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HARRY A. GOURSE

FALL RIVER — Harry Andrew Gourse, 89, a prominent local businessman, and a leader of the Jewish community, died Monday, Dec. 7. He was the husband of Zelda (Fisher) Gourse of 4700 N. Main St.

Born in Fall River, he was the son of the late Simon and Ethel (Smolensky) Gourse. Gourse was a graduate of B.M.C. High School.

He was the owner of the former Hub Clothing store on Troy St. for many years. The store was founded by his father, and Gourse had been in partnership with his late brother, David, until retiring in 1974.

He was a World War I veteran and founder and past president of the Fall River Credit Bureau. He was a member of the Temple Beth-El Congregation Adas Israel, the Jewish War Veterans, American Legion, the Zionist Organization of America, Fall River Lions Club, and the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Society.

Gourse was also secretary-treasurer of the former Jewish Welfare Fund and a life member and board member of the Fall River Jewish Home for the Aged. He was a member of Mt. Hope Lodge, a 32nd degree Mason and a collector of rare books.

Besides his widow he leaves a daughter, Leslie Gourse, and a brother, S. Norman Gourse, both of New York City.

A grave-side service preceded burial in Temple Beth-El Cemetery.

GOURSE, Harry