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ALTER BOYMAN

Funeral services for Alter Boyman, 83, of 169 Reynolds Avenue, who died Feb. 3, were held Sunday at Temple Beth El. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery. He was the husband of Sara (Stern) Boyman, who died eight months ago. Mr. Boyman gave more than 55 years of service to organizations of the Greater Providence Jewish Community.

Born in Romania, Mr. Boyman moved to Providence 60 years ago. He devoted almost all of these years to community service in Providence, giving second place to his one-man business as a clothing merchant.

Mr. Boyman was one of the founders of the Jewish Family and Children's Service, and served for six years as its president, from 1949 to 1955. He was also a founder of the General Jewish Committee, and was a vice president and treasurer of this group.

Later, he was a founder of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Greater Providence, and served as its president for five years. He also was one of the founders of Miriam Hospital, and was elected honorary vice president for life.

Mr. Boyman was past president of the Hebrew Free Loan Association, an honorary board member for life of the Rhode Island Jewish Fraternal Association, and chairman of the Labor Zionist Council for 37 years.

He encouraged many young men to get their start in community work. He was a leader in all phases of life in the South Providence area, with his advice sought by many individuals and by leaders in several community organizations. Mr. Boyman served for many years as commissioner of the Charles A. Smith estate of Providence.

He and his late wife were lifelong Zionists, working for the establishment and benefit of the Jewish State in Israel.

He was responsible for starting the third Seder conducted by the labor Zionist groups at Passover time throughout the country.

Mr. Boyman was a member of the Farband Labor Zionist organization, president of the Poale Zion organization, member of the board for the Jewish Home for the Aged, member of the Touro Fraternal Association, and board member of Chased Schel Amess.

The Providence merchant also was a member of the National Board of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

In 1924, with another Jewish leader, Archibald Silverman, Mr. Boyman represented the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society in meeting immigrants from Europe who landed in Providence on the old Fabre Line.

At a testimonial dinner held in his honor in 1937, speakers noted that Mr. Boyman never failed to be present at the docking of immigrant ships.

A community-wide testimonial dinner in tribute to Mr. Boyman was held in 1954, and more than 500 persons attended.

The citation at the dinner said, "We share his wealth of learning when we listen to him speak, when we read his writings, when we hear his opinions," and honored him for "his inexhaustible capacity for work on behalf of our community."

Mr. Boyman is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Sylvia (Boyman) Lasker, wife of Rabbi Meir Lasker

of Temple Judea in Philadelphia, Pa. He also is survived by a grandson, Boyman H. Lasker of Philadelphia, who is a serviceman now in Viet Nam.

Dr. William G. Braude, rabbi of Temple Beth El, and Rabbi Lasker officiated at the funeral services. Bearers were Archibald Silverman, Joseph Galkin, Merrill Hassenfeld, Joseph Ress, Max L. Grant, Arthur J. Levy, Benjamin Brier, Judge Frank Licht, Harry Finkelstein, Nachum Guttman, Dr. Joseph Webber and Arthur Korman.

There were more than 100 honorary bearers present representing numerous philanthropic, educational and fraternal organizations with which Mr. Boyman had been affiliated.

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