JACOBER, HAROLD

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NARRAGANSETT

JACOBER, HAROLD B., 78, of Narragansett, the founder of Alpine Ski/Sports, died January 30, 2008 at home. He was the husband of Gladys (Talan) Jacober.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Sol and Bertha (Blau) Jacober.

Harold's career began when he established a Gob Shop Franchise in 1952. In 1961 he founded Alpine Ski/Sports, which grew into a leading New England regional ski chain. The retail shops led him to pioneer and launch Heierling of Switzerland in the U.S., and to become an industry supplier to the ski trade.

Harold served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and his MASH unit was the first to land in Korea. He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans.

He was a member of Temple Beth El in Providence and Temple Beth David in Narragansett. Harold helped to establish the Benefest Annual Fundraiser for the RI Special Olympics, and he was recognized in 2004 for his dedication. An avid sportsman, Harold especially loved to ski, play tennis, and golf.

Harold was the loving husband of Gladys for 56 years, the father of Alan and Jane Jacober of East Greenwich, and the late Jeffrey and Karen Jacober and the late Ellen H. Jacober; the brother of Bruce Jacober of Boynton Beach, FL and the late Henry Jacober; and grandfather of David, Michael, Suzanne, Andrew and the late Eric Jacober.

A funeral service will be held Today, Friday, February 1st, at 2:00 PM at Temple Beth El, Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island, 169 George St., Pawtucket, RI 02860 or the American Parkinson Disease Association, RI Chapter Research Fund, 455 Tollgate Rd., Warwick, RI 02886. Shiva will be observed at his late residence on Saturday 7-9, and Sunday-Tuesday 2-4 and 7-9 PM. Arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel.