed persons requiring assistance, visited prisoners in Leyhill, and made frequent visits to the Old Aged home in Cardiff on behalf of the Community, all in his own time on a unpaid voluntary basis.

May I on behalf of the Welfare Society say 'Thank You' Bill, for all the work that you have done over the past 40 years helping people in need.

Gerald Gee  
Hon Chairman.

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BRISTOL WOMENS'S GUILD

POT BLACK

We are organising a knockout snooker competition. All matches will be held at the Gordon's home, the dates to be arranged.

There will be two groups 14-30 and the over 30's. Both will compete in a series of knockout rounds, leading up to the Pot Black Supper Evening on July 1st where the final will be played.

If you would like to enter please send the completed application form and entrance fee of £1.50 per person to Eve Gordon- 15 Down's Park West Westbury Park by the end of January 1990.

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I/We would like to enter into the Pot Black Snooker Competition

14-30/over 30  
Please Tick

Names

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- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose £ \_\_\_\_\_ entrance fee.

Cheques could be made payable to "Bristol Ladies Guild"