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ALFRED A. FAIN

Funeral services for Alfred A. Fain, 86, who died Saturday, were held Sunday at Temple Beth El. Burial was in Congregation Sons of Israel and David Cemetery. A prominent Rhode Island businessman, he was the husband of the late Elizabeth (Stoneman) Fain.

Mr. Fain, his sons, Irving Jay, M. Edgar and Norman M. Fain and a son-in-law, the late Albert Pilavin, founded the Thompson Chemical Company, the Apex Tire and Rubber Company, Dighton Industrial Company, Tower Iron Works and the Apex stores, one in Warwick and one in Pawtucket.

Mr. Fain was born in Kauna, Lithuania, on Jan. 1, 1880, a son of the late Nissan and Sippa Mary Fain. He came to Rhode Island in 1888.

When he was 19 years old, he founded the New Idea Store in Olneyville Square. In 1908, he became a partner in the Narragansett Wholesale Grocery Co.

Mr. Fain was joined by his sons in his business enterprises during the 1930s. He was an officer and director in these businesses until his retirement in 1960.

He was a member of the Touro Cadets, Jewish Orphanage, Jewish Home for the Aged, General Jewish Committee of Rhode Island, Howell Street Synagogue in Providence, now defunct, and Temple Beth El.

Besides his three sons, all of Providence, Mr. Fain is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Albert Pilavin and Mrs. Edward I. Waldman, both of Providence, 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.