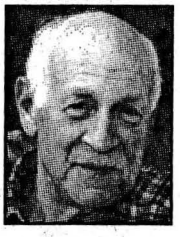
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OBITUARIES

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Jacob Mossberg, 75; leader in R.I. Jewish organizations

WARWICK — Jacob "Jack" Mossberg, 75, of 92 Kiwanee Rd., a founder and past president of Warwick's Temple Am David and a leader in numerous statewide Jewish organizations, died Monday at Rhode Island Hospital of complications from cancer.



He was the husband of Rhoda L. (Kahn) Mossberg, his wife of 53 years.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Solomon (Sam) and Rose (Bochner) Mossberg, he moved to Warwick in 1951 and became instrumental in the creation of that city's first Conservative synagogue, Temple Beth Am, the predecessor to Temple Am David. He served the congregation as one of its first presidents, helped spearhead the construction of the temple building and acted for decades as a teacher and religious authority for the congregation. He attended services there daily until a few weeks before his death.

He was the second generation of synagogue leaders in his family. His father had been president of Congregation Sons of Abraham in Providence.

Mr. Mossberg also headed or helped lead many other Rhode Island Jewish institutions, all devoted to helping children, families and the poor.

Over the years, he served as vice president of the Rhode Island Bureau of Jewish Education, president of the Lincoln Park Cemetery and a founder of the Jewish Burial Society. He also served as president of the Vaad Hakashruth of Rhode Island, the body that certifies kosher food, and was a board member of the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Society, which helps families in need.

He was a graduate of Central High School, in Providence.

During World War II, Mr. Mossberg served as a torpedoman on a PT boat in the Pacific Theater. After the war, he began a long career in sales, including stints with Senak Corp., of Providence, as an independent representative for jewelry manufacturers, and as an agent for Winkleman Travel, of Cranston.

After his retirement, he led several tour groups to Israel and conducted original research on the Jews of Spain and Portugal.

Besides his wife, Mr. Mossberg leaves three sons, Walter Mossberg of Potomac, Md., and Arthur and Fred Mossberg, both of Warwick, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held today at Temple Am David, 40 Gardner St., Warwick. Burial will be at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

CHANGED NOTICE

MOSSBERG, Jacob "Jack"

November 2, 1998. Residence: 92 Kiwanee Rd., Warwick. Beloved husband of Rhoda (Kahn) Mossberg. Devoted father of Arthur and Fred Mossberg of Warwick; and Walter Mossberg of Potomac, Md. Dear brother of the late Alfred and Irving Mossberg. Loving grandfather of Steven, Jonathon, Marissa and Rachel. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Temple Am David, 40 Gardner St., Warwick. Shiva at his late residence Wednesday 7-9, Thursday 2-4 and 7-9, Friday 2-4, Saturday 7-9, and Sunday and Monday 2-4 and 7-9. Arrangements by the MAX SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St. (corner Doyle Ave.), Prov.