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# Rabbi Harold Kushner speaks at rededication of Beth Israel

Congregation Beth Israel on Sunday began a yearlong celebration to mark its 100 years of existence in Bangor.

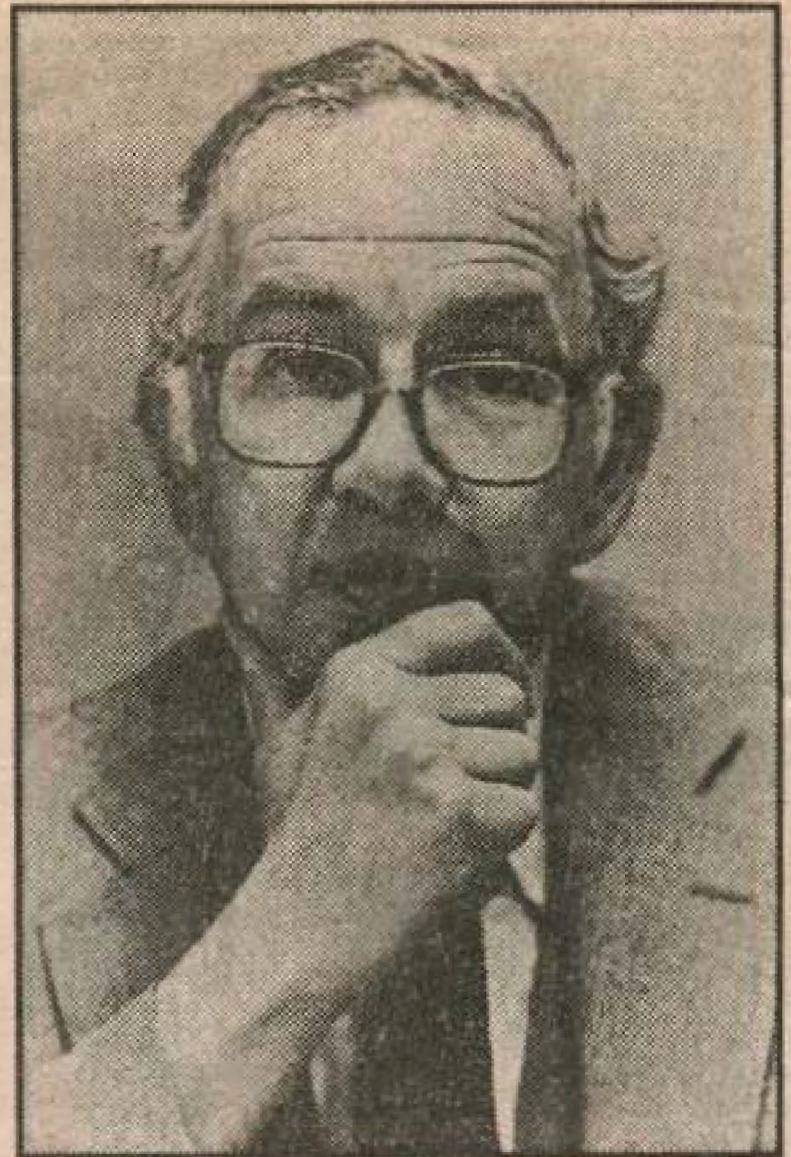
Noted author Rabbi Harold S. Kushner of Natick, Mass., was the featured speaker at the rededication. The author of "When Bad Things Happen to Good People," and "When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough," Kushner said that loneliness was the plague of the 20th century, and that the essence of prayer was doing it together.

Rabbi Joseph P. Schonberger and Norman Minsky, president of the congregation, welcomed those attending.

Beth Israel began on May Street in 1888, kindled by a group of 17 European immigrants. The congregation has been in the synagogue at 144 York St. for 75 years.

Throughout the coming year, events to continue the celebration will be held for the congregation and the community.

David Wyman, author of "The Abandonment of the Jews," will be the speaker for the inaugural Friedman Family Lecture in September.



**Rabbi Harold S. Kushner**

A communitywide convocation will be held in October. Comedian Robert Klein will speak at the Maine Center for the Arts in Orono in November.

The congregation is also preparing an anniversary journal.