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ROSEN, RABBI NATHAN

Rabbi Nathan N. Rosen, 85, former chaplain at Brown University and founder of the Hillel chapter there, died Tuesday at the Long Island Jewish Hospital, New York. He was the husband of Rose (Eisenberg) Rosen.

Born in Russia, Rabbi Rosen was a graduate of Yeshiva University and Columbia University, New York, and served congregations in Savannah, Ga., Brooklyn, N.Y., and Rockville Center, N.Y., before World War II.

During the war, he served as an Army chaplain with the rank of major.

He came to Brown in 1947 as chaplain and became the founder and first director of the Brown chapter of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, a social service organization for Jewish students.

During his years at Brown he was active in numerous civic affairs. He served as president of the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis, associate grand chaplain of the Masons in the State of Rhode Island, president of the Rhode Island Zionist Region, and was chaplain of the Shriners of North America.

He also founded the Providence Hebrew Day School, Elmgrove Avenue, and served on the Providence Human Relations Commission.

Rabbi Rosen retired from academic life in 1972, and was praised at a dinner in his honor.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, David Rosen of Queens, N.Y., and a sister, Rebecca Posner of Brooklyn.