LOBEL, ABRAHAM

Abraham "Abe" Lobel, 90

LAKE WORTH, Fla. – Abraham Lobel of Lake Worth died June 9.

The son of the late Anna and Morris Lobel, he was a member of the Hope High School championship basketball team in 1939, a singles handball champion in 1940, a member of the Olympics Club and an inductee into the Rhode Island Jewish Athletes Hall of Fame.

During World War II, he flew as a top turret gunner in a B-17 in Europe. The recipient of many medals and a personal citation from General Hap Arnold, he was a member of the "Lucky Bastards' Club" for completing 25 missions.

From 1945 to 1954, he served as the JCC athletic director in Providence. A past president of the former Temple Beth Am in Warwick, he received the New England Regional Citation as Man of the Year from the United Synagogues of New England in 1958 for his outstanding community service. He served as president of the Potowomut Golf Club, on many committees of Palm Beach National Golf and Country Club, and was a governor of the Palm Beach Golf League.

He leaves his son Mark and his wife Esther of Lake Worth.

Donations may be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County (www.hpbcf.org) or Chabad of Lake Worth (rabbi@chabad-lakeworth.org).