



The Sephardic Congregation of Greater Boston, affiliated with and located at Young Israel of Brookline, celebrated the dedication of its second Sefer Torah with a procession on Green St. recently. The procession was led by Rabbi Yosef Israel and Hazan Yosef Hamoui of Cong. Ahava Ve Ahva (Egyptian Synagogue in Brooklyn, N. Y.), Rabbi Yehuda Kelemer of Young Israel and Rabbis Ezra Labaton and Eliahu Setton of the Sephardic Congregation. The procession consisted of more than 150 members of

the Sephardic Congregation plus friends from Young Israel and other area synagogues. The Sefer Torah was carried beneath a litva. Highlighting the procession was the signing of appropriate pizmonim, ululating and the throwing of rose petals, sugar covered almonds and hard candies in the path of the Sefer Torah as it was carried to the synagogue.

Once in the main sanctuary, welcoming remarks were offered by Dr. Charles Naggar, president of the Sephardic Congregation.

Additional words of welcome were offered by Rabbis Israel Kelemer and Labaton and Hazan Hamoui.

The Sefer Torah which was welcomed by the local Sephardi community was originally written in Ismaelia, Egypt fifty-four years ago. It was one of twelve Sephardi Sifrei Torah brought out of Egypt by Hazan Hamoui when he left more than twenty years ago.

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In top photo, left to right, leading dancing and singing, are: Hazan Hamoui; Rabbi Israel, holding the congregation's first Sefer Torah and Solomon Masseri of the Sephardic Congregation holding the newly acquired Sefer Torah. At bottom, left to right are: Rabbi Israel; Isaac Naggar; Rabbi Labaton, dancing with the Sefer Torah; Dr. Charles Naggar, president of the Sephardic Congregation and Clement Naggar.