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# BATH SYNAGOGUE DEDICATION WITH MUCH CEREMONY

## Hebrews Now Have a Church Home of Their Own

Beth Israel synagogue, new religious home of Bath Hebrews on Washington street near Winter, has been formally dedicated as a place of worship.

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The dedication exercises began Sunday last week when 250 local Hebrews and many out of town guests were present. Children of the faith gathered at the home of Rabbi Charles Arik, High street and marched to Music hall carrying flags and there all the Hebrews gathered and the key to the new synagogue was auctioned off to Max Cohen and Samuel Povich, they thereby gaining the honor of opening the door for the exercises. The right to have the honor to carry the Torah from Music hall to the synagogue was bought by Nathan Povich and at five o'clock the procession started up Washington street to the new synagogue led by ex-service men Samuel Povich and Henry Gediman, accompanied by Samuel Greenblatt, a veteran of the Russian-Japanese war. The Holy Bible was carried at the head of the procession by Nathan Singer of Brunswick under a canopy carried by Joseph Solovich, B. Urding and L. Abelon, followed by the childeen with flags, and the Holy Ark was carried by A. Bloom, N. Small, Max Kutz and S. Shamban. They were followed by men of the congregation carrying a large American flag and after them followed the women with lighted candles.

Upon reaching the synagogue Messrs. Cohen and Povich opened the door and all assembled in the building and Max Cohen opened the service by singing the 30th psalm. This was followed by prayer by Rabbi Charles Arik and chapter 8, Kings 1-12 to 62 verse was read by Rabbi Arik and translated into English by Miss Bessie Brown. The 24th Psalm was read by Max Cohen and the 91st Psalm by B. Gediman and at the request of Rabbi Arik the national hymn was sung, led by Henry Gediman.

At the end of the service the Hebrew ladies auxiliary served a fine banquet to the congregation and guests. During the banquet addresses were made by Rev. Esfog of Portland, Dicker of Portland and Brownstein of New York and a collection was taken for the world drive which netted \$500.