

Rabbi Blechman, Jewish Center Leader For Five Years, Dies

Dr. Nathan Blechman of 450 East 20th Street, New York City, rabbi of the Jewish Center of Mount Vernon from 1930 to 1935 and associate chaplain at Veterans Administration Hospital 81 on Kingsbridge Road, for the past 15 years, died yesterday after an illness of several months. He would have been sixty-nine in February.

Born in Riga, Latvia, Dr. Blechman was graduated from the College of the City of New York in 1902 and received a Ph. D. from

New York University in 1918. He studied for the rabbinate at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

During World War I, he was a Jewish civilian chaplain at Camp Upton, L.I., and at Hoboken. Before moving to New York City three years ago he lived for many years in Mamaroneck where, for a year, he was rabbi of the Hebrew Institute. He also served congregations in Rochester, N.Y.; Athens, Ga.; Boston, Mass., and Houston, Texas.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Esther Blechman; two daughters, Miss Miriam Blechman of New York City, and Mrs. Ruth Sokol who arrived by plane from Israel today; two brothers, Joseph and Elias Blechman of New York City, and two sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Moon of Windham, N.Y., and Mrs. Selma Lepson of New York City.

A son, Staff Sergeant Solomon Blechman, was a combat correspondent during World War II and was killed on Guam in 1944. Previously he had been a member of the editorial staff of the Mamaroneck Times.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 11:15 A.M. at the Riverside Memorial Chapel, 76th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, New York City.

First 'Gambler' Here Gets Stamp; Who Is Macina?

The Associated Press reported this morning that three new gambling tax stamps had been issued in Albany by the Internal Revenue Bureau and that one of them was granted to Anthony D. Macina of 109 South Seventh Avenue, Mount Vernon. It is the first one reported issued to anyone in the Westchester area.

A check of records shows that a Macina family lives at that address and that a telephone is listed there in the name of Mrs. Angelina Macina, but police report that