

TO SHARE BURDENS

ROBERT BUCKMAN AND MISS SARAH ZALK MARRIED.

Picturesque Jewish Wedding Takes Place at Kalamazoo Block in Presence of Large Number of Spectators—Mayor Truelsen, Chief Hansen and Capt. Thompson Among Guests—Elaborate Dinner.

With all the formality and picturesque detail of the Hebrew marriage ceremony Robert Buckman of Josephs & Buckman, and Miss Sarah Zalk, daughter of Max Zalk, president of the Duluth Iron & Metal company, were wedded yesterday afternoon at the Kalamazoo block, Rabbi Frey of Duluth and Rev. Saul Aaron Lass of Minneapolis officiating. The newly married couple will reside at 502 First street east.

Seldom if ever before in the history of Duluth has there been a larger attendance at a Jewish wedding than yesterday. More than 200 people sat down to the wedding supper, which was served in one of the three halls that had been reserved for the occasion. Among the invited guests were Mayor Truelsen, Chief of Police Hansen and Capt. Thompson. Among the people from out of town were Rev. Lass and family and S. Josephs of Minneapolis; Miss Fannie Mark, of St. Paul; Saul Polinske, of Ashland; Mr. and Mrs. Seigel and Mrs. H. Bozeline of West Superior. About 100 telegrams of a congratulatory nature were received from various parts of the country. Mr. Zalk, the father of the bride, is among the oldest of the Jewish residents of Duluth. The wedding presents were very numerous and many of them were valuable.

The marriage ceremony was performed on the second floor hall of the Kalamazoo building. There was a large and expectant crowd in waiting from 5 to 6 o'clock. At a few minutes past 6 o'clock, the ushers announced that the wedding party was coming and interest and expectancy was intensified. Pianten's orchestra furnished the music for the occasion but the music was stopped when the wedding party arrived at the door. Preceded by men holding lighted candles in their hands, and followed by others with the flickering tapers, the bride and groom entered, closely followed by the groomsmen and bridesmaids, of which there were three each. The bride was gowned in white silk and carried in her hand a bouquet of American beauty roses. She wore a veil and orange blossoms and diamond ornaments. The bridesmaids, Miss Fannie and Miss Marion Mark and Miss Anna Cooke, were attired in white silk and carried roses. The groomsmen, Mr. H. Cooke, Mr. H. Josephs and Mr. Z. Josephs, appeared in conventional dress, wearing boutonnières.

The canopy under which the Hebrew marriage is always performed, representing the stars and sky—canopy of heaven—had been erected just before the wedding party arrived at the door. As the party proceeded slowly down the aisle Rabbi Frey arose under the canopy and extending his hand said solemnly:

"May love's ineffable light illumine your path of life."

The sentiment was repeated in Hebrew by Rev. Lass.

The ceremony differed from the ordinary only in that it was performed in accordance with both the orthodox and the reformed rituals. The former is spoken entirely in Hebrew and there are matters of detail that do not necessarily enter in the other. The features of the ceremony of marriage are the passing of the cup and the breaking of the glass. The bride and groom drink from a single glass of wine. The significance of this, it is explained, is that henceforth they are to share their joys and sorrows. After the wine is drunk the glass is shattered on the floor. According to Rabbi Frey the significance of this is a reminder that even as the glass is brittle and may be destroyed so it is with human life, and that the contracting parties are in the hands of God. It is also said to be intended as a reminder of the destruction of the Jewish temple at Jerusalem.

After the ceremony had ended men embraced and in some cases kissed one another. Everybody shook hands with everybody else and the newly wedded couple were quite surrounded. The party immediately repaired to the hall on the third floor where the wedding feast was in waiting. It was a luxurious spread. J. Josephs was master of ceremonies and after the feast there was speaking. There were not formal toasts. Among the speakers were Mayor Truelsen, Rabbi Frey, I. Abrahamson, L. Hammett and William Abrahamson. The remarks of all were chiefly in the way of felicitations for the happy couple.