PJ-B 3-11-94

MEDOFF, Samuel

Samuel J. Medoff, 90; retired textile executive, temple leader

WOONSOCKET — Samuel J. Medoff, 90, of 304 Prospect St., vice chairman and treasurer of the former I. Medoff Co., which manufactured fashion fabrics for the retail trade, died Wednesday at Miriam Hospital.



A lifelong resident of Woonsocket, he was the son of the late Abraham and Rose (Guzner) Medoff.

Mr. Medoff served several terms as president of Congregation B'Nai Israel, from 1958 to 1963 and from 1967 to 1968, serving when the present synagogue was constructed.

Mr. Medoff was one of four honorary presidents of the congregation. He was named honorary president in 1970, and six years later, the congregation dedicated Medoff Auditorium in honor of him and his late brother, Israel Medoff.

In 1958, he was named to the nine-member Woonsocket Charter Study Commission to review proposed changes in the city's Home Rule Charter.

Mr. Medoff was vice chairman of the endowment fund for the former Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence, and a member of its board. He was a member of the overseers board and was a trustee of Miriam Hospital, where he served as finance chairman.

Mr. Medoff was a member of the Woonsocket Development Corporation and a trustee of the Industrial Foundation of Woonsocket. He was a past president of the Woonsocket Lodge No. 989, B'Nai B'rith, and was vice president of the Woonsocket Citizens Housing Corporation. In 1983, Mr. Medoff was made an honorary member of Union St. Jean Baptiste, the first non-Christian to be so honored.

He was a member of the Woonsocket Rotary Club.

Mr. Medoff was a graduate of Rhode Island School of Design. He received an law degree from Northeastern Law School. He also was a graduate of the former Hill College in Woonsocket, and completed courses of the American Banks Association. After graduating Hill College, he worked for the former Producers Bank, which become Rhode Island Hospital Trust Bank.

Mr. Medoff was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II, serving as a captain.

He leaves a brother, Dr. Edward Medoff of Woonsocket, and three sisters, Eve Goldberg, Nancy Robbins and Brenda Smira, all of Providence.

The funeral service will be Sunday at 1 p.m. at Congregation B'Nai Israel, 224 Prospect St., Woonsocket. Burial will be B'Nai Israel Cemetery.

MEDOFF, Samuel J.

In Providence, March 9, 1994. Son of the late Abraham and Rose (Guzner) Medoff. Brother of Dr. Edward Medoff, Eve Goldberg, Nancy Robbins, and Brenda Smira. Residence 304 Prospect St., Woonsocket. Funeral Services will be held Sunday at 1 pm in Congregation B'nai Israel, Prospect St., Woonsocket. Relatives and friends are invited. Shiva will be Observed at his late residence Sunday 7-9 pm, Monday and Tuesday 2-4, 7-9 pm. Arrangements by the Chevra Kaddisha and the Holt Funeral Home, 510 South Main St., Woonsocket