SCHWARTZ
Elias

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ELIAS J. SCHWARTZ, 70, of 101 Highland Ave., a retired library specialist at Brown University and a linguist, and a Holocaust survivor, died yesterday at home.

Born in Lodz, Poland, a son of the late Dov and Helen (Rolnitzki) Schwartz, he had lived in Detroit and Ann Arbor, Mich., before settling in Providence in 1970.

Mr. Schwartz was employed at Brown's Rockefeller Library for 20 years before he retired in 1998 as a senior library specialist. He also had taught Russian at several universities and colleges, and had tutored Russian immigrants who were settling in Rhode Island.

A Holocaust survivor, he was deported from the notorious Lodz Ghetto then imprisoned in Buchenwald concentration camp. After his liberation by the U.S. Army, he spent the next four years in a displaced-persons camp in Germany.

In 1952, he immigrated to this country and joined the Army. He was commissioned as a captain in the Army Intelligence Corps and was stationed in Germany from 1952 to 1956.

Upon his return to the United States, he earned a master's degree in linguistics from the University of Michigan. He later earned a Ph.D. in Slavic linguistics, which he received from Brown in 1975.

Mr. Schwartz was a member of Temple Emanu-El, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Jewish Community Center and the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum.

He leaves a nephew, Dov Schwartz of Psagot, Israel, and a niece, Ayala Meisels of Rechovot, Israel. He was the brother of the late Moishe Schwartz, with whom he was reunited in the United States after the end of World War II. His parents, two sisters, several aunts and uncles, and numerous other relatives were lost in the Holocaust.

A graveside funeral will be held today at noon in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Burial will follow.

SCHWARTZ, Elias Jacob

April 15, 2000. Beloved son of the late Dov and Helen (Rolnitzki) Schwartz. Residence: 101 Highland Ave., Providence. Loving brother of the late Moishe Schwartz and two late sisters. Adored uncle of Dov Schwartz, Psagot, Israel, Ayala Meisels, Rechovot, Israel and 11 grandnieces and grandnephews. Graveside Service at 12 NOON SUNDAY at LINCOLN PARK CEMETERY, 1469 Post Rd., Warwick. Relatives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to RI Holocaust Memorial Museum, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, RI 02906. Shiva to be private. Arrangements by MAX SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL.