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SAMUEL M. GERSTEIN, 80, of 52 Capwell Ave., president and owner of the former Red Fox Ginger Ale Co. in Providence before retiring in 1984, died yesterday at home. He was the husband of the late Bernice (Finkelman) Gerstein.



Born in Providence, a son of the late Isaac and Anna (Kadsevit) Gerstein, he lived in Pawtucket for 21 years.

Mr. Gerstein was a graduate of Bentley College in Waltham, Mass. He was a past president of the Rhode Island Chapter, Bentley Alumni Association, and was an incorporator of the college. He was a past president of the Rhode Island Bottlers Association. He was a member of the board of directors of the Touro Fraternal Association.

Mr. Gerstein was a board member of the Metacomet Country Club, and treasurer of the Metacomet Realty Co. He was a member of Roosevelt Lodge 42, F & AM, and the Palestine Shrine. He was a member of the board of directors of Temple Emanu-El.

He was a member of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association, B'nai B'rith, the Providence Hebrew Day School and the Jewish Home for the Aged. He was a leader of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, and had been in charge of its D-Day Campaign.

Mr. Gerstein leaves a daughter, Alva Portman; a son, Alan Gerstein, both of Cleveland, Ohio; a brother, Harold Gerstein of East Providence; two sisters, Tillie Goldberg of Johnston, and Rose Berman of Providence, and five grandchildren.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue, Providence. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

GERSTEIN, Samuel M.

October 24, 1994. Beloved husband of the late Bernice (Finkelman) Gerstein. Residence 52 Capwell Ave., Pawtucket. Dear father of Alva Portman and Alan Gerstein, Cleveland, OH. Dear brother of Tillie Goldberg, Johnston; Rose Berman, Providence and Harold Gerstein, East Providence. Devoted grandfather of Jill, Audrey, Laurie, Lawrence and Joshua. Funeral service 1 p.m. Thursday at TEMPLE EMANU-EL, Morris Ave. at Sessions St. Relatives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to The Samuel and Bernice Gerstein Memorial Fund at Temple Emanu-El, or at Providence Hebrew Day School. Memorial observance at his late residence Thursday and Saturday 7-9 p.m. and Sunday through Tuesday 2-4; 7-

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