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Classical student is killed in crash

PROVIDENCE — A 17-year-old Classical High School junior was killed almost instantly about 12:20 a.m. today when his car smashed into and uprooted a 15-foot tree on the lawn of the Providence Hebrew Day School on Elmgrove Avenue.

The victim, pronounced dead at The Miriam Hospital, was Harris Fischman of 274 Morris Ave.

He was the son of Burton Fischman, a professor at Bryant College, and Rhoda (Chorney) Fischman. He was on the list of recommended students for the National Merit Scholarship, was editor of the school paper and was an accomplished pianist.

The car, which was heading north, swerved into the south-bound lane soon after making a right curve at Brown Stadium and traveled more than 100 yards in the wrong lane before hitting the tree.

After the car hit the tree, it became wedged between the tree and a utility pole. The engine flew forward more than 90 feet, crossing Sargent Avenue, a side street, and landing in a yard.

Residents at Cole and Rochambeau Avenues, a half-dozen blocks away, were awakened by the crash.

There were small tire marks on the road, more than 200 yards away, in front of the Marvel Gym and before the curve to the right. Police said these marks indicated either high speed, a soft tire or a combination of the two.

Rescue workers had to use the

"jaws of life," a hydraulic extricating device, to remove the victim from the auto.

Young Fischman was a member of the track team and the Spanish Club and helped establish the biology club at Classical. He attended the Hebrew High School at Temple Emanu-El and was a member of the U.S.Y., and a member of Temple Emanu-El.

He was born in Newark, N.J., April 11, 1960, and had lived in Providence for 16 years.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Helene Joy and Gail Fischman, both at home; his maternal grandparents, Simon and Lillian (Goldstein) Chorney of Barrington; and his paternal grandmother, Anna (Blackstone) Fischman of Miami Beach, Fla.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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