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## **HERMAN MOSTKOWITZ DIES, BOROUGH PHILANTHROPIST**

The Jewish community of Brownsville is in mourning for Herman Mostkowitz, 80, of 714 Howard Ave., philanthropist and pioneer resident; who died Saturday.

One of the first seven Jews to settle in Brownsville on coming to this country from Austria in 1890, Mr. Mostkowitz was instrumental in bringing the first rabbi to the section. He aided the rabbi in founding two synagogues, Olv Sholom and Adath Israel. He was president of the latter synagogue for many years. He and his wife, the late Mary Mostkowitz, founded the Brownsville Dispensary.

In his business as a custom tailor, Mr. Mostkowitz took pride in the fact that he designed the clothing of many of the social set for many years up to and beyond the turn of the century. He maintained three shops, one on 5th Ave., Manhattan; one at Saratoga Springs and one at Lakewood, N. J. At his retirement about 30 years ago trade Journals referred to him as the "merchant prince."

Son an Army Medico

He is survived by two sons, Abraham and Dr. Israel Mostkowitz; two daughters, Mrs. Celia Gitenstein and Mrs. Esther Hurtes, and three grandsons, Dr. Harold Hurtes, a physician now serving in the U. S Army Medical Corps with the rank of lieutenant, and Aaron and Kermit Gitenstein, both borough attorneys.

Funeral services were held Sunday, with burial in Montefiore Cemetery.. Subsequently services were held daily, will continue to be held for the remainder of the week, at the institutions Mr. Mostkowitz was instrumental in founding.