Obituary

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Judah C. Semonoff, 71; Former Bar Assoc. Head

SEMONOFF, JUDAH C



Judah C. Semonoff, 71, of 290 Grotto Ave., a past president of the Rhode Island Bar Association, died at Miriam Hospital yesterday after a short illness.

Mr. Semonoff was a member of the firm of Semonoff & Semonoff, in association with his son, Ralph Semonoff, of Pawtucket.

He was born in Poland Dec. 10, 1888, a son of the late Wolf and Bessie (Ginsberg) Semonoff. He was brought to Providence when he was three and spent the rest of his life here.

He was graduated from Classical High School in 1907, Brown University in 1911, and Harvard Law School in 1914.

In 1917, Mr. Semonoff was an unsuccessful candidate for the General Assembly on the Republican ticket.

In 1951, Mr. Semonoff was one of three members of the Rhode Island Bar Association named by the then governor, Dennis J. Roberts, to serve on a committee of judges and lawyers to study the feasibility of naming a business administrator for state courts.

In recent months, he had been active in the Classical High School situation, serving as chairman of a special fact-finding committee of the Classical High School Alumni Association.

Mr. Semonoff was the first president of the Temple Emanu-El Men's Club. He was a member of the American Bar Association, the Harvard Law School Association of Rhode Island, the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Touro Fraternal Association and B'nai B'rith.

In addition to his son, he is survived by his wife, Lucy (Perlow) Semonoff; two brothers, Leon and Noah, both of Providence; three sisters, Mrs. Herman Barrengos of Providence, Mrs. Max Schoenberg of Pawtucket and Mrs. Joseph Platz of Hartford, Conn., and three grandchildren.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., with burial in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Memorial week will be observed at his residence.