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YAHZRITES

Tuesday	30th January	(Mr C Epstein (Mr A Glick	SHEVAT 4
Monday	5th February	Mr G Levy	SHEVAT 10
Tuesday	6th February	Mrs M Kushner	SHEVAT 11
Thursday	15th February	Miss Lazarus	SHEVAT 20
Friday	16th February	Mr S A Silverman	SHEVAT 21
Tuesday	20th February	Mr A Elkan	SHEVAT 25
Wednesday	21st February	Miss Lazarus	SHEVAT 26
Monday	26th February	Miss Lazarus	ADAR I 1
Wednesday	28th February	Mrs M Barnet	ADAR I 3

JEWISH FESTIVALS

TISHRI	1 New Year 5750 1st Day 2 New Year 5750 2nd Day 3 Fast of Gedaliah 10 Day of Atonement 15 Tabernacles 1st Day 16 Tabernacles 2nd Day 21 Hoshana Rabba 22 8th Day of Solemn Assembly 23 Rejoicing of the Law	Saturday Sunday Monday Monday Saturday Sunday Friday Saturday Sunday	30 Sept. 1 Oct. 2 Oct. 9 Oct. 14 Oct. 15 Oct. 20 Oct. 21 Oct. 22 Oct.
KISLEV	25 Chanukah 1st Day	Saturday	23 Dec.
TEVET	10 Fast of Tevet	Sunday	7 Jan.
SHEVAT	15 New Year for Trees	Saturday	10 Feb.
ADAR	11 Fast of Esther 14 Purim 15 Shuitan Purim	Thursday Sunday Monday	8 Mar. 11 Mar. 12 Mar.
NISSAN	14 Fast of the First Born 15 Passover 1st Day 16 Passover 2nd Day 21 Passover 7th Day 22 Passover 8th Day 27 Yom HaShoa	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Monday Tuesday Sunday	9 Apr. 10 Apr. 11 Apr. 15 Apr. 17 Apr. 22 Apr.
IYAR	4 Yom Ha-Zikaron 5 Israel Independence Day 18 Lag B'Omer 28 Yom Yerushal'im	Sunday Monday Sunday Wednesday	29 Apr. 30 Apr. 10 May 23 May
SIVAN	6 Feast of Weeks 1st Day 7 Feast of Weeks 2nd Day	Wednesday Thursday	30 May 31 May
TAMMUZ	17 Fast of Tammuz	Tuesday	10 July
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TISHRI	1 New Year 5751 1st Day 2 New Year 5751 2nd Day 10 Day of Atonement	Thursday Friday Saturday	20 Sept. 21 Sept. 29 Sept.

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COMMUNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Council extends a hearty welcome to Rabbi Michael Morris on his appointment as Minister to the Bristol Hebrew Congregation and Chaplain to the Students of the South West of England and Wales.

He comes from Harrogate and was educated at Rugby School and Manchester University. He has spent the last 5 years studying at Yeshivat in Yerushalayim. We hope our association will be a long and happy one.

Bob Emmanuel.

Rabbi Morris can be contacted on Bristol 255160.

We wish to thank Mr R Josephson of Bath for his kind donation to the Bristol Hebrew Congregation.

Dr Almuth Gross of Old Cleeve Priory, Watchet, Somerset has become a member of the congregation. We welcome her and hope to see her at religious and social events.

This month's Lottery was won by Audrey Greenwood. We would like to thank Kitty Balint-Kurty for donating her prize to the Shul.

Dates for future council meetings: February 8th
March 8th
April 12th

We would like to ask all our members to keep the fire exits clear of furniture etc.

Dear Bristolians

I am very pleased to be here in Bristol and would like to thank everyone for their help and encouragement in the settling-in process.

During the last two weeks I have found the community to be rich in warmth and enthusiasm. It is also a community of remarkable diversity and breadth of outlook and interests.

It seems to me that I have arrived at a time of genuine optimism. People feel that Bristol is entering a new phase of prosperity and growth and that there is everything to look forward to in the year ahead.

The potential of such a community is enormous and your ideas can have a significant influence on the direction of its development, so speak up!

I look forward to a positive and creative relationship with the community.

Mike Morris. (Rabbi)

MARCH RECORDER

Due to the Month of February being only 28 days, the Recorder for the following month will go to print on the 22nd FEBRUARY.

All insertions must be received prior to the above date.

Social and Personal Continued

Marlene Sutton would like to thank friends and members of the Community who have given her much practical and moral support following the sudden loss of her uncle Dr Harold Maurice Cohen CBE of Weston super Mare. The funeral was in Liverpool where he was born.

Dr Cohen began his long and distinguished career in Liverpool, where he was instrumental in setting up a Jewish Students Association at the University, and a founder member of the Progressive Synagogue. He was awarded the C.B.E. in 1957 and retired to Weston super Mare from Birmingham in 1972. He was in his 90th year.

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Lynne and Stephen Sidkin together with Miriam and David Goldman would like to thank all their friends in Bristol for their good wishes on the birth of their son and grandson respectively.

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As we go to press to hear the sad news of the death of the sister of Alf Glick. We wish Alf and all his family Long Life.

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A PURIM SHOOK !

Get ready !!! We are arranging a Purim Party which will include an act written by Josh Baum. Various booths with different activities and loads of fun for all. For all this to take place we need your help...a shnorrrer act is starting, please collect small gifts (not expensive) e.g. soaps rubbers etc. and get your costumes and Purim spirit ready !

Thanks...

Efrat.

COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 JANUARY 1990

Much Council business each month is the next step on matters discussed the previous month. Major issues at this meeting (not reported elsewhere) were

- the drawing up of a plan for the future organisation of the Cheder
- Sheila Tobias - with support from members of the Congregation and Council - is to take over as Membership Secretary from Bencie Woll
- a brochure will be produced describing the present and proposed future activities of BHC, aimed particularly at people thinking of coming to live in Bristol and keen to learn what the community has to offer
- a new Council Committee will administer the synagogue flats
- since the synagogue shop is so successful, additional members are to be sought to join the Provisions Committee of Council

MARTIN VEGODA ACTING MINUTE SECRETARY

JEWISH SOCIALIST GROUP

The next meeting of the Jewish Socialist Group will be on Wednesday 21st February 1990 at 8 pm at Sonia Jackson's, 19 Henleaze Gardens, Bristol BS9 (Tel 621378). Rabbi Francis (Ron) Berry will be talking about the Religious Roots of Jewish Socialists. All welcome.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

We are sorry to hear that Bob Emmanu~~el~~ly Mother has had a fall and broken her hip. We hope she is soon up and about again and feeling better.

We would like to wish David and Miriam Goldman and family Mazeltov, as their daughter Lyn has had a baby boy - Sam - All are doing fine.

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We are sorry to hear of the death of Anthony Elman's Mother, and we wish him and his family a Long Life.

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We hope both Irene Berkovitch and Linsey Gordon are feeling better after their short stays in hospital.

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We hope that all Members of the Community who have suffered from the "Dreaded Flu" are now fully recovered, and are free from coughs, sneezes, snuffles, wheezes, aches and pains.

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Our condolences to Mrs. Pinsker on the death of Algy - age 72. We wish her and family a Long Life.

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Ena Blohm is now resident in Cranbrook House Nursing Home, Claremont Avenue, off Cranbrook Road. She would be delighted to see any visitors.

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FOR YOUR DIARY

MONDAY 5th February @ 8.0pm
Womens Guild Bring & Buy
11 Hurle Crescent.
TUESDAY 6th February @ 8.0pm
Israeli Road Show
Frank Cohen Hall.
THURSDAY 8th February @ 8.0pm
Council Meeting
SUNDAY 11th February @ Noon
Womens Guild Brunch
~~WEDNESDAY 13th February @ 8.0pm~~
WEDNESDAY 14th February @ 8.0pm
Israeli Dancing
Frank Cohen Hall
THURSDAY 15th February @ 7.30pm
Jewish Liason Committee A.G.M.
Bannerman Road
THURSDAY 15th February @ 8.0pm
Any Jewish Questions
Bannerman Road
MONDAY 19th February @ 8.0pm
Womens Group Meeting
Frank Cohen Hall.
WEDNESDAY 21st February @ 8.0pm
Jewish Socialist Group Meeting
19 Henleaze Gardens
SUNDAY 25th February @ 3.30pm
W.I.Z.O. Afternoon Tea
59 The Dell.

PLEASE NOTE - The vacuum in the hall is in PERFECT working order -
thanks to Audrey Greenwood and her nimble fingers and screwdriver.

PLEASE CAN IT STAY THAT WAY - THANK YOU.

Saturday 20th January is a day I will put into my book of 'Memorabilia'.

The Synagogue, Park Row, had a wonderful atmosphere. The 70 or so people gathered there, enjoyed the wit and warmth of our new Rabbi, Mike Morris. With the able assistance of Jonathan Gorskey and other members of the community the Service was conducted in a lively manner.

Under the guidance of our new President, we reached the point in the Service when those present were to witness the consecration of a new 'Sefor Torah' cover, presented to the Synagogue by Kate and Ernest Lever, to commemorate their Golden Wedding.

All too often such vestments are given in memory of the deceased. What a joy to see the ever youthful and active Kate and Ernest with such pleasure handing over the cover, and we, the Bristol Community, the recipients of such a beautiful gift, painstakingly worked by Trudy Owen of Cardiff.

Thank you Kate and Ernest, may you both enjoy many more years together in good health and happiness.

Marcia Gee.

EVENING CHANUCAH PARTY 1989

Step forward Miriam, Efrat, Yoel, Naama and Efrat's friend, Chavi. Your combined talents decorated the Frank Cohen Hall for Chanukah, rehearsed with Efrat her delightful cabaret sketch, and led enthusiastic dancing. Thank you.

Because the throng was larger than expected, the party made a small profit. Rather than return to each partygoer 40p apiece, I propose - and I hope they'll agree to this - to open a fund to buy a portable video player for the use of the Cheder and our adult education classes.

My target is £250. That should enable our learning to move into the technological age, and buy the odd video or two.

If you would like to contribute, your support would be most welcome. Donations to me please, at 69 Arley Hill, Cotham, Bristol, BS6 5PJ. I'll keep you posted through the Recorder about our success in reaching our target.

Martin Vegoda

* ESTHER'S WORLD *

A PRE-PURIM WORKSHOP led by Alix Pirani: Sunday 25th February, 11am-5pm .
at the Bristol & West Progressive Synagogue, 43 Bannerman Rd, Easton, Bristol.
For further details ring. Bath 833434

OBITUARY

It was with deep sorrow that we heard of the death of Algy Pinsker. Algy and Edith have lived in Bristol all their lives and were related to the Harrisbergs who were another well known Bristol family. Algy had not enjoyed good health in the past few years and died at the age of 72 in Southmead Hospital. Algy leaves his wife Edith, three sons and daughter Rosina who married Clifford Springer. We wish Edith and all the family Long Life free from further trouble.

Thursday 8th February at 5.30 pm

"No Theatre in a Graveyard?"

JOSHUA SOBOL

Author of 'Getto' currently at the National Theatre. Winner of Evening Standard Best Play of 1989 Award, will speak on the problems surrounding the use of the Holocaust as a subject for theatre.

Glynn Wickham Studio Theatre Cantocks Close, off Woodland Road, University
Drama Dept. (behind the Shul). Admission Free.

Organised by John Adler who hopes that as many members of the community, as possible, will attend.

BRISTOL WIZO

Our first meeting of the 1990's on Wednesday, 17th. January proved to be most successful, with Dr. Baruch Rubin, of the Faculty of Agriculture of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and currently a Visiting Worker at the Long Ashton Research Station of the University of Bristol, gave us a very interesting talk on his impressions on Israel Society Today. My special thanks to those WIZO members who chose to support this meeting rather than accompany their husbands to the J.I.A. Dinner in Cardiff and meeting Israeli Ambassador Yoav Biran. I also thank all those who attended this meeting, including husbands, and Gabriel and Kitty Balint-Kurti for their hospitality and opening their home for the meeting.

I was invited, as Chairman of Bristol WIZO, to a Reception at the home of Miranda Kitchener, Chairman of the South Wales WIZO Federation, to meet the Ambassador. It was an informal occasion to give him an opportunity to meet WIZO activists, and I was accompanied by Ruth Curwen and Kitty Balint-Kurti.

Now - some future events for your diaries!!

Sunday, 25th. February at 3. 30 p.m. £3 each

Afternoon Tea at the home of Harold and Golda Seymour, with Golda and Kate Lever as co-hostesses. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend, as I will be in Jerusalem at the British WIZO Triennial Conference

Tuesday, 3rd. April at 8. 00 p.m. £1.50 including refreshments

Another Open Meeting in the Frank Cohen Hall - this time the Speaker is Mrs. Ilse Sinclair, who will be speaking on Marriage Guidance and other related subjects. This promises to be a very interesting meeting, so please come along and hear what she has to say.

Wednesday, 25th. April at 12. 00 p.m.

We are having a Jumble Sale at the Henleaze United Reform Church Hall once again, so helpers, please, for setting up and/or selling May I appeal for good clean jumble and goods for the white elephant stall.

Wednesday 2nd. May at 12. 30 p.m.

Our Yom Ha'Atzmaut Luncheon will be hold in the Frank Cohen Hall, but planning is still at an early stage. The speaker and price will be announced later.

JEWISH WOMENS WEEK.

So far I have had no volunteers to act as the two Captains. As I have said, Ted will be compiling and printing the appeal letters, so the Captain's job is to send them out and receive and bank the donations. In Cardiff, I was told that we had beaten last year's Cardiff total by £100 - which I have previously said was a fantastic effort!! I would hate to think that this year's total will be ZERO, but unless two members - not Committee members!!! - come forward, it seems that will be the case.

FINALLY!! - Bristol WIZO members wish Betty and Alf Glick a hearty MAZELTOV on their son Larry's forthcoming marriage.



BRISTOL WOMEN'S GUILD

FUTURE EVENTS

February 11th

Bumper Sunday Brunch Lots of food & fine company.

Place: 33 Downs Park West Cost: £4.00 adults Time: 12 noon
Westbury Park £2.00 children under 18

Hostesses: Ann Emmanuel and Min Kushner.

March 5th Open Meeting. Come along and have a make up, there will be demonstrations by beauticians on all different aspects of beauty care. To be held in the Frank Cohen Hall. More details next month.

Cake Rota: February 3rd Marcia Gee
February 10th Irene Berkovitch
February 17th Anne Emmanuel
February 24th Sonia Silverman

Next Women's Guild Meeting

Monday 5th February at the home of Helena Caplan 11 Hurle Crescent Clifton Bristol at 8pm. Bring and Buy.

Pot Black Competition

Its not too late to enter into our snooker competition. There will be 2 groups 14-30 and 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.

Please send the completed application form and entrance fee of £1.50 per person to Eve Gordon 15 Downs Park West Westbury Park.

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

Names 14-30 over 30
Please Tick

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)

I enclose £ _____ entrance fee

Cheques should be made payable to "Bristol Ladies Guild"

BRISTOL HEBREW CONGREGATION WOMEN'S GROUP

You are welcome to come to our informal discussion/learning group, focussing on subjects of Jewish interest to women.

Our next meeting: at 8 PM in the Frank Cohen Hall on Monday 19th February

Further details from: Helen 245769
Yvonne 92 859082

YOUR FEBRUARY AND MARCH KOSHERINA DATES

4 FEBRUARY 18 FEBRUARY 4 MARCH 18 MARCH

Why go all the way to London, Manchester, Brum and Cardiff, when you can take an easy trip to Park Row on a Sunday morning, and return home, refreshed and revitalised, laden with the frozen and dry goodies on sale here.

We are happy to take orders and purchase any special items.

Kosherina is open fortnightly 10.15-11.45 outside the Frank Cohen Hall, Park Row Synagogue.

Further details : Min 687654
 Helen 245769
 Anne 623743

ISRAELI DANCING

The next Israeli Dancing tuition will be held on Wednesday 14th February at 8.0pm in the Frank Cohen Hall. The Young and not so young are welcome.



Once upon a time during a research project into Synagogue Attendance, 80% of those interviewed said, whenever they went to synagogue, the service always seemed to be Kol Nidre.

BRISTOL JEWISH LIAISON COMMITTEE

A date for your diary:

Thursday 15 February at 8 pm at the Synagogue, Bannerman Road

"Any Jewish Questions" - with two panels.

Three star panellists: MIRIAM GORDON, JUDITH SAMUEL, CYRIL HERSHON

The second panel: You the audience, giving your views too. Entrance £1 to cover costs and refreshments.

At 7.30 pm - before Any Jewish Questions - the BJLC open AGM.

Come early and hear how we've been liaising on your behalf!

The formal agenda for this half hour meeting is:

Report from the chair

Treasurer's Report

Elections

Elections from the floor

REMEMBER: If you can make it before, you'll be welcome at 8.

The Congregation's AGM on 3 December 1989

Last month's Recorder carried an account of the AGM elections. What that left out - unforgivably - was any acknowledgement of thanks to Sam Nirenberg for his service on Council during the year as representative of the Chevra Kadisha. We've since learnt too that we should have resolved our tie for twelfth place by holding a fresh election among the two tie-place candidates. Does that mean we can set a new time record next year? Be prepared to come with energy-restoring refreshments.

- Before the exciting elections, the major items aired were:-
- summarising Council (and AGM) meetings in the Recorder, supported almost unanimously
 - approving the appointment of Michael Morris as BHC part-time Minister, alongside his post as Student Chaplain for the Western Region - another unanimous decision
 - the desirability of greater face-to-face contact and two-way liaison with our Board of Deputies representative
 - proposals to raise membership subscriptions: great concern was expressed at the suggested disproportionate increase for single members compared with family members; the outcome was acceptance of a resolution that family membership be £180 and single membership £100
 - proposals to develop the top part of the synagogue site, provided suitable sources of finance can be found
 - the success of the synagogue shop.

This very brief summary cannot do justice to the breadth of the reports presented and the depth of subsequent discussion. Be sure to come to the 1990 AGM and hear the minutes read in full - all eleven pages! - since we also decided not to vary this traditional practice.

Martin Vegoda Acting Minute Secretary

AN ODE TO GOLDA!!!

I've been told that the vigorous moving about of my body
Could discourage all ills from loose flesh to a heart attack
But there isn't a fitness routine
That strikes me as anything less than obscene, so -
I float on my back

I respect those brave ladies who are burning their flab off with Fonda
They still wear bikinis, I long ago switched to a sack
But my horror of thickening thighs
Is surpassed by my horror of exercise, so -
I float on my back

I admire all those stalwarts out jogging in blizzards and heat waves
But if I want torture, I'd just as soon head for the rack
Let my underarms droop, I aspire
To no exertion that makes me perspire, so -
I float on my back

And I know that I richly deserve the whole world's condemnation
For the firmness that both my torso and character lack
Yes, my body's a total disgrace
But there is a big happy smile on my face, as -
I float on my back.

Anon

Council meeting held on 28 December 1989

Major items discussed at the last Council meeting were:-

- how to create much needed extra communal space for meetings, classes, the shop, etc in the synagogue buildings
 - the need for a clear and properly costed security policy and volunteer security officers
 - the need to plan to meet the welfare needs of elderly congregants
 - proposals for increasing the yearly lottery contributions and monthly draw prizes
 - proposing to the next AGM that the Constitution be amended to give Trustees of BHC an ex-officio seat on Council
 - ways of ensuring that Guild functions are supported
 - the financial position of the Cheder
 - appointing Council delegates to Bristol Jewish Liaison Committee: Henry Springer, John Adler, Gerald Levy, Martin Vegoda
- and last but certainly not least
- arrangements for welcoming Michael Morris as our incoming part-time Minister and for determining the responsibilities he will carry out on our behalf.

Martin Vegoda Acting Minute Secretary

COME, SEE AND HEAR FOR YOURSELF
THE ISRAEL ROADSHOW IS COMING YOUR WAY

ON: *Tuesday 6th February*



ALL YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT ISRAEL
IN ONE EVENING AND UNDER ONE ROOF

- * Family Holidays in Israel
- * Higher education opportunities at Israeli Universities
- * Year out options for high-school graduates
- * Summer schemes in Israel
- * Kibbutz programmes
- * Volunteer schemes in Ashkelon, Dimona, Northern Galilee

FUN PACKED EVENT WHICH WILL INCLUDE

- * Israeli dancing and singing
- * Guest speaker from Israel
- * Richard Nygate from the British Olim Society in Israel
- * Exhibitions, Videos and printed material

DON'T MISS IT !

IT DOESN'T HAPPEN EVERY DAY !

VENUE : *Frank Cota Hall* **TIME :** *8.00pm*



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