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## THE JEWISH SYNAGOGUE

The Synagogue in Bath was organized Nov. 21, 1919, just after the close of the World War. Among the cruel consequences of that conflict was the scattering of many old world communities of Jews, some of whom found their way to Bath and have proved valuable citizens. Like the Pilgrims of an earlier day, they brought their religion with them, and did not wait for numbers before organizing. The synagogue was organized with 40 members.

In March, 1920, they bought a house and vacant lot adjoining, on Washington St., where the following year they erected a house of worship, at first finishing only the lower part, where their meetings were held. In 1927 they erected a gallery on the floor above, designed for the women of the congregation to sit. The same year they built a pulpit and an ark, the latter containing their Bible.

Without seeking outside aid, and although small in numbers, they have managed their finances so that on Sept. 11, 1933, they burned the mortgage on their property. Without seeking it, they received one gift from the Davenport fund. They maintain a Sunday school for children and young people.

The rabbis have been:

1916-1922 Charles Arick  
1922-1927 S. Rosenberg

1927-1928 H. Berman  
1928-1931 S. Pinsky

The officers of the Synagogue are: President, A. Miller; vice-president, B. Gediman; recording secretary, Morris Cohen; financial secretary, Morris S. Povich; treasurer, Joseph Solovich.

They have a Ladies' Aid and a Men's Club. For mission work they send relief funds from time to time to their needy brethren in Palestine.