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BENNETT J. FORMAL, 80, of Medellin, Colombia, formerly of Rochambeau Avenue, a food supervisor for the former Louie's Kosher Caterers on North Main Street and for Charles Gilbert Caterers, Dedham, Mass., from 1963 to 1990, died Wednesday at Hogar Geriatrico, Los Angeles, Medellin. He was the husband of Alvia (Arroyave) Formal. He was the husband of the late Rina (Lustig) Formalsky, and the late Esther (Gladstein) Formal.

Born in Poland, a son of the late Pinchus and Miriam (Zuckerman) Formalsky, he lived in Italy for three years after World War II and moved to Israel in 1948. In 1961 he settled in Providence, moving to Colombia two years ago.

Mr. Formal was a survivor of concentration camps in Poland and Czechoslovakia before he was freed by the Russian Army. He was trained in the Jewish underground in Italy to fight for Israeli independence.

Immigrating to Providence in 1961 to join two surviving brothers, he was active in the Vaad-Hakashruth of Rhode Island, which supervises kosher restaurants. He was a member of the Hebrew Sheltering Society in Providence. He was a *gabbai* and life member of Congregation B'nai Zion, now Congregation Beth Sholom in Providence.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Bernard L. Formal of Springfield, N.J., and Rabbi Pinchus Formal of Jerusalem, Israel; and six grandchildren. He was a brother of the late Max and Selig Formal, of Providence, and six other brothers and sisters who perished in the Holocaust.

The funeral service was held Friday in Union, N.J. Burial was in B'nai Abraham Memorial Park, Union.

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Bennett J.