

Synagogue to dedicate addition

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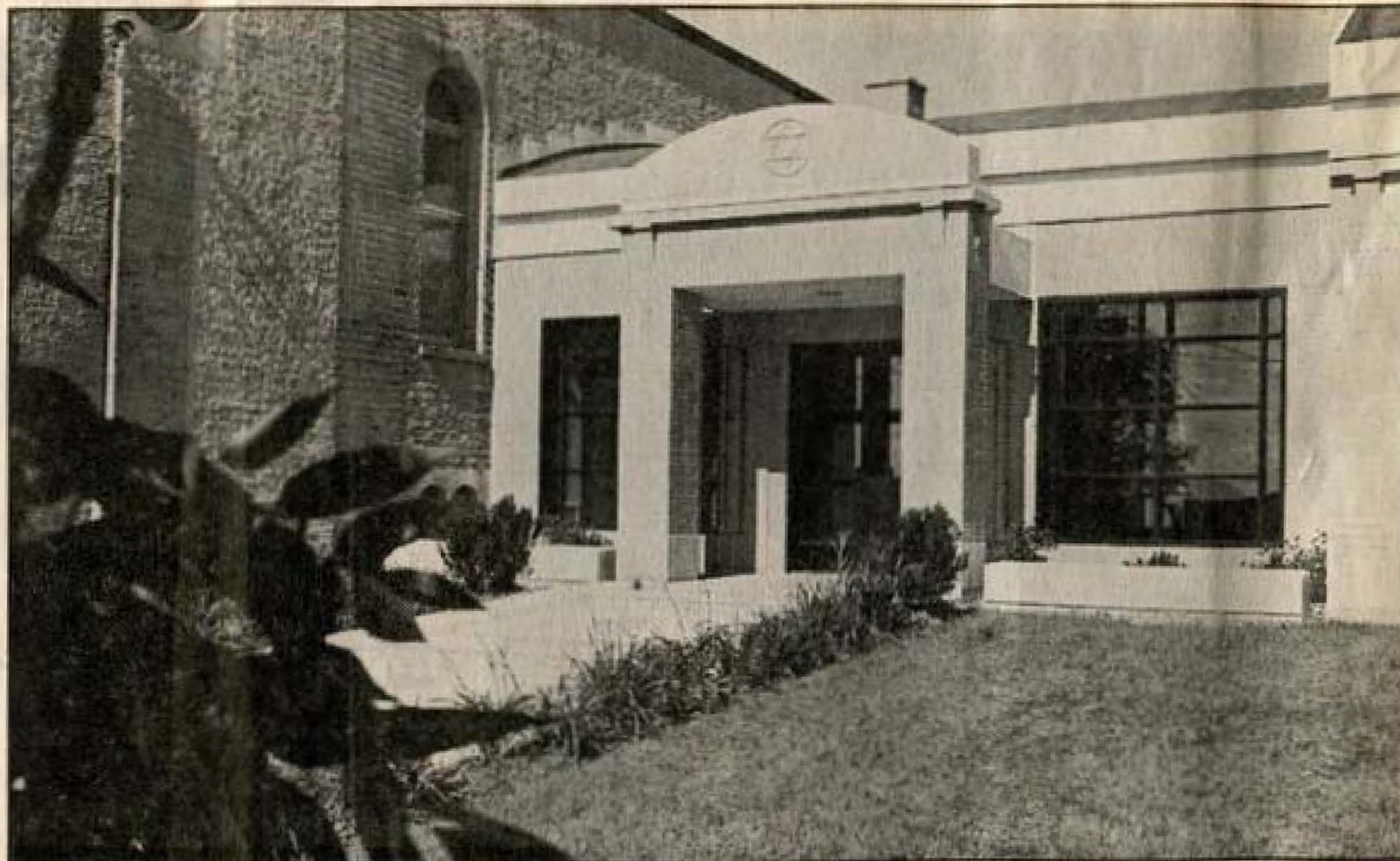
The high holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are over, and Sukkot has begun. Congregation Beth Israel this week also will celebrate its new addition to the synagogue at 144 York St. in Bangor.

The Epstein Room, donated by Helen and Sidney Epstein, will be dedicated at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26.

"The addition, essentially, is going to be a social room and holds several hundred people," said Adele Miller, who is chairman of the event.

The building, which was designed to complement the architecture of the synagogue, is "magnificent," Miller said. She also praised the generosity of the Epsteins in providing the addition. A lift has been installed to make the synagogue accessible to handicapped people.

Miller will deliver the welcome Thursday evening. Opening remarks will be given by Norman



DONATED by Helen and Sidney Epstein, the Epstein Room at Beth Israel Synagogue in Bangor will be dedicated Thursday evening, Sept. 26. (NEWS Photo by Tom Hindman)

Minsky, congregation president, and Sharon Thiemann, immediate past president of Beth Israel Sisterhood.

Greetings will be given by Richard Stone, mayor of Bangor and a member of the synagogue.

Scott Rapaport will sing a song of dedication in Hebrew, "Mah

Tovu," by Zilberts. It's a song that is often sung at weddings.

Responding for the Epstein family will be daughter Elaine Epstein, who resides in Massachusetts.

The dedication itself will be conducted by Rabbi Joseph Schonberger.

"Jewish homes have a mezuzah on the entry," Miller explained, "and he is going to dedicate the mezuzas on the Epstein Room."

A reception will be held afterward in the Epstein Room, with Frieda Miller as chairman for refreshments. All are welcome.