

BATH LODGE B'NAI B'RITH HEARS A FINE ADDRESS BY DR. ELIAS CAPLAN

Special Meeting Held on Thursday Evening in Vestry of Beth Israel Synagogue

Dr. Elias L. Caplan, physician and surgeon of Portland, addressed the members of the Bath lodge of B'nai B'rith on Thursday evening at a special meeting held in the vestry of Beth Israel Synagogue. The meeting, held for the purpose of furthering interest in the lodge, was well attended. Dr. Caplan was accompanied by Ralph Lamport, also of Portland.

Matic Polch, president of the lodge, presided. The meeting was the first at which the new officers, elected in November, presided, and announcement was made of the installation of these officers jointly with those of Biddeford and Portland in the last named city some Sunday in January.

Mr. Povich, before introducing Dr. Caplan, gave a stirring talk on the problem confronting the lodge, and urged cooperation. He spoke of the ways in which interest in the lodge could be maintained, and of several functions that might be of interest to the members in plans to raise money for the lodge. He also spoke of a program of educating the members on the B'nai B'rith ritual.

Maurice Margolis, secretary of the lodge, also spoke, his talk following the lines of the president's. He told the members that it was something for people to get together and rub mental elbows together and discuss problems that affect their class peculiarly; to air their grievances and thus lighten them.

Dr. Caplan has spoken to the lodge in the past, and as always, was a welcome guest. A member of the District No. 1 of the Grand lodge of B'nai B'rith, Dr. Caplan spoke on the work and aims of the order.

Dr. Caplan, a graduate of Tulane university and Tulane University Medical school, served overseas in the World war as captain in the medical corps. He is an accomplished speaker, and has a fine command of the English language. Mr. Povich referred to him as a "natural born organizer; a splendid orator, effective and practical." Despite the fact that he has a vast medical practice, Dr. Caplan, besides the prominent office he holds in the Northeastern New England B'nai B'rith council, finds time to serve as president of the State of Maine Zionist Bureau.

A regular meeting of the Bath lodge is scheduled for the second Tuesday in January.