

OBITUARY

BENJAMIN S. GEDIMAN

Well Known Bath Citizen and Prominent in Jewish Activities Dies Aged 76 Years

The funeral of Benjamin Samuel Gediman, 41 Pratt street, who would have observed his 76th birthday Thursday night during the lighting of the Fifth Candle in the annual Jewish celebration of Chanukah, was held Tuesday morning at nine at his home. Rev. Abraham May of this city conducted the service, and burial was in Mt. Sinai cemetery, Portland.

Mr. Gediman, who had been in ill health for some time but whose condition had not been considered serious until Sunday when he was removed to Bath Memorial hospital, died there Monday afternoon at 5.30.

Mr. Gediman was born in Kovno, Russia, a son of Ephraim and Esther Gediman, and was one of 10 children. He came to the United States as a young man of 17. For a time he made his home in Boston and 40 years ago came to Bath, where he had since resided. He was for a time engaged in the picture framing business and later, for many years, was a milk dealer, a business from which he retired a few years ago.

Of a kindly disposition, Mr. Gediman was well known and well liked and few persons numbered more friends throughout the State than did he. He was prominent in the activities of the Jewish community in the city, having been a charter member of the Beth Israel synagogue, a trustee of it for a number of years and a vice president of the Men's congregation. He was for many years ward clerk of Ward 5, a position he held at the time of his death.

He was one of the oldest members, in point of membership, of King Solomon lodge of Odd Fellows, of Boston, having been among the first to join following the closing of the charter of that organization.

Survivors are his widow, formerly Sarah Glass and nine children; 11 grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Samuel Lebewohl of Brighton, Mass. The children are Mrs. Joseph Mack of Portland (Ruth Gediman); Mark N. Gediman of Fall River, Mass.; Edward S., Miss Esta M. and Miss Isabel R. Gediman, of Brighton, Mass.; Julius O., Henry I., Alderman Arthur W., and Miss Emily M. Gediman, all of this city.