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OBITUARIES

Charles Coken, 'Mr. Touro,' 80; served on handicapped council

WEST WARWICK — Charles Coken, 80, of 4 Tanglewood Court, long known as "Mr. Touro" for his 40 years service as secretary of the Touro Fraternal Association, the largest Jewish fraternal organization in New England, died last night at Kent County Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Katharine (Mushnick) Coken.

Mr. Coken was employed by the Atlantic Refining Company, now Arco, from 1927 to 1971. He was treasurer of Arco's Northeasters Retirees Club.

A 22-year member of the Governor's Council on the Handicapped, Mr. Coken was a past vice president of the John A. Fogarty Center for the Retarded and a member of the J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center.

Born in Russia, he was a son of

the late Leon and Bertha (Potter) Coken. He settled in Providence 78 years ago and moved to West Warwick 11 years ago.

Mr. Coken was a president of the former Temple Beth Israel of Providence. He served on the board of trustees and finance committee of Temple Torat Yisrael of Cranston.

He was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association, the Chesed Schel Emsess, the What Cheer Lodge, Knights of Pythias and the R.I. Jewish Historical Society. He was a member of the board of directors of the West Warwick Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Mr. Coken was a member of Redwood Lodge No. 35, F&AM, the Scottish Rite, the Palestine Shrine, the Trowel Club, and the National League of Masonic Clubs.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Morton L. Coken of Providence; a daughter, Rosalind Coken of West Warwick; a brother, Irving Coken of Cranston; and two grandchildren.

The funeral service will be tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, Park Ave., Cranston. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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CHARLES

OUT OF RESPECT
TO THE MEMORY OF
OUR SECRETARY
**CHARLES
COKEN**
TOURO FRATERNAL
ASSOCIATIONS
MEETING WEDNESDAY
JUNE 24, 1987
HAS BEEN CANCELLED