Abraham Hoffman; builder of former Beach Hotel, at 84

NEWPORT — Abraham "Al" Hoffman, 84, of 54 Ayrault St., owner of the former Beach Hotel, Easton's Beach, now the Greenhouse Restaurant and Inn on the Beach, which he built in 1946 and operated for many years, died yesterday at the McKerley Health Care Center. He was the husband of Adele (Buxbaum) Hoffman.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Morris and Rose (Fox) Hoffman, he lived in Wausau, Wis., and New York City before coming to Newport in 1937.

He built the Hoffman Jewish Memorial Chapel, Fowler Avenue, in 1947 in memory of his parents.

Mr. Hoffman also owned the former Ideal Restaurant, Thames Street, which he operated from 1937 to 1958. He also owned the former Terrace Garden Motel, now the Sandcastles Motel, across from the Beach Hotel, Wave Avenue.

He was a past president of the former Ahavas Achim Synagogue, and was a member of Touro Synagogue.

During World War II he promoted variety shows for the servicemen stationed at the Newport Navy Base.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Burton Hoffman of Washington, D.C., and Lester Hoffman of Stamford, Conn.; a daughter, Elaine Brown of Englewood, Ohio; two brothers, Sam Hoffman of Wausau and Norman Hoffman of North Miami Beach, Fla.; two sisters, Bessie Herman of Milwaukee, Wis., Frieda Gorwitz of Hallandale, Fla., and six grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the Hoffman Jewish Memorial Chapel, Fowler Avenue. Burial will be in Beth Olam Cemetery, Middletown.

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