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RABBI A. I. SCHECHTER

Rabbi Abraham I. Schechter, beloved spiritual leader of the Sons of Jacob Synagogue, died last Saturday morning at the Miriam Hospital after an illness of three weeks.

At the funeral services last Sunday, hundreds paid their last respects to a man who, in his three years in Providence, won the respect of the entire community. Rabbi Meyer J. Rosenberg, of Springfield, Mass., father-in-law of Rabbi Schechter, delivered the principal eulogy. Other speakers were fellow Rabbis from Rhode Island.

Rabbi Schechter was well known in rabbinical and scholarly circles. He was the founder of the Chancellor Emeritus of the Texas Kalluh ,a convention of Texas and Louisiana rabbis. Rabbi Schechter came to Providence from Houston, Texas, where he served as rabbi for seven and a half years.

He leaves his widow, Eve (Rosenberg) Schechter, whom he married in 1926; his mother, Mrs. Miriam Schechter, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and five sisters, two of whom live in Brooklyn.

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"Though I walk in the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for God is my rod and my redeemer," chanted Can- orris Pressman as the proces- vended its way.

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RABBI SCHECHTER DIES IN HOSPITAL

Spiritual Leader of Sons of Jacob Synagogue in 37th Year

Rabbi Abraham I. Schechter, spiritual leader of the Sons of Jacob Synagogue, died yesterday morning at the Miriam Hospital after a three-week illness. He was 36.

Dr. Schechter was well known in rabbinical and scholarly circles. He was the founder, and at the time of death, Chancellor Emeritus of the Texas Kallah, a convention of Texas and Louisiana rabbis.

He was born in Roumania and held rabbinical degrees from seminaries in Frankfort, Germany. He also held academic degrees from the Universities of Berne and Zurich in Switzerland. He received the degree "Doctor of Philosophy" from Dropsie College in Philadelphia. He was the author of a number of volumes, among them "Studies in Jewish Liturgy" and "Lectures on Jewish Liturgy," also other books on Jewish historical and archeological subjects.

He came to Providence three years ago after having served as rabbi in Houston, Texas, for seven and one-half years. Prior to his work in Houston, he was professor at the Hebrew Theological College of Chicago.

He lived at 193 Orms street. He leaves his widow, Eva (Rosenberg) Schechter, whom he married in 1926 in Long Branch, N. J. He also leaves his mother, Mrs. Miriam Schechter, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and five sisters, two of whom, Mrs. G. Wieselman and Mrs. Charles K. Thau, live in Brooklyn.

The funeral will be held at noon today from the Synagogue Sons of Jacob on Douglas avenue. The eulogy will be given by Rabbi Schechter's father-in-law, Rabbi Meyer J. Rosenberg, of Springfield, Mass. A number of other rabbis will participate in the funeral services.