Samuel Michaelson, 79; textile firm founder

PROVIDENCE — Samuel Michaelson, 79, founder of the Heller & Michaelson Co., Inc., a Providence textile and fabric firm from which he retired in 1970 after 35 years, died yesterday at the Memorial Hospital, Pawtucket. He was the husband of Beatrice Rose Michaelson, and lived at 21 Cole Farm Court.

Mr. Michaelson, an uncle of Atty. Gen. Julius C. Michaelson, had been active in several Jewish organizations and was past president of Congregation Sons of Zion and the Zionist Organization of Providence. He had been assistant treasurer of the Jewish Home for the Aged since 1965.

He was also an honorary member of the board of directors of Temple Emanu-El, where he served as a gabbai for 35 years.

Other organizations Mr. Michaelson was affiliated with include the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Jewish Community Center, the Hebrew Free Loan Association, the Touro Fraternal Association, Moes Chitim and the Roosevelt Lodge of Masons.

In 1970 he retired from the Heller & Michaelson firm, which he founded in 1935.

A World War I veteran, he served as chairman of the Selective Service Board during World War II.



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Mr. Michaelson was in the news in December when, one month after his nephew was elected attorney general, he and his wife were terrorized and robbed in their East Side home by three youths. Mr. Michaelson was shot in the leg by one of the intruders.

He was born in Lithuania, the son of the late Rabbi Israel Michaelson and Rebecca Michaelson, and had lived in Providence for 55 years. His first wife, Leah (Davidson) Michaelson, died in 1966.

Besides his widow, he leaves a stepdaughter, Mrs. Lorraine Allen, and a stepson, Elliot Rose, both of Providence; two nieces, Mrs. Rita Millen and Mrs. Selma Halpern, both of Providence, and three other nephews, Sheldon Heller of Providence, Benjamin Michaelson of Boston and Louis Michaelson of New York City.

Funeral services will be held at noon today at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

MICHAELSON, Samuel

May 3, 1975. Beloved husband of Beatrice (Rose) Michaelson. Residence 21 Cole Farm Court, Providence. Funeral services to which relatives and friends are invited will be held Sunday at 12 noon at Temple Emanu-el, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Jewish Home for the Aged. Shiva will be observed at his late residence 2-4 and 7-9 through Thursday evening. Arrangements by the Sugarman Memorial Chapel.

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MICHAELSON, SAMUEL