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He is survived by his widow, the former Sadye Kibrik; two daughters, Ruth Ignatoff and Beth Fisch; a brother, Elliot; three sisters, Gertrude Adamoff, Thelma Miller and Sara, and eight grandchildren.

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Mr. Finkelstein also served as president of B'nai B'rith District 1, headed the United Jewish Appeal twice and was a member of the National Council of the Joint Distribution Committee — an agency based in this country to aid distressed Jewish people abroad.

In addition to his wife and brother, Elliot, he is also survived by two daughters, Mrs. Herbert (Ruth) Ignatoff of West Orange, N.J., and Mrs. Jack (Beth) Fisch of St. Davids, Pa.; three sisters, Mrs. Edward (Gertrude) Adamoff of Hollywood, Fla., Miss Sara Finkelstein of Point Pleasant, N.J., and Mrs. Arnold (Thelma) Miller of Westwood, Mass., and eight grandchildren.

Rabbi Saul Leeman officiated at graveside services held yesterday in the B'nai Israel Cemetery, Mendon Road. He was assisted by Cantor Philip Macktaz.

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Noah J. Finkelstein, 80, Dies; Industrialist and Civic Leader

Noah J. Finkelstein, 80, of 452 Woodland Road, a noted industrialist and a leader of the city's Jewish community, died at his home Saturday after a long illness. He was the husband of Sadye (Kibrik) Finkelstein.

Born in Revere, Mass., Nov. 13, 1903, son of the late Jacob and Bessie (Rosenberg) Finkelstein, he lived here since 1927, when his family moved from New York City.

Mr. Finkelstein's father began a family business by turning out rainwear, and in 1927, the former Jacob Finkelstein & Sons was incorporated with Noah Finkelstein as a co-founder along with his late brothers, Harold and Robert Finkelstein, and Elliot Finkelstein of this city, who survives.

Jacob Finkelstein died in 1933, and his sons took over a business that realized tremendous growth and became known worldwide for its quality sportswear and outerwear.

At one time, the company employed more than 500 workers, and it had to move three times to find space for its vast operations. In 1937, the firm moved into a four-story plant at 128 Singleton St.,

where it remained until an out-of-state firm took over the operations two years ago.

In the 1970s, Finkelstein & Sons was considered to be among the top 10 manufacturers of men's outerwear, and representatives of the industry frequented the Woonsocket plant to view the company's automated manufacturing system.

Mr. Finkelstein served as treasurer of the firm that had a subsidiary named Deerfoot Sports Apparel Inc. He retired in 1982.

In 1951, the Office of Price Stabilization in Washington, D.C., named Mr. Finkelstein to a committee formed to fight inflation. Also, he was a past president of the National Outerwear and Sportswear Association.

Mr. Finkelstein was a member of the B'nai Israel Congregation and a corporator of The Woonsocket Hospital.

In 1955, the Woonsocket Lodge of B'nai B'rith honored Mr. Finkelstein at a testimonial, citing him for "dynamic leadership."

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Noah Finkelstein; retired businessman

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Born in Revere, Mass., a son of the late Jacob and Bessie (Rosenberg) Finkelstein, he lived in Woonsocket since 1927.

Mr. Finkelstein was a member of B'nai Israel Synagogue, a corporator of Woonsocket Hospital, a Mason, a former president of NOSA, and a member of the New England Council of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Ignatoff of West Orange, N.J., and Mrs. Beth Fisch of St. David's, Pa.; a brother, Elliot Finkelstein of Woonsocket; three sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Adamoff of Hollywood, Fla., Sara Finkelstein of Point Pleasant, N.J., Mrs. Thelma Miller of Westwood, Mass., and eight grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held today at 3 p.m. at B'nai Israel Cemetery.

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