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## Ralph S. Jaffe

MIDDLETOWN — Ralph Samuel Jaffe, 85, of 8502 East Bay Village, owner of the former Jaffe's Paint and Hardware Store in Newport from 1928 to 1978, died Wednesday at Grand Islander Health Care Center. He was the husband of Betty (Kosloff) Jaffe.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was the son of the late David and Anna G. Jaffe.

He received a bachelor of commercial science degree in 1927 from New York University. He was an Army veteran, and served in the Philippines during World War II.

For 19 years, he and his wife were curators of coins and medals for the Newport Historical Society, where he also served as director. He also planned and designed bronze and plate glass exhibit cases for the Newport Historical Society building.

In 1966, he was appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson as an assay commissioner to audit the records of coins, medals and precious metals at the United States Mint in Philadelphia.

He was a member of Congregation Jeshuat Israel and B'nai B'rith. He was a member of the Chevra Kadisha Association of Newport County for many years. He was a member of the American and the New England Numismatic Associations. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Stanley B. Jaffe of Gaithersburg, Md.; a daughter, Rita J. Kotlen of Middletown, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Molly J. Orloff.

The funeral was to be held today at 11 a.m. at Hoffman Jewish Memorial Chapel, Fowler Avenue, Newport. Burial will be in Beth Olam Cemetery.