

Rabbi William G. Braude; scholar had led Temple Beth-El 42 years

PROVIDENCE — Rabbi William G. Braude, 80, of 93 Arlington Ave., rabbi emeritus of Temple Beth-El, where he had served from 1932 to 1974, died yesterday at home. He was the husband of Pearl (Finkles-tein) Braude.

Born in Lithuania, a son of the late Rabbi Yitzhak Isaac and Chlene Rachel Braude, he came to this country in 1920 and settled in New York City. He moved to Denver, Colo. where his father held a Rabbinic post. He moved to Dayton, Ohio in 1922 when his father relocated to a new post.



He was a 1927 graduate of the University of Cincinnati where he was awarded a bachelor of Hebrew literature degree and two years later earned a bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude.

He was a graduate of Hebrew Union College and was ordained a rabbi in 1931. In subsequent years he was a member of its board of governors.

Rabbi Braude earned a Phi Beta Kappa key at the University of Cincinnati in his junior year.

His first full-time post as a rabbi was at Temple Beth-El in Rockford, Ill. While there he enrolled at the University of Chicago.

In 1932 he was invited to become rabbi of Congregation Sons of Israel and David, known as Temple Beth-El, in Providence, and was its rabbi until retiring in 1974.

He earned a master of arts degree from Brown University in 1934, and a doctor of philosophy degree in 1937.

From 1937 to 1938 he was an assistant in Hebrew at Brown and two

years later was promoted to become a lecturer in Biblical literature, a post he held in conjunction with his congregational responsibilities until the summer of 1942.

Rabbi Braude taught at Yale University, New Haven, Conn., Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Reform Rabbinical Seminary, London, England, Leo Baeck College and Providence College.

He pursued scholastic studies throughout his career up until several days before his death.

Rabbi Braude had more than 86 works published from 1919 through 1985, and was recognized as an international scholar.

His father, maternal grandfather and several uncles were all Talmudic scholars and rabbis.

In 1963, he was one of the founding commissioners of the Providence Human Rights Commission.

He was one of the founders of the Providence Urban League and served as vice president from 1938 to 1939.

In the late 1930s he was president of the Rhode Island World Affairs Council.

Rabbi Braude was a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis and was a member of DO-DEKA.

Besides his wife he leaves three sons, Joel I. Braude of Providence, Benjamin M. Braude of West Roxbury, Mass., and Daniel Braude of Waltham, Mass.; a sister, Dorothy Braude Fuerst of Chicago, Ill.; and three grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue at Butler Avenue. Burial will be in Congregation Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, Reservoir Avenue.

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William G. Braude

Rabbi in Providence, 80

Rabbi William G. Braude, for 40 years a rabbi at Congregation Sons of Israel and David, Temple Beth-El in Providence, R.I., died Thursday at his home in Providence after a series of strokes. He was 80 years old.

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Rabbi Braude taught at Brown, Yale, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Leo Baeck College in London and Providence College.

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