

# DEDICATION EXERCISES AT SYNAGOGUE ATTRACT MANY PEOPLE TO BATH

## Reception and Exercises at Beth Israel Synagogue Followed by Fine Banquet

Dedication exercises of the "Orren Kaiddish," most sacred container of documents in the Jewish religion were observed Memorial day at 3 p.m. at the Beth Israel Synagogue, when over 250 gathered for the event, including more than 100 guests from such communities as Portland, Rumford, Richmond, Gardiner, Lewiston, Rockland and Biddeford.

The "Orren Kaiddish" is in this instance a handsome walnut cabinet constructed by the Beth Israel Congregation of Bath, beautifully carved by hand and valued at nearly \$1,000. This illustrious cabinet contains the "Torrahs" or the scroll that is so important a factor in their religion.

With the many Bath members and out of town guests present the small church was thronged and some little time was devoted to the reception with the following people in the receiving line. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rosen of Brunswick, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Povich of Bath and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Povich, also of Bath.

The exercises opened with chairman Kenneth J. Miller welcoming the guests in his opening address. Rabbi M. Sohet of Portland was the principal speaker, having served in many similar exercises. Morris Cohen of Bath was also a speaker at the exercises. The chairman, Mr. Miller, appointed Mr. Rosen of Brunswick in charge of the transferring of the "Torrahs," from the old "Orren Kaiddish" to the new.

The honor of transferring the sacred document from the old to the new "Orren Kaiddish" falls to the principal donors, who in this instance were Abraham Miller and Nathan Povich of Bath, Charles Levine of Rumford and Morris Glazer of Richmond. Rabbi Sohet officiated in the transferring. Others who took part in this important feature of the dedication were Rev. Charles Arik of Rumford, formerly of Bath, Morris Cohen and Benjamin Gediman both of this city.

With the dedication over came the big banquet which was served by the ladies auxiliary of the Beth Israel Synagogue. The toastmaster was Kenneth I. Miller while principal speakers were M. Shapiro of Gardiner, Rev. Arik of Rumford and Benjamin Gediman of Bath. A fine entertainment was given during the banquet in which the following took part: Edward Baitler of Gardiner, Louis Cogan of Lewiston, Henry Gediman, Benjamin Gediman and Morris Cohen all of Bath.

The auxiliary had a wonderful menu prepared which was served in an efficient manner by Minnie Brown, Buddy Green, Evelyn Petlock, Doris Povich, Rose Lindenberg and Agnes Rosen. The dining room was in charge of Mrs. Samuel Levine, assisted by Mrs. M. S. Povich.

The kitchen was in charge of Mrs. Morris Cohen assisted by Mrs. Joseph Solovich, Mrs. Benjamin Gediman and Mrs. Arthur Gediman. The officers of the auxiliary are Mrs. Morris Cohen, Mrs. M. S. Povich and Mrs. Max Kutz.

It was well into the evening before the long line of cars in that vicinity of Washington street disappeared in their many directions to mark the close of the most important event since the erection of the Beth Israel Synagogue in this city.