

# WEDDING SERVICE REENACTED AFTER HALF A CENTURY

## Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Miller Observe Event Sunday

The wedding ceremony which united Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Miller, 107 Lincoln street, for 50 years was reenacted Sunday in the Beth Israel Synagogue to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

On June 24, 1894 Miss Ida Povich, daughter of Simon and the late Eva Povich of Boston, became the bride of Abraham Miller, son of Alice and the late Arthur Miller, also of Boston, in that city. Miss Povich came to America from Vilna, formerly part of Lithuania, when she was 12 years old, and Mr. Miller, who also came from Russia, but from a different part, Priluk in the Ukraine, came to this country at the age of 16.

The couple resided in Boston only six years, living in Bath for the last 44. Mr. Miller did papering and painting before he became proprietor of his grocery store on South street 25 years ago. Last April 20 Mrs. Miller celebrated her 70th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller have eight children and three grandchildren. Their daughters are Mrs. Joseph Goldman, the former Miss Eva Miller, of Malden, Mass.; the Misses Sadie, Jeanette, and Doris Miller and Mrs. John N. Rines, the former Miss Estella Miller, all of Bath. Their three sons include J. Lewis of Providence, R. I.; Arthur of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Alex of Bath. One son, Morris, was killed at the age of 12 in an accident in the Armistice Day celebration downstreet in this city. The grandchildren are Ada and Lawrence Goldman of Malden and Joan Miller of Brooklyn.

In the reenactment of their wedding Mrs. Miller was accompanied down the center aisle by two daughters, Mrs. Goldman and Miss Sadie Miller, after Mr. Miller had been taken down the right aisle by two sons, Arthur and Alex. The couple was led to the dais at the front of the Synagogue on which they stood under a canopy held by Joseph Goldman, Lawrence Goldman, Louis Miller, and Arthur Geditman. Rabbi Henry Bernstein, acting chaplain at Fore Williams, conducted the golden wedding ceremony, which resembles the regular wedding ceremony.

A reception followed the ceremony in the vestry which was decorated by Arthur Miller and Lawrence Goldman with gold and white streamers and paper flowers with a gold cardboard wedding bell with "50" on it hanging from the center of the ceiling. A gold and white tiered anniversary cake with a miniature bride and groom at the top, made by Miss Doris Miller and decorated by Charles Mikelsky, was the centerpiece at the head table at which Mr. and Mrs. Miller and the members of their family sat.

Mixed bouquets were on all the tables, and a dinner of cold cuts, potato chips, salad, assorted pastry, and soft drinks was served to approximately 80 guests who were first received by Mr. and Mrs. Miller on a platform at the end of the hall. The couple sat in front of a screen decorated by Mrs. Loren Jaffe in white crepe paper with "50's" made of gold stars on either side, "1894" and "1944," also in gold in the center and cut flowers at the top.

Congratulations were given to the couple and tributes were paid them by many of the guests, among them the Rev. Bernstein who was introduced by Jacob Goldstein, president of the congregation of Beth Israel Synagogue. Mr. and Mrs. Miller opened their gifts, many of them in gold in keeping with the anniversary, and cut their cake later in the social evening which followed the dinner and dancing which Cliff Leeman's band provided music.

Out-of-town guests included a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Arthur Miller of Brooklyn; a son-in-law, Joseph Goldman of Malden; a cousin, Miss Patricia Davis of Portland, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Davis, who were unable to be present; Mrs. D. Bloom and her two daughters, Sara and Yetta, also of Portland; Jack Sheehan and Miss Dorothy Brennan also of Malden; and Mr. and Mrs. Max Singer of Brunswick.