

Many Attend Mortgage Burning

Of Beth Israel Synagogue in Bath,
Me.—Judge Pinansky, Guest
Speaker

Bath, Me.—Persons from this city as well as from Brunswick, Lewiston, Auburn, Rockland, Rumford, Gardiner, Portland, and Boston, attended the celebration of the burning of the mortgage on the Beth Israel Synagogue on Sunday, September 11.

Hon. Max Pinansky, former judge of the municipal court of Portland, and chief speaker of the occasion, addressed a gathering of 300 in the Synagogue, in observance of the bar mitzvah of Temple Beth Israel which it celebrated after 13 years of arduous work, with a program of speakers and a dinner for members and friends.

Fittingly introduced by Louis M. Silverman of this city, whom Abraham Miller, president of the congregation, had invited to become master of ceremonies, as the outstanding Jew of the State of Maine, a man admired by the Christians and revered by the Jews, Judge Pinansky held the interest of all who heard him by the genuine sincerity of his words, felt by both old and young.

The afternoon exercises were opened by President Miller, who invited Mr. Silverman to become master of ceremonies. After a gracious acceptance Mr. Silverman introduced Rabbi Charles Arik of Laconia, N. H., rabbi of the Bath congregation when the prospect of the synagogue was undertaken, who gave the opening prayer.

Speaking inspiringly, Rabbi Arik urged the young people always to consider the synagogue a light, even as their forefathers have in generations past. He also spoke in praise of the work done, mostly by the women.

After the dinner had been served in the vestry and the messages delivered, the ceremony of burning the mortgage was completed. The remainder of the evening was spent in a social way, meeting old friends and becoming acquainted with new ones.