

BATH JEWS DEDICATE SYNAGOGUE

Beth Israel Synagogue, the new house of worship of the Jewish community of Bath, Maine, was formally dedicated as a place of worship Wednesday night.

The dedication exercises began Sunday afternoon when 250 local Jews and many out of town guests were present. Children gathered at the home of Rabbi Charles Arik, High street, and marched to Music Hall, carrying flags. 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 Gedlman, accompanied by Samuel Greenblatt, a veteran of the Russian-Japanese war. The Torah was carried at the head of the procession by Nathan Singer of Brunswick under a canopy carried by G. B. Bloom, B. Urding and L. Abelon, followed by the children with

flags and the Ark was carried by A. Bloom, N. Small, Max Kutz and S. Shambun. 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. Gedlman and at the request of Rabbi Arik the national hymn was sung, led by Henry Gedlman.

At the end of the service the Ladies' Auxillary served a fine banquet to the congregation and guests. During the banquet addresses were made by Rabbis Esrog, Licker and Brownstein, and a collection was taken for the world drive which netted \$500.